Committee to weigh cost of dog-control takeover

By JOHN STEWART Mississauga can control dogs "and it won't cost us a fortune," says councillor Mary Helen

Spence, who was chairwoman of the recently disbanded animal-control committee.

Mrs. Spence made the comment this week as she asked general committee to set up another committee — this one composed of

another committee — this one composed of three councillors — to take a closer look at the financial consequences of a city takeover of

General committee was presented with a report from Keith Cowan of the building department which suggested that it would not cost the city a great deal more to take over the

Cowan's report stated that the city "could, if desired, assume canine control and licencing from the Ontario Humane Society, leaving the operation of the animal shelter to that society." Costs would increase by about \$14,000, to

\$109,000, but the director of building standards noted that "although the costs would rise, it is felt that the level of service would also rise as a

If the changes were made, the city would be paid the estimated \$50,000 annual licence fees which now goes to the Society. The city's building department would take over canine

would have to be hired.

Mrs. Spence told general committee that further study should be given to the financial aspects before Mississauga decides what form of contract it will sign with the humane society for next year. Mrs. Spence was named chairwoman of that sub-committee and she will be appendixed that the committee that other councillors.

be appointing two other councillors.

Councillor David Culham of ward 6 agreed that further financial consideration was needed, but he said he couldn't agree with a city takeover at this point. Humane society employees work for less money and for different reasons than civic employees, he ex-

"This would certainly require more staff and higher salaries," he said. "It would bring in a cost we can't control."

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Culham suggested the city could gain better control by having greater representation on the society's management board.

Mrs. Spence noted that the humane society is asking for a large increase in its budget for the animal-control program next year. The program has often been criticized as inadequate by politicians and members of the public.

The problem of dogs running at large has not been solved, according to councillor Hubert

by the city. He said he was also concerned with theproblem of dogs "fouling" the city's streets, parks and private properti

A public relations program to educate the public about the problems of animals running loose would be very valuable, said Streetsville councillor Hazel McCallion.

"People have to realize that if we're going to keep the taxes down we have to keep van dalism, littering and dog control costs down,

Mrs. McCallion wasn't sure the city could afford the type of animal control many of the residents want. "We have to appeal to the do owners to keep their animals under control.

Mrs. McCallion agreed with a recommendation in Cowan's report that the city review its schedule of fees and fines and consider increas-

ing them where it is required. Mrs. Spence said research by Cowan had revealed that some other municipalities employed animal control bylaw officers at a cost less than the humane society service now operating in Mississauga.

suit struck down by the Court of Appeal on the basis that it Mississauga.

The CSMCA is a coalition of 15 ratepayer groups in South Mississauga.

City opposes move by conservation body

Mississauga is opposed to a plan by the Halton Region Conservation Authority (HRCA) which would make the city pay more for conservation works being undertaken in Halton.

The Halton authority wants to drop the idea of having a "benefitting municipality" for projects and assess costs of conservation work on an across-the-board, equalized assessment basis.

This would mean Mississauga would have to pay an extra \$33,000 for works pay an extra \$55,000 for works of carried out in Burlington, Oakville and Milton next year Part of Mississauga is under the jurisdiction of the Halton authority because it is in the watershed supervised by that body.

Although no conservation projects were carried out in Peel this year by the HRCA, the region paid 1.82 percent of

ty budget. If the idea of having the benefitting municipality pay for works in its own
area was abandoned, Peel
would have to pay 5.05-percent of the total levy on an
assessment basis.

Mississauga would pay most
of this increase because it has
over 70 percent of the assessment in Peel.
In a report to city council's

In a report to city council's general committee, finance commissioner Donald Ogilvie pointed out that "in effect, to

recommendation to advise Halton that it opposes the change in financing. The region of Peel's administra-tion and finance committee has also recommended rejec-tion of, the proposal by Halton



Councillor David Culham said that those who receive the benefits of conservation projects should pay for them. He added that the provin

government subsidizing another's conservation authority costs."

The committee accepted his

cial government should be asked to establish a uniform policy for conservation authority levies. He opposed Halton's attempt to "sock

Group to help SOTAS raise legal funds

Mississauga Committee Associations (CSMCA) has committed itself to aid in raiscommitted itself to aid in rais-ing funds for the legal costs of the law suit faced by Save Our Trees and Streams (SOTAS). CSMCA executive passed a resolution at its most recent

meeting promising to work with SOTAS to raise defense

ecutive of SOTAS face damages of \$100,000 apiece if a suit launched by Mississauga developer William Sorokolit is

The suit alleges a con-piracy between SOTAS and spiracy between SOTAS and
Mississauga to delay a tion passed by the CSMCA ex-

to the city council requesting certain improvements in the

development along the Credit River and asking for more public ownership of land within the development. In a letter to SOTAS chairwoman Sue McAllister, CSMCA chairman Paul Carder says. "We recognize the potential implications for all citizens' groups inherent in the lawsuit and will do everything in our power to assist you in your present cir-

ecutive notes that the group "believes firmly in the right of citizens' groups to make their views known to elected of-ficials" and states that the lawsuit against SOTAS is a threat to all citizen groups.



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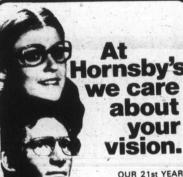
A public meeting for city residents interested in the possible extension of the Queensway across the Credit River will be held next Tues-

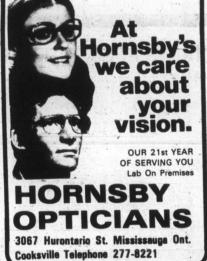
The meeting, called by Ward 6 councillor David Culham, will be held in council chambers at city hall.

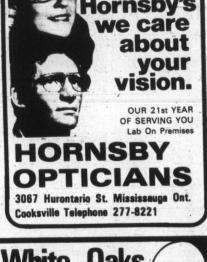
The Queensway extension, proposed in long-term transportation policy for many years, has been deferred by Peel region until comment from the city has been. Councillor Culham is or

councillor Culham is on record as completely opposing the extension across the Credit. The Queensway is be-ing constructed from Dixie Road to Cawthra Rd. and there have been plans for many years to further extend the Queensway from Cawthra the Queensway from Cawthra to Highway 10.

Culham questions the cos effectiveness of the full Queensway extension and maintains that it will have a serious effect on already es









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