

Streetsville, Port Credit won't take part in capital funds plan

Debenture sales are going so well that Port Credit and Streetsville probably won't take part in a new Ontario Government scheme to offer capital funds to smaller communities.

The scheme, announced Monday by Treasurer Charles MacNaughton is designed to give communities with 20,000 residents or less a chance to finance approved capital facilities at a cost comparable to that achieved by larger municipalities.

In Monday's announcement, Mr. MacNaughton said \$15 million had been allocated to the Ontario Municipal Improvement Corporation to provide a guaranteed market for installment debentures for any approved purpose.

The interest rate on the first two purchases for the towns of Georgetown and Southamptton was 9.5 percent, though in most cases municipalities often can sell privately for less.

Streetsville Mayor, Hazel McCallion, said the scheme was a welcome move but Streetsville debentures are selling well.

GOOD NEWS

"It is good news, though, to hear the province is taking an interest in the smaller communities," she said.

Mrs. McCallion said she saw no future need for the newly created fund but said it might be used if the need arose.

Port Credit acting Mayor, Frank Leavers, said the scheme was welcome news but debentures in Port Credit were also selling well.

"But if we can get the money at a lower rate from the province we should be doing it," Mr. Leavers added.

He told The News the last debentures had sold for slightly less than the 9.5 percent for Georgetown and Southamptton.

Mr. MacNaughton, in his announcement, said the fund did not mean Ontario was encouraging communities to borrow.

SAME CHANCE

"However, where essential capital projects must be financed, we want to ensure that smaller municipalities have the same opportunity to provide facilities for their citizens as do larger centres," he said.

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Mr. MacNaughton said the purpose of the fund was to help those communities experiencing problems in selling debentures.

"Smaller municipalities have experienced problems raising capital funds in recent years.

"In some cases, long-term funds have not been available except at quite high interest rates and municipalities have been forced to resort to short-term credit or to defer capital works that might be termed essential," he said.

Town makes new attempt to build OHC public housing

A resolution paving the way for a new attempt to have Ontario Housing Corporation public housing and senior citizens' complexes

built in Mississauga was passed by town council, Monday.

Councillor Ron Searle said council had in the past put too many restrictions on the corporation for it to come up with a feasible project in Mississauga.

Mr. Searle's motion called for the rescinding of all previous resolutions on the matter and removing a limitation for OHC projects in Mississauga to be developed on a "horizontal," or low density, program.

He said council had, in effect, completely ruled out a high-density, or high-rise type of project.

Mr. Searle told council the housing corporation was being inhibited by that proposal as well as an earlier resolution which called for council to select sites for the projects.

He said his motion allowed for the OHC to go ahead and call for bids in the town to give the town "its normal chance" of getting such developments.

Councillor Lou Parsons agreed with the move after saying he had heard the corporation would not call for tenders for horizontal developments here as land costs were too high to make them economically feasible.

No money SAY will close down

The Summer Assistance to Youth Program (SAY) in Mississauga will close this Friday because of lack of funds.

"I haven't been paid for a month," said Director Paul Bator.

SAY, which opened officially on June 12, would have stayed open until the middle of September if financially it had been possible, Mr. Bator said.

Friday will be the last day SAY will operate from its headquarters in a renovated Texaco station on Lakeshore Rd.

According to Mr. Bator, 350 persons have taken part in SAY workshop, employment and volunteer programs.

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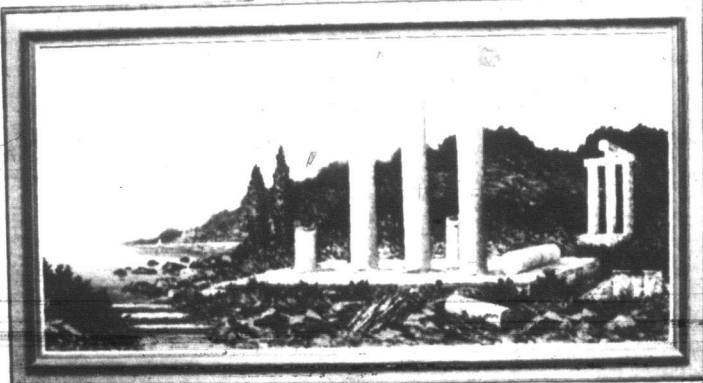
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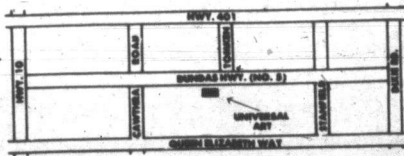
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In the courts

An 18-year-old Mississauga youth was sentenced to the reformatory for eight months definite, 12 months indeterminate in court Tuesday after pleading guilty to his second break enter and theft charge in two years.

Edward Albert Flatt of 25 Paisley Blvd. W. had told Judge Donald August before sentencing that he'd like to go back to school in September to learn to be a mechanic because "I like to work on cars."

On March 15, Mr. Flatt broke into Jerry's B.P. service station on Dundas Highway West and stole \$55. He was put on probation for the same offense in September of last year.

"You've violated your probation," Judge August told the youth. "So I have no choice but to punish you."

"One of the principles of sentencing is rehabilitation and that's what I have in mind when I deal with young people," he added. "Probation doesn't seem to have worked. Maybe punishment will."

The judge noted the youth had been involved with drugs and had a spotty employment record.

After sentencing, he said: "I hope you can prove to the authorities that you can take your place in society and live a good life."

THREE FINED \$150

In the only other sentencing Tuesday morning, two Oakville men and a man from Mississauga were fined \$150 after pleading guilty to stealing a 12-volt marine battery from a Mississauga residence on July 26.

Making restitution of \$25 each were Carl Reginald Turnel and Wilton McCulloch, both of 5560 Winston Churchill Blvd., Oakville; and Donald Hamilton Conley of 1172 Northaven Dr., Mississauga.

Restitution was ordered for the \$100 damage caused when the battery was ripped from a boat owned by Dr. Halina Solow of 1369 Rometown Dr. The boat was in the back yard of Mrs. Mary McGillion, 1559 Cormack Crescent, Mississauga.

A fourth man allegedly involved in the case has pleaded not guilty.

County health unit to be probed

The firm of Urwick, Currie and Partners, Ltd., has been engaged by Peel county council to probe the administration of the county health unit.

The \$700 "feasibility" study is centred on the management of the unit.

A report on the findings is expected to be laid before county council next month.

Board of health chairman Bob Williams told council, Friday, there seemed to have been "a great administration difficulty" in the health department for a number of years.

The county has had a long succession of different Medical Officers of Health as well as a shortage of public health nurses.

"We had so many MOH's that some leadership had been assumed by departments," Mr. Williams said.

He said the study would find out what is wrong with the administrative set-up of the health unit and come up with recommendations to handle it.

Ex-warden Nance Horwood, Brampton reeve, said she was surprised to hear a task force was carrying out a study at such a late stage.

"I think it's time Peel County got down to business and run things right," she said. "Why didn't we have this task force before?"

"That's none of my concern," replied Mr.

Williams, who said previous health boards in the county had not asked for a study.

Less than half of Peel health budget spent

Peel County Board of Health, has spent only \$132,000 out of its budget of \$300,000 for the first seven months of the year.

"There's money there they've not even used," Brampton mayor Jim Archdekin told county council, Friday.

The board has bitterly complained of lack of funds from council.

The provincial health department has just told council the level of public health services available in Peel is "inadequate" and that the per-capita expenditure of \$2.66 will not be enough to provide satisfactory public health services in the county.

Board chairman, Dr. Bob Williams, reeve of Ching-uacousy, said the board had so far spent only \$132,000 because its budget was not approved by the government until July.

"There will not be any surplus at all in 1970," he told council.

Reeve Williams accused council of not accepting good faith as its responsibility of providing funds for the public health service and said the board had no right of appeal against budgets set by the council.

The board of health budget for this year was set at nine percent more than in 1969, he said.