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## Start Southdown work now: councillor

The region of Peel should consider passing a motion to have the province start now on the ultimate design of the Southdown Road-QEW traffic circle intersection, says Mary Helen Spence of ward two.

Mrs. Spence told regional council Thursday that she was still convinced that the interim solution which the Ministry of Transportation and Communications is embarking on "will not solve the problem for any length of time."

She pointed out that she and Mayor Martin Dobkin had requested in a recent meeting that the ultimate solution which would join Southdown Road and Erin Mills Parkway with an overpass above the QEW and a cloverleaf interchange, be implemented as soon as possible.

Director of transportation for the regional planning department Douglas Thwaites said the limited capacity on the weaving sections of the rotary intersection caused the serious traffic problems.

He said he believed the Ministry's proposal would provide a visible improvement for an interim period of time. The "few years improvement" would cost a relatively small amount of money he said.

The interim solution would see the North and South Sheridan Ways moved further away from the QEW with traffic lights installed. The ramp from the west-bound QEW onto Erin Mills Parkway would be relocated to join Fowler Drive to the north.

The first contracts for the work are expected to be let in October of this year.

Mrs. Spence said she hoped the province could design the ultimate configuration so that construction could start in the next two years.



Everyone else was much too warm during entertainment for seniors at Extencare on Queensway last week but these two canines tried to upstage the performers with their own brand of antics.

## Hazard slope study produces CVCA clash

Councillor Hazel McCallion and a senior staff member of the Conservation Authority disagreed Thursday over who should do engineering studies to ensure there are no problems with homes on hazard slopes.

Mrs. McCallion, calling for a thorough study of the entire watershed hazard slope situation, said she was concerned that developers were providing engineering studies to the Authority.

"The number of complaints and requests for river bank stabilization we have had recently clearly indicates our present policy is inadequate," claimed Mrs. McCallion.

She said there were instances where homes were built that have been eroded almost up to the bank steps by the river and there is danger that some houses will fall into the Credit.

Mrs. Sheila Watson, director of conservation services for the Authority said the CVCA is very strict on setbacks from hazard slopes based on detailed engineering studies submitted by applicants for development. She said restricted area zoning by-laws showing where building is permissible and where it is not are registered against the property deed.

When hazard lands are involved with over a 15 per cent slope gradient the setback is required to be two feet for every foot of slope. If that formula is not used a detailed engineering study is produced showing soil structure, vegetation etc. Mrs. Watson indicated.

She said the study requested by Mrs. McCallion would be enormous and extremely expensive. Under the present system the cost of engineering studies are charged back to the developers, she said.

"Engineering studies are fine but they are usually done by the developer and that can cause problems," Mrs. McCallion remarked.

"The studies are sent back if they are inadequate," replied Mrs. Watson saying an established set of criteria had to be met and the engineer's reputation was riding on his work.

"Asking the engineers of the subdividers to design the setbacks is wrong," emphasized Mrs. McCallion suggesting that the Authority should "take the initiative for once." She said the responsibility was always shifted to the developer.

"We should act as consultants to developers?" asked Mrs. Watson incredulously.

Chairman Roy McMillan pointed out that conservation authority jurisdiction covered only floodplain land in the river valley not land beyond that.

He said the Authority had made recommendations many, many times in areas like the Erindale Woodlands that greater precautions in setbacks should be required.

In response to a charge by Mrs. McCallion that the conservation authorities were the worst offenders in holding up the processing of subdivisions, McMillan snapped: "We are condemned because we won't let people build houses so they can fish out of their living room windows."

The chairman said the Authority would continue to hold up subdivisions until proper studies and plans are presented by applicants.

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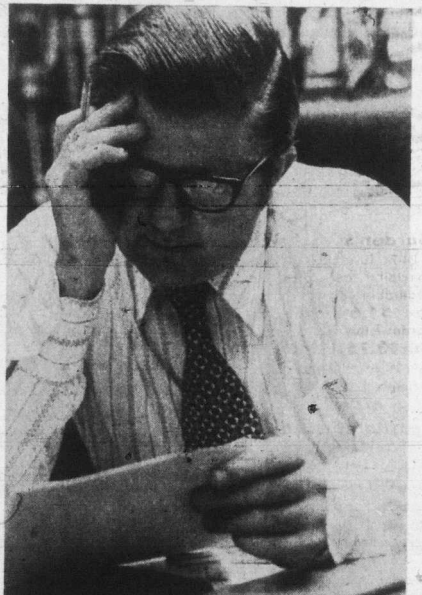
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## Check pits, Culham urges

The region of Peel of the city of Mississauga should determine how many gravel pits there are in the city which are unlicensed by the province, a councillor says.

David Culham of ward six has told regional council that the information would be valuable in establishing regional policy. Under legislation passed by the province in 1972, the pits and quarries are required to be licensed.

Mrs. Hazel McCallion said if there are unlicensed pits in Mississauga "it is up to the city to tell the Minister he is not doing his job."

Alec Raeburn, from the town of Caledon which has a number of quarries within its boundaries, pointed out how ineffective he considered the provincial legislation to be. "Under the Act, these operators are not required to rehabilitate the old portions of their pits," he said. Redevelopment of the pits is required only on the portions of land shown in the site plan originally submitted to the province in 1972.

## Shipp on Oxford board

Mississauga developer-builder Harold G. Shipp has been named to the board of counsellors of Oxford College of Emory University in Oxford, Georgia.

Best known for his firm's Appewood communities and more recently for his apartment towers on Bloor Street just east of Dixie Road, Shipp is also active in Florida real estate and the Georgia Marietta Company in Atlanta, Georgia.

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