

Two water projects on tap for '68

Two major water development projects are among the main items listed in a Five Year Capital Program approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Mississauga.

They are a new reservoir and pumping station and a new feeder main.

The new reservoir and pumping station, to serve the northern part of the municipality is the one

originally called "Mount Charles." It was designated with that name because it had been scheduled for the Mount Charles site near Dixie rd. and Derry west.

Complications with the site caused the commission to replan the station at 2nd Line e. and Britannia rd.

Plans are already well advanced for the reservoir and pumping station

and PUC manager Art Kennedy estimated that tenders for the project might be called within a few months.

It will make water available to Malton, a rapidly developing area, and will fit into a long-range scheme to supply water to northern areas like Brampton, Bramalea and Chinguacousy township who might require it.

Cost of the project will

be \$1,600,000.

The second project is a feeder main, planned to augment water supply in the Clarkson and Erindale areas.

The new feeder main will augment water supply for the rapidly expanding Sheridan Park Research Centre, Sheridan Homelands, Erindale College area and planned Erin Mills development.

Designed as a means of

transmitting water from the water plant to the existing reservoir at Clarkson, the feeder main will be used in only limited ways along its route.

A "feeder main," explained Kennedy, is a fairly loose term that describes a main water line that also acts as a source of water supply.

It will be built from Cawthra to the South-down area, along the alignment reserved for the future Queensway, part of which is Upper Middle rd.

Cost of the Upper Middle feeder main is estimated at \$1,393,000.

The five-year program that will cover 1968 to 1972 inclusive calls for an expenditure of \$3,983,000 in 1968, with debenture requirements being \$2,483,000.

Mr. Kennedy emphasized that PUC approval was only the first step for the plan.

The budget will go in with the town of Mississauga budgets for council approval, and from there to the OMB.

The five-year capital budget for the PUC is similar to long-range budgets prepared for council by education, hydro and other town concerns.

The five-year capital expense plan was pioneered by the Township of Toronto, with the co-operation of the Ontario Municipal Board, five or six years ago.

It is designed to allow town concerns to gauge requirements beyond the current terms of council, boards and commissions, requirements beyond the current terms of council, boards and commissions.

The five-year system has since been adopted by many other municipalities.

At the inaugural PUC meeting Joe Dobbs was elected chairman for 1968 and commissioner Lloyd Herridge was elected vice-chairman.

Other commissioners elected were D. G. Wilkie, P. Eng., who is now past chairman, and James Naish, a newcomer.

Favors regional water scheme

D. G. Wilkie, past chairman of Mississauga Public Utilities Commission, says he is still in favour of a regional water supply system rather than a proposed provincial run system.

The Ontario government has announced plans to take over all filter plants and feeder lines over 24 inches wide and sell the water at wholesale prices to municipalities.

Mr. Wilkie says in his report to the commission that a unified system would be better than the Ontario Water Resources Scheme.

The former PUC chairman told the News that under the provincial scheme there will be two sets of administrations, one to take care of pipes over 24 inches wide and one to take care of smaller pipes. He thinks a regional scheme with a county system would avoid such duplication.

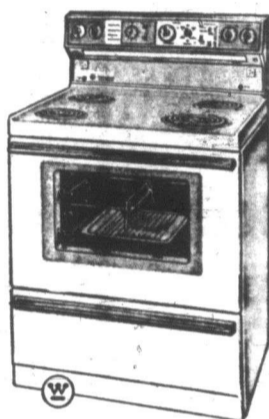
The engineer said, "I am a little pessimistic about the O.W.R.C. plan but the province seems hell-bent on wholesaling water."

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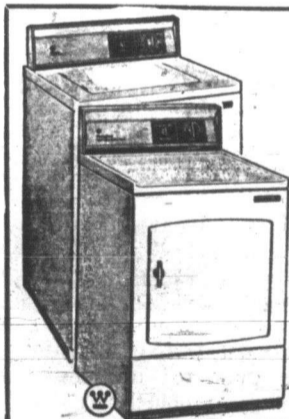
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