

Senior administrative staff mops up as Town of Port Credit fades into history

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At least one senior staffer will hold out until the end of January as Clarke Hall on Lakeshore Road slowly succumbs as the former Town of Port Credit's administrative centre.

Catherine McCallister, treasurer of the town of 10,000 before it officially ceased to exist New Year's Day, will keep her lonely vigil to finish off the books and complete the 1973 financial statement.

Ed Duffett, the former assistant clerk, and Herb

Droogendy, deputy clerk and tax collector, stayed on for an extra week to supervise the shutdown operation. Their futures lie in the City of Mississauga clerk's department but neither is sure exactly what he will be doing.

All of Port Credit's 48 employees including firemen, police, administrative staff and Works Department workers are guaranteed jobs at equal salary in the new Mississauga city administration at least until

1975. After that their futures will be based on talent and need.

Town manager and clerk Bill Munden, hired in early 1972 just before the big Port Credit staff shake-up which saw several department heads including the former clerk cut from the payroll for incompetent administration, has already moved on to Mississauga's treasury department.

Over at the old Port Credit Fire Department on Port Street the transition into Mississauga's domain has

been the smoothest of all municipal services.

In fact things will get even busier there as a dozen new recruits are added to the existing eight-man roster Feb. 28. The 12 firemen, all former volunteers, are now undergoing training.

Former Chief Art Warner will stay on at Mississauga Fire Department, Station Number 4 as an assistant deputy chief. He revealed that seven of the 28 Port Credit volunteers applied for full-time status and five made it. The other seven are

volunteers from other areas.

As for his loss of independence Warner is nostalgically sad but professionally happy. "We've lost our identity but I feel there will be better fire protection for everybody." His station will continue with its existing equipment list of two pumpers, an aerial truck and a van.

As for the 23 remaining volunteers who once eagerly chased fire engines when the alarm went out, "most of them will just fade away," he says.

Port Credit's old Police Department did not fare as well as its sister fire department, which both shared the same structure on Port Street. The 14 man force is now totally defunct, absorbed into Peel Regional Police's Division 11 headquarters in Cooksville.

Police Chief Bill Munro had intended to retire last January but delayed that move until Dec. 31 to save Port Credit the problem of finding an interim police chief for just one year.

But the old office will not lay idle — in fact it will hum with more activity under Division 11 supervision than ever before.

Police Inspector Carl Barnhart told The Times the Port Credit Police office is now being used by the Youth Bureau, the Criminal Investigation Branch and the regular Uniform Division as a stopover point and interview site.

Although officially unmanned with full-time staff, the office features a public hot-line to the regional police force communications centre in Brampton. If someone walks in off the street with a complaint or problem and no officer is present, he can use the hot-line to reach headquarters staff immediately.

As for the 13 former Port Credit police officers, Barnhart explained that where possible they have been allowed to remain in Division 11 closest to their pre-amalgamation working areas.



A lonely holdout in old Port Credit offices at Clarke Hall is former town treasurer Catherine McCallister, doing the books for 1973 before joining the City of Mississauga staff later this month. (Times photo by Ray Saitz).

Former Streetsville treasurer awaits word on her future

Incoming Peel regional police and four remaining former Streetsville town employees are almost on top of each other at converted Queen Street School which housed town offices until Jan. 1.

Says former clerk and now City of Mississauga deputy clerk Len McGillvray: "We were hit with three council meetings in the last few days before amalgamation and we're still working on

cleaning up that."

As employees have left, police officers began taking over empty offices but it will be another week before the job of cleaning up the old municipality's business is done.

Except for four police officers from the former force and the seven volunteer fireman who have been taken on by the city fire department, all other employees have found places in

either the region or the city.

Former police chief Don Fletcher is an inspector in charge of vehicles and other inventory with regional police and engineer Keith Cowan has joined the engineering department at the region.

The only employee without a definite placement is former treasurer Emmalina Sabarin who, according to Ward 9 Councillor Hazel McCallion helped place her

own staff but only knows she will be in the treasurer's department at the city.

"I think it's awful that a person who held a top position such as she did would not know where she is going," says Mrs. McCallion.

McGillvray has been working days at the city and his nights are spent sorting out old town office materials which must go to the archives.

"I'm feeling my way around in the new position, trying to get an idea of the operation but I also have to supervise the clean-up here," he says.

The veteran clerk of 22 years claims the biggest job is packing the files dating back several years.

Some familiar faces will remain in Streetsville. Former deputy police chief and now Sergeant Ted Rutledge is staying as are Constables Bob Smythe, Bob Walker and Ron Wright.

Fire chief Kirby Burns has been asked to take a position with the city but is still deliberating the move.

Operation Skywatch

Erin Mills Baptist Church will offer Operation Skywatch of the heavens and perhaps the comet Kahoutek — Monday and Tuesday beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Members of the Royal Astronomical Society will set up telescopes outside the Erin Mills display centre and films will be shown inside.

If sky is overcast viewing will be postponed to Jan. 21 and 22.

Erindale production Saturday

Mia Anderson's celebrated Ten Women, Two Men and a Moose will play at Erindale College's Meeting Place Saturday at 8 p.m.

The one-woman show, which uses excerpts of the writings of Canadian writers Margaret Atwood, Gwendolyn MacEwan and Margaret Laurence, has been touring Canada under the auspices of the Canada Council.

Tickets for the show are still available by calling 628-5213. Price is \$2.50 per seat or \$1.50 for groups of 12 or more.



Ward 9 (Streetsville) Councillor Hazel McCallion takes oath of office from Judge Barry Shapiro at swearing-in of Mississauga city council last Monday.

Health unit will launch anti-diphtheria program

The Peel health unit plans to launch a program for immunization of children against diphtheria in the wake of the discovery that two Brampton youngsters have the disease.

Dr. R.D. Appleford says plans for the immunization campaign will be announced after the next regional Board of Health meeting.

A two-year-old girl and a five-year-old boy, recent immigrants from Portugal who had never been immunized, have contacted diphtheria. Everyone who has come in contact with the children is being tested by nose and throat swabs for

evidence of the infectious disease.

The children live in Brampton — not Mississauga as reported in a Toronto newspaper earlier this week.

They were two of only 16 cases of diphtheria reported in Ontario for 1973. Mississauga has not had a case of the disease in many years.

In 1943, there were 311 deaths caused by diphtheria and more than 3,000 reported cases.

Immunization for the disease is given in three injections, each a month apart.

Dr. Appleford says he is concerned that children of new Canadians may not be protected against the disease. The complacent attitude of other parents may also mean their children are not immunized, he indicates.

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Use Of Force Called 'Reasonable'

Assault counter-charge dismissed

A counter-charge against Toronto International Airport commissioner John Amedie by a man earlier convicted of assaulting him was dismissed Friday in provincial court.

A Calderone, who pleaded not guilty to the assault charge but was convicted in November, brought the charge — also for assault — against Amedie.

Calderone, who spoke through an Italian interpreter, testified that he was waiting to greet his children who were flying in from Italy on Aug. 4 last year. He said he was standing outside the Canada Customs office in terminal one and glancing through the doors as passengers came out.

He said the commissioner came up to him without any provocation and suddenly grabbed him by the lapels of his jacket. He said he told Amedie to "take it easy" but the man became "more nasty" and grabbed him again — this time putting his arm around his neck, bruising and scratching him.

Amedie testified that he was called to the area to clear a path for exiting passengers. People waiting to greet arrivals were blocking the way. Amedie said he told about 10 to 15 people near the door to move back.

"Calderone was holding the door open with his foot," the

accused testified. "I told him to keep moving."

Amedie said he did not grab Calderone by the lapels. "He made a motion with his arm that looked like he was going to punch me so I grabbed his hands and put him in a headlock," he said.

Two airport employees said Amedie was called to clear the exit door at the customs area. They said that after the area was cleared the door automatically shut and when it was opened a few seconds later Amedie and Calderone were observed wrestling with each other.

The defendant's lawyer told the court his client was trying to prevent an assault and was exercising his duty to the best of his ability in a difficult situation.

Crown attorney Lloyd Budzinski said Calderone asked the commissioner to take it easy and moved back when asked to do so. He said he couldn't see why Amedie expected that Calderone would strike him. "A greater amount of force than was necessary was used," Budzinski claimed.

Judge Gerry Young said he disagreed with Budzinski's conclusion and dismissed the charge, saying that no more force than was reasonably necessary had been applied.



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