



### Hey, that looks good!

Solel Congregation of Mississauga has held its second annual crafts and bake sale at Woodchester Mall. Holding a basket of challah, a bread, are (from left) Ella Stoch, Carolyn Iseman, Jeanette Feuer and Marsha Miskin.

## Surplus may cut tax boost

By SID RODAWAY

Large surpluses in the 1975 spending program of both the Peel region and Mississauga may help defray some of the expected tax increases required to meet spiralling inflation.

Peel treasurer Dirk Peper has reported to the region's administration and finance committee that the region would have a \$653,000 surplus this year, amounting to three percent of the net tax levy.

The surplus will result from an estimated \$1,179,000 underspending on various regional programs. An estimated surplus from 1974 fell \$637,000 below expectations.

The region has instituted cost-cutting efforts in the closing months of 1975 in an attempt to minimize increases in 1976 regional taxes.

Earlier reports showed that to maintain present level of regional services, the levy would have to be increased by 18 percent. Major cuts will have to be made to remain within the 10 percent federal anti-inflation guidelines.

Meanwhile, Mississauga sources predicted a \$3 to \$4 million surplus here by the end of 1975 — a situation that could well offset major tax increases in 1976, at least at the municipal level.

Not all of the region's surplus will necessarily go

towards minimizing tax increases next year, however. Peel's chief administrative officer, Cyril Henderson, has

proposed that half of any surplus at the end of 1975, or \$500,000, whichever is the greater, should be used to

help meet capital expenditures and thereby reduce the dependency on borrowing at high interest rates.

### Church erosion-control job to cost at least \$137,000

The minimum cost of erosion-control work necessary at St. Peter's Church on the Credit River is \$137,000.

The water management advisory board of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority was told Monday by a consulting firm which has completed a preliminary engineer-

ing report on the site that three solutions are possible for the erosion problem.

Gabion (rock-filled) baskets could be installed in a wall along the west side of the river just north of Dundas St. A mass concrete wall could be built, or a cantilevered wall could be put up. The second and third alternatives would

cost \$152,000 and \$166,000 respectively.

Fred Bisenthal of Fenco Consulting Engineers said that the firm was recommending the gabion construction because it was less expensive, the most attractive alternative aesthetically and required the least excavation work in the river.

Fenco has also recommended that a gabion wall be constructed slightly upstream where some trees are now being undermined by the river. Some grading work will have to be done on the slope above the wall.

A final engineering report will be adopted by the authority if the ministry of natural resources approves the work.

### And there goes history...

The tape-recorded history of Peel regional council's first year in office will probably soon be erased.

Council's administration and finance committee has approved the move without debate as a result of a short report from regional clerk Richard Frost.

He stated that in the course of preparing the 1976 budget estimates for the clerk's department, his staff had been unable to find a formal statement with respect to a policy for the taping of council and committee meetings. The tapes cost about \$2,500 a year to

purchase and Frost reasoned that in view of the limited use made of this record, the tapes should be held through the year following the year in which they are made and then re-used.

Under the new taping policy, the contents of the tapes would be available for the exclusive use of the clerk only unless otherwise authorized by resolution of council.

If the recommendation receives full council approval tomorrow night, it will mean the tape recordings of the first Peel council meetings in January, 1974 will start to be erased early in the new year.

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### Rezoning proposal turned down

A proposal by R. D. Russell Developments to amend a zoning bylaw to allow 60 foot lots instead of 75 foot lots on a parcel of land at Harkiss Rd. and Mississauga Rd. has been turned down by council's planning committee.

Residents of Featherston Dr., whose properties border on the parcel of land, were concerned the quality of the neighborhood would suffer if the application was approved. Councillor Ron Searle said, "We mustn't take the chance of changing the community for the sake of two lots."

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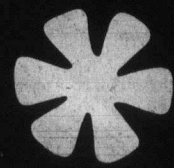
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