

Dear, Taylor battle

Tempers flare over day care centre

Ward 9 Councillor Ken Dear has accused fellow councillor Larry Taylor of misleading regional council.

Dear said during city capital budget talks last week that Taylor had given the impression that the Mississauga Valleys day care centre was complete when he argued for funding before regional council last Thursday.

Dear said later that Taylor "said everything was built and in place to serve 10,000 people."

Taylor asked Dear to apologize for his remark saying that the statement that he misled council was the same as calling him a liar. "The building is up. You want to go over and look at it, you may," he said.

Taylor said Monday that the exterior shell of the building is there. He said regional council was financing the completion of the interior of the structure and \$28,000 to open the building. There could be no confusion about what was being approved because regional council "knew they were approving money for capital works," says Taylor.

Dear made the accusation after Taylor tried to have \$100,000 for the reconstruction of Carolyn Road, between Durie and Creditview Roads, removed from the budget. Dear said Taylor had fought the development which prompted the reconstruction "for years" and advised Taylor to "keep your nose out of other people's problems."



Ken Dear

Marland decides on conflict

Ward 2 Councillor Margaret Marland declared a conflict of interest this week when council discussed a bylaw concerning establishment of medical and dental centres. Even though she didn't declare one on a previous discussion on the same issue.

Marland did not take part in discussion at a special council meeting last Wednesday concerning a new procedure for requiring permission by a doctor or dentist to locate in a residential zone. She and her dentist husband have an interest in the Lorne Park Medical Centre.

A resolution was passed at the Jan. 15 council meeting asking for the new bylaws to be prepared. Marland did not declare a conflict at that time, although she was present.

She said Monday that she couldn't remember whether or not she voted on the subject. She said she definitely did not enter into the debate. While she was considering whether or not she had a conflict a discussion took place about how to deal with the desired amendment. It was referred to staff for preparation of new bylaws.

Marland said the motion of referral was taken before she could decide whether or not she should declare a conflict.

Medical offices law may draw objection

Mississauga could face objections at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) to a bylaw limiting medical offices in residential zones as the result of amendments made last week.

Council amended bylaws passed last year to prevent medical offices from locating within 800 feet of existing offices.

Planning commissioner Russ Edmunds suggested council defer a decision until it has officially notified groups who indicated interest in the bylaws, including local medical and dental associations.

Edmunds suggested that the danger in amending the bylaw before getting public input was that the OMB might rule against the entire bylaw if it

received objections about the amendment later.

Some councillors wanted the legislation amended quickly because of problems in their wards.

Ward 9 Councillor Ken Dear has also received objections about a doctor who is moving into a home in Meadowvale West. Dr. Robert Meggafin's earlier request to establish an office on Inlake Court was turned down by the city's committee of adjustment.

While Dr. Meggafin can't be denied permission under the old bylaw, he would now be within 800 metres of an existing practice.

Council passed new bylaws incorporating the 800-metre amendment into the previous bylaw.

Is library wasting its own energy?

Library board members want to save energy, especially energy expended by chief librarian Noel Ryan and business manager Bert Rajaram.

Board members were shocked by a report last week that showed eight libraries have used almost 126,000 more kilowatt hours of electricity and cubic feet of gas than had been budgeted.

Art Cummins called the variance "incredible" and wanted to know how a program set up last year to visit libraries to reduce energy levels was proceeding. "We've been trying to get around for three or four months and we will as soon as we get some free time from producing reports," Ryan told him.

Cummins said it wasn't necessary that the chief librarian and business

manager carry out a personal inspection.

"Whoever goes around can consult with the local librarian and get decisions on the spot," Cummins said. "I don't think we need either one of you to go into every library to do the review."

Rajaram said that a cold January was one of the reasons for the increase. The board has also cut its energy budget by 10 per cent from last year's level.

Genevieve Miller objected to a suggestion that an energy expert might be necessary. "We were told what we can do," she said. "Why should we hire somebody to give us information we've already been given for free?"

Mississauga will hire a new employee with expertise in the field of energy who will be available to give advice.

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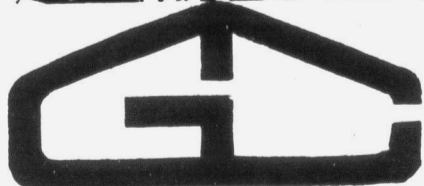


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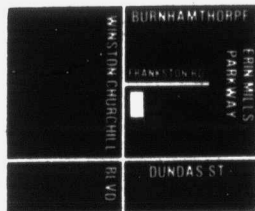
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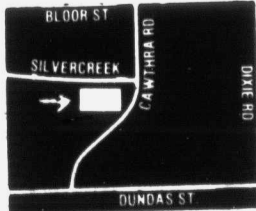
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