

Forest concept 'excellent' says CVCA chairman

The concept of the Mississauga Forest, stretching along the Credit River watershed is an "excellent" one which should be followed up by Mississauga and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

That's the opinion expressed by CVCA general manager Harry Watson in a report presented this week to the water management advisory board.

Watson says the forest idea could be combined with the proposed floodplain acquisition program by the authority, if provincial support funds are available.

The forest concept was presented by City Councillor David Culham to the authority. He complained that

despite the fact everyone at city hall seemed to think the idea was a sound one "it disappears about every six months." It was originally presented in 1974.

CVCA chairman Grant Clarkson informed Culham that there had been \$500,000 originally in the budget this year for purchase of floodplain land by the authority. Because of provincial financial constraints, the money was removed.

Clarkson, who has been pressing for some time for a land acquisition program along the Credit Valley called the stretch of valley between Dundas Street and Burnhamthorpe Road the "greatest asset" Mississauga has. But he noted that landowners in the area appear reluctant to sell floodplain land and that the cost of expropriation was increasing rapidly.

Culham said he foresaw little expenditure for the Mississauga Forest. "In my view, it would be acquired at little or no cost," he said.

One of the parcels of land which Culham claimed would be the key to the forest is the property known as Block M in the Erindale Woodlands. The Ward 6 councillor said the land had been taken out of city council's priorities but should be acquired, probably with provincial aid.

Complaining about the lack of action on the forest idea, Culham commented that "by 1980 or 1990 I hope we'll be looking back at woodlands and forests and not just another hollow idea."

Robert Harrison of Mississauga informed Culham that he had introduced a similar resolution about a forest about 1960 when he was the ward 2 representative on council in what is now Mississauga.

The executive committee of the CVCA passed a motion endorsing the concept of the forest in principle.

Earlier in the week, Councillor Caye Killaby of Ward 4 commented at general committee on the matter. She said she had seen the map of the proposed forest area and was surprised to find that it contains very little existing woodlands.

Culham replied that part of the forest plan would be a program of plantings.



Competing in the mini-event...

The action on the diamond in last weekend's Mississauga Chrysler Baseball Tournament was just not lively enough to keep four-year-old Tee Kelly (wearing no. 9) and three-year-old Brian Shaw of Mississauga from engaging in a bit of action themselves. Lee executed a unique

judo throw which led to Brian's downfall. Then Lee switched to wrestling tactics to keep Brian down. Brian was later seen retreating with Lee in pursuit.

Times photos by RON POZZER

Car chased at speeds of 100 mph

Peel police pursued a stolen car at speeds of 100 miles per hour along Highway 401 Thursday until the chase ended with a three-car collision on the Don Valley Parkway.

Police said Constable John McLaughlin attempted to pull over a 1975 Plymouth speeding along Airport Road west of Dixon Road. The car accelerated and went through several red lights, driving on the wrong side of the road at speeds up to 80 miles per hour.

The pursuit continued along Highway 401 and four Metro police cruisers joined the chase. Speeds reached more than 100 miles per hour before the chase came to an abrupt halt when the car slammed into a van and pickup truck near the Lawrence Avenue exit and spun into the median. No one was injured in the collisions. Two youths were arrested at the scene.

Charged with possession of a stolen car are John Frances, 16, of Claremont Street and Adelino Cabral, 18, of Treford Place. Police have also charged Frances with criminal negligence, driving without a licence, and dangerous driving.

Police raid health club

Police raided the Playboy One Health Studio Thursday evening and charged three employees with giving body rubs.

Morality squad detectives had the health studio, located at Hurontario and Dundas Streets, under surveillance for several weeks, according to police.

During the raid, officers discovered a male customer on the premises.

The registered owner of the studio, Sandrea LaFrance, 27, of 2235 Hurontario St., has been charged with keeping a common bawdy house. Norma Larone, 23, of 90 James St., Toronto, and Rosina Latiffe, 25, of 7256 Airport Rd. have been charged with being inmates in a common bawdy house.

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Board committees' value questioned

At least one separate school trustee is questioning the value of the vast array of committees established in Peel.

At the board meeting, Mississauga Ward Six trustee Jack Smith said, "these committee meetings have become a way of life and I just wonder if reports from these committees don't end up on some shelf collecting dust."

Smith's comments were motivated by a notice from the Peel board informing trustees that the name of the education liaison committee of Peel had been changed to the municipality school boards liaison committee.

The separate school board is required to pay \$700 of the committee's budget and Smith wants to be sure it is worth it. The larger Peel board would pay \$2,900.

"When questions come up concerning cost sharing we should determine how useful these committees are and determine whether or not we want to participate," Smith said.

Smith said that even \$700 was not a trifling matter. "We've stopped cleaning schools during the March break to save less than that."

At its last meeting, the board decided not to support the establishment of a regional library advisory committee because of tight budget and staffing.

Smith got support from his views from Vice-Chairman Gerry Meehan who said the board "shouldn't examine what the committees do, they should provide us with a reason for continuing."

Market owner fined in income tax evasion

The owner of the Burnhamthorpe Fruit Market has been fined a total of \$6,432.62 after pleading guilty to six counts of income tax evasion in provincial court.

Evidence indicated that Anthony Canella, of 3459 Riverspray Cres., Mississauga failed to report income of \$45,931.98 during the years 1969 to 1973. Canella made daily entries into accounting journal from sales rung up on his cash registers to determine his business income.

Chairman Bob Hall supported the committees. "At least we can share ideas and costs and we're on the inside of what is going on," he said.

Joe Hugel, director of education, said "the board had made a commitment to the committees through next year but maybe after that we can decide whether or not to carry on."

refinery reflections

TWIN CONCRETE STACKS REDUCE SULPHUR DIOXIDE POLLUTION

Poking its head above the refinery skyline, a concrete stack — growing day by day — serves as a reminder that the new lube oil plant will be well within air quality regulations.

Once it reaches its maximum 400 feet (not quite as large as the nearby St. Lawrence Cement stack), it will vent combustion gases for the new and existing steam generating facilities. Joining it will be a second 400-foot stack, also under construction, which will vent combusted process heater fuel and incinerated tail gases from the process units.

Together, the two stacks will make it easier to allocate fuels within the plant, with very low sulphur natural and refinery gases used in existing furnaces with lower stacks, while liquid fuel (bunkers) can be channelled to the higher stacks.

Gulf's Clarkson refinery presently meets sulphur dioxide regulations established by the province. The two 400-foot stacks ensure that this will be the case for years to come.

NEW LIGHT AND ROAD WIDENING WILL EASE TRAFFIC PRESSURE

Increased traffic onto Southdown Road, created by the construction workforce for the lube oil modernization project, has made it necessary to post a traffic policeman at the refinery entrance during rush hours.

The situation will improve in mid-September when traffic safety lights will be installed to facilitate the greater number of vehicles entering and leaving both the refinery and the parking lot on the west side of Southdown Road.

Gulf Canada will also be widening the road in front of the plant from two to five lanes, allowing for turning lanes and less disruption of through traffic.

AFRICAN PRINCE AND EMPLOYEES' CHILDREN HIRED FOR THE SUMMER

Back in his native Ghana, Julius Dogbe is heir to the title "Chief of the Tribes" presently held by his uncle. But it's likely he'll offer the Volta region's royal position to one of his younger brothers.

"I've sacrificed too much in education to go back as chief," says Julius, who is helping to finance his master's degree program in resource management by working summers at the refinery.

Julius was working full-time at Clarkson when he decided to return to school in 1971. It was a tough decision for a married man who now has four children, but his annual summer employment as a handler in the packaging and blending plant has helped make it possible.

After graduation, he is hoping to work for an organization such as a Canadian multinational corporation which works in developing nations.



Julius Dogbe

Julius is one of about 90 students hired by the refinery. They can be found in the laboratories, on the process units, and in engineering and clerical positions.

"I like the unit I'm working in and find the job motivating," says Julius. "The student program is just great, with the students contributing to production."

Gulf's hiring philosophy makes summer jobs available to students with experience in engineering, maintenance and processing, and to the sons and daughters of Gulf employees. The practical experience gained on the job can lead to full-time employment for some.

The program not only makes it possible to help indirectly in financing the education of employees' children, it also provides money for students like Julius Dogbe who require money to complete their post-secondary school courses.

GULF JOINS PARKS DEPARTMENT IN OFFERING TENNIS LESSONS

Nearly 2,000 Mississauga tennis players, ranging from beginners to advanced, are taking part in the 15th annual tennis clinics co-sponsored by the Mississauga Recreation and Parks Department and Gulf Oil Canada Limited.

Seven fully-qualified tennis instructors have been hired to teach both adults and children the skills of the game at various courts throughout the city.

For more information on the clinics, call 279-7600 (Ext. 209).

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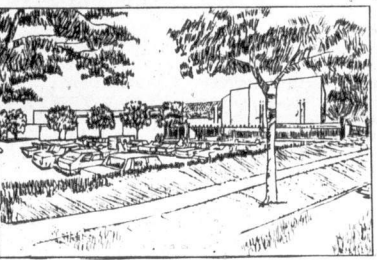
Ted Lindsay, Bryan Clarke and Fred Atkinson represented the refinery and its employees at the 1975 United Way of Peel Region Awards Night and received awards for contributions to last year's campaign.

The refinery's total contributions to area United Way campaigns was \$6,000 from the company, and \$7,154 raised by employees.



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