

100% pure Cool, clear water...

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It's a good thing the natural spring water that flows from the embankment on the west side of Mississauga Rd. just south of Hwy. 5 is pure. There are people who believe so strongly in its goodness that they use the water even when the authorities say it's unsafe to drink.

The underground spring water was tested for purity in late June, however. And, as has been the case for 15 years now, it was declared as safe as can be.

Before 1962 tests showed contamination in the stream, which at that time rushed over the bank. People, dogs & wild animals climbing the bank were leaving their mark on the water. Signs were posted and posted again. They were ripped off by the waterhole addicts.

The then County of Peel had to make a decision whether to reroute the water and make it inaccessible to the public or improve its quality so that it was safe for drinking.

In 1963 the bank was excavated and a concrete interception box lined with stones was constructed. A pipe ran the water over the stones inside the hill and led it out to the road without surface contact with the bank.

Happily for its users, the water has been pure ever since. The

Region of Peel health department makes the checks every spring, fall and after very heavy rain falls.

The Times asked some of those gathered at the spring why they prefer natural water, complete with the inconvenience of drawing it home.

Some users believe in the purity of water and object to fluoride and chlorine that is added to our regular water supply. Others enjoy the nostalgic value of fresh clear water from an underground spring. They remember carrying water home from a well at their cottages or farms as children. No one confessed to believing in its healing properties or in its mythical resemblance to a fountain of youth.

This reporter was asked by an ailing grandmother to export a jug to Niagara Falls. She enjoyed its benefits to her arthritis, whether psychological or physical.

John Bryant of The Garden Patch in Streetsville sells equipment for wine and beer brewing. "Natural water is a real advantage when making wine or beer. The superior quality of Guinness is due to the presence of natural minerals in the water used. They may be adding these minerals artificially now," says Bryant.

The medieval monastery at Berton on Trent brewed superior quality beer for the same reason. Perhaps our local amateur brewers are rivalling this ancient excellence, right here in Mississauga.

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Ministry won't meddle with decision on phasing

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In contrast to what Mayor Ron Searle has told city council, Ontario has never removed phasing policies from a municipal Official Plan, says the manager of the Official

Plans branch in the housing ministry.

Bruce McLeod said yesterday the ministry "really has no general position on phasing." Ontario has approved some plans with phasing and staging plans included but,

"we've never removed phasing policies to my knowledge."

Assistant Deputy Housing Minister Wojciech Wronski said the content of a plan regarding development staging is really a local responsibility. "The Ministry will not interfere with that determination," he said. "I'm sure that Mr. Bennett (Housing Minister Claude Bennett who is on vacation) would say the same thing."

"It's usually local circumstances which dictate the content of the Plan and the rate of development proposed for the planning area," remarks McLeod.

When reviewing phasing, the ministry would be most concerned that the servicing of lands proposed suits the development proposed. If not, some adjustments might be made.

Mayor Ron Searle has stated that phasing had failed in other areas and was removed by Ontario from the city of London's Official Plan.

McLeod says the Ministry is mainly concerned with provincial policies being observed in municipal land use plans. It also ensures that "the Plan hangs together as a document." But it leaves most of the content up to the local level, especially as in Peel, where there is a regional level as well which reviews plans.

Phasing is the most controversial aspect of the Official Plan, scheduled to be adopted by bylaw at a council meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. Phasing is the sequential release of development. In a 6-4 vote on June 2, council voted to remove the phasing program as proposed and to measure development applications against a list of criteria in the Plan. There is bitter disagreement about whether that gives council control of future development or not.

Mayor Searle cites letters from former Housing Minister John Rhodes to regional chairman Lou Parsons which indicate

that the Minister believes phasing could delay the approval of development.

Since council's last debate, considerable discussion has taken place about phasing. Councillor Terry Butt, who put the original motion which was interpreted as removing phasing, now says phasing is still in the plan.

It is possible that a motion clarifying the phasing question, or amending it somehow, may be placed.

Planner Russ Edmunds has termed phasing "the cornerstone" of the Official Plan and has said that its removal will bring "open season for development" in Mississauga.

Feds fund program to halve company's energy consumption

The federal government will pay about \$2 million to help the St. Lawrence Cement Company convert one of their Mississauga kilns to a revolutionary new process, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Alastair Gillespie said yesterday.

The kiln will be converted to a semi-dry process from the traditional wet process, and it means a saving of half the company's energy consumption, Gillespie

said. Fuel savings are estimated at \$1 million.

Ludwik Kraszewski, supervisor of energy development for St. Lawrence cement, said the company pioneered a dry process in 1967, but this is the first semi-dry operation ever attempted on the continent.

The total cost of the project will be split about 50-50 between the government and the company.

The plant in Mississauga employs about 200 people.

TODAY'S TIMES

- **Douglas milestone**
The Douglas Aircraft plant in Malton marked a milestone on Friday, and announced it will be hiring 400 more people. See: 900 Page A-3.
- **Parents rapped**
Parental attitude in connection with bicyclists has come under fire at the Mississauga Traffic Safety Council. See: CYCLISTS... Page A-8.
- **Disabled? No way**
Mississauga's Margaret Nicholson set Canadian records in track and swimming at the games for the disabled last week. See: NEMESIS BEATEN... Page B-1.
- **Soaring food costs**
The Times peeked into some shopping carts and found few luxury items. See: WE'RE SPENDING MORE... Page D-3.

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Pickets outside city hall may keep councillor away

By JOHN STEWART
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Ward 4 councillor Larry Taylor will face a personal moral dilemma if a pending strike by outside engineering department workers proceeds and a picket line appears in front of city hall.

Taylor is a long-time labor supporter and New Democratic Party member who is opposed on principle to crossing any picket line. But he also believes in doing the best job possible for his constituents, which means attending meetings and working with staff at city hall.

He said this week he probably wouldn't cross a picket line to attend a normal general committee or other council session.

The politician is in an additionally awkward position because, as a council member, he has access to in-camera discussions

about the detailed negotiations which are going on.

He told The Times Friday he could overcome his

"natural hesitation" to cross a picket line if he felt the union's position was unreasonable. "But I wouldn't cross the line if I

thought the city was being unreasonable."

Asked if he would cross a picket line for an in-camera discussion explaining the final bargaining positions Taylor said he would have to, to get the information needed to make a responsible decision.

If pickets were thrown up in front of city hall during normal working hours, Taylor says he would arrange his work schedule to be at city hall when the pickets aren't.

Should a strike be called and the ward 4 member decides not to cross the picket line, he is likely to be accused by some colleagues of siding with the union's interest against that of the taxpayers, who must foot the bill for whatever settlement is finally achieved.

McLaughlin plans to sell, sell, sell

By SID RODAWAY
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With first quarter losses of \$1.1 million racked up by S. B. McLaughlin Associates Ltd., the big Mississauga development firm has decided to sell off or enter into joint venture deals on much of its large property holdings this year, according to company president Bruce McLaughlin.

He unveiled his short term plans for the company at its annual meeting Wednesday.

The company's largest single holding in Mississauga is the 2,205-acre Hurontario development lands in the central hole-in-

the-doughnut area. Public relations director Claude Lewis told The Times all such holdings would come under the plan to turn real estate into hard cash in the company's attempt to reduce corporate debt.

Another 945 acres in Georgetown are available for partial or total sale along with some 2,200 acres at Caledon Mountain Recreation Properties. After the development of 52 homes in Caledon McLaughlin wants out because of increased planning approval difficulties. Land holdings north of Montreal are also for sale.

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Todd Robinson, 5, and Shane, 1 1/2, are fans

Readers' story ideas: thieves, ducks, heroes

By CONNIE RAE
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Mississauga news tipsters are still on their toes. Just in time to make last week's paper, Trudy Prisen phoned in about a thief making off with \$10,000 worth of clothes and jewelry from Duchess Fashions on Lorne Park Rd. The thief was so smooth that a 17-year-old witness thought he was the owner removing some stock. Investigation is continuing.

Charles MacIntyre of Port Credit ordered a load of topsoil from Wesco Landscape Contracting but appears to have received clay. MacIntyre, who is over 70, battled with the lumps with help from his neighbors. The company is unwilling to remedy the situation. That story appears below.

We also had a call from the wife of an ambulance driver whose husband was one of the first to arrive at the DC-9 crash site last week. And Muriel McDonagh, publicity agent for the Red Cross, phoned in some heartwarming news about the diligence of Red Cross volunteers who worked round the clock for

several days to assist the DC-9 injured. See page D-2.

Heather Hamlin of Fifth Line called our photographer to come capture on film a mother duck with her brood of young swimming nonchalantly in the family swimming pool Friday morning.

Tom Blanchard of Park Royal phoned to complain about some rabble rousers around Sheridan Creek disturbing neighbors. He was concerned about the lack of police action. Jeffrene Shand phoned in with a tip on how dog owners can train their dogs so doggie dung in local parks won't be such a nuisance.

We even had an 11-year-old Meadowvale boy, Chris Greene, who suggested that all the world's scientists work together to solve the mysteries of diseases that refuse to be cured.

So keep those news tips coming. The Times is offering an all expense paid fall family weekend at Talisman Resort in the scenic Beaver Valley for the best news tips we receive on or before Aug. 1. You tell us at The Times, 823-3800, and we'll tell our readers.

Ordered topsoil, got clay

Senior's complaint a joke to contractor

By JOHN STEWART
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Charles MacIntyre decided last week he would order some topsoil to dress his front lawn and help keep healthy looking grass in front of his Port Credit home.

But the 72-year-old MacIntyre is complaining now because he thinks his front lawn looks more like a clay pit than anything else.

After seeing an advertisement in The Times, MacIntyre ordered a load of topsoil from Wesco Landscape Contracting of 2399 Royal Windsor Way.

The material was wet when it arrived and MacIntyre signed for it. But after it dried, the homeowner noticed that it had an odd reddish tint and was a much sandier color than normal topsoil. When he began spreading it out on his lawn, he encountered great difficulty with large lumps in the material, which he eventually had to break up with a sledgehammer.

Some of MacIntyre's neighbors eventually helped the senior citizen, who suffers from Parkinson's disease, break the lumps and get the material spread out. When MacIntyre phoned The Times to complain about the material he said he was "all played out trying to break up the lumps."

MacIntyre contacted W. E. Searle of Wesco. "I said, 'Tell me what you gave me? I can't grow grass on this.'" The Inglewood Drive man told Searle what he sold him "has the appearance of clay or sand and forms into lumps or little balls." He also complained about finding small rocks and pieces of pavement.

Despite several requests Searle refused to go to the site.

On Friday Searle strongly defended the material in an interview with The Times. "I'm not trying to be rude but if you print one word about this I'll sue you for libel and slander," he said.



Charlie asks: Topsoil?

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