

# Scrap Q.C. system, upgrade lawyers' image: Peel report

A poll of Peel County Law Association members indicates that the present system for Queen's Counsel appointments should be scrapped and that the profession needs to upgrade its public image.

A committee of the association appointed to poll county barristers and solicitors also urges that the feelings of all associations be reported to the Law Society of Upper Canada and that the society make recommendations to the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Morris Gogek and John Smith, who tendered the poll, received 57 replies from 120 questionnaires they sent out to Peel lawyers.

They called for objective answers but, commenting in their report, said some

reflected the personal position of lawyers.

The report notes that "some practising lawyers are actively engaged in large land developments, have possibly made large contributions to political campaigns, and in return thereof have requested favours and are looking for recognition."

"This concept is contrary to the ethical concept of our profession."

The report feels "such lawyers" should have no more say in the association than the small practitioner counselling a variety of clients.

The Gogek-Smith report gives several reasons why other lawyers did not reply to the poll.

It cites sheer neglect, inability to give objective thought, influence by monetary

return under the present solicitor holding Q.C. and those desiring or already applying for Q.C.

In a combined poll of barristers and solicitors 36 voted in favour of abandoning the present system of Q.C. appointments while 18 approved the status quo. Of the 18

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in favour of the system 14 were solicitors. (The report comments that "a significant number of solicitors either have or are hoping to get their Q.C. under the present system.")

"It would appear that a change is necessary."

Asked if county law associations should have a voice in the appointment of Q.C.'s through their executive, 40 voted yes and 15 no. The report says the majority of no's were in position of political influence.

Under a widespread question that asked if each law association should have a greater say in its own affairs 36 were in favour while 9 vetoed a greater voice.

The report comments that "the profession is a branch of the administration of justice and not merely an exercise in money-making or money grabbing."

It calls for associations to have a say in Q.C. appointments, a voice in judicial appointments, a right to decide on selection of lawyers for government

counsel work, and for lawyers to enter politics for the sake of good government "and not for personal gain or glory."

The report also advises that monthly meetings be held for lectures on continuing education and lectures be given by members to public groups "to upgrade" the profession's image.

Lawyers agreed overwhelmingly (55 to 2) that the profession's image needed upgrading.

On the subject of political patronage as a consideration in any appointments, those polled voted 43 to 7 against any such consideration.

"This matter should go further to govern legal work handed out by the government of the day to members of the profession"

the report recommends. "Let the local associations decide."

On the question of judicial appointments being okayed by the Law Society of Upper Canada and local law associations, members voted 42 to 12 in favour.

On appointments of county court judges, provincial court judges, crown attorneys, and sheriffs "we suggest that the local associations be consulted" and their recommendations passed on to the Law Society, the report urges.

The report's conclusions call for the support of all Ontario law associations and feels the results in other counties would be much the same.

"Let the will of the majority prevail," the report concludes.

## Booster telegram going to Munich

A telegram of support from the people of Mississauga and Port Credit will be sent to seven area athletes who are competing in the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, West Germany.

Sponsored by The Times, in co-operation with the towns of Mississauga and Port Credit, the cable will be wired Friday to pentathlon star Debbie Van Kiebel and paddlers Marjorie Homer-Dixon, Scott Lee, Dean Oldershaw, Reed Oldershaw, Jim Reardon and John Wood. It will arrive in Munich the same day.

Residents wishing to sign the telegram may do so at any of the locations listed below during business hours Wednesday and Thursday. Cost for each name (two words) is 60 cents.

The telegram will bear the greeting: "To Mississauga's Magnificent Seven. Best of luck on the track and in the water. Win or lose we're all behind you."

Full Olympic coverage is contained on page B1 of this week's paper. See also, editorial Page C2.

Telegram outlets:  
The Times building, 2300 South Sheridan Way  
Town of Mississauga municipal offices, City Centre Drive  
Town of Port Credit offices, Lakeshore Road  
Jack Fraser Menswear, Sheridan Mall, Erin Mills Parkway  
Frank Coscoe's Menswear, Westdale Mall, Dundas Street  
Stedman's, Park Royal Plaza, Truscott Drive  
Beejay Camera, Applewood Village Shopping Centre, North Service Road  
Herron Chev Olds, 1525 Dundas Street E.  
Rifle Range Motors, 1019 Lakeshore Road E.  
Port Credit Cycle and Sports, 87 Lakeshore Road E.  
Weavers Shopping Centre, 1107 Lorne Park Road  
Gibson Willoughby Limited, 39 Dundas Street E.  
Living Lighting, Westwood Mall, Goreway Drive (Malton).

## More 'comfort' for town dogs

A dog's life in Mississauga may get even better if a parks and recreation report called for by town council urges more "comfort stations" for local canines.

Responding to a resident irate about the "unlimited defecation" in parks causing the "temporary degrading of our environment", councillors voted in favour of installing more stations.

The present experimental station in a Barsuda Drive park, consists of a fire hydrant surrounded by a picket fence.

Park's commissioner Ed Halliday said the station had been successful and noted that the facilities are inexpensive to build.

## Region plan paper approved

Warden Lou Parsons successfully maneuvered a position paper on a plan for Peel regional government through Peel County Council's municipal reorganization committee yesterday by a close 6-4 recorded vote.

Emphasizing that the meeting would be the last opportunity for the committee to guide the destiny of the 10 municipalities, Parsons warned that provincial advisors seemed in favour of a Peel-Halton alignment.

It would be difficult to ignore a Peel majority decision in favour of Peel only, he argued.

His paper recommended a Plan C that would amalgamate Mississauga with Streetsville and Port Credit in one municipality.

Parsons' position must be endorsed by county council at a special Sept. 7 meeting. He told The Times that based on the support he had received he would get approval from council. All municipalities are being asked to comment on the paper. If approved at council it will be directed to Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Darcy McKeough, who is expected to issue proposals on regionalism in early October.

Municipal objections to plan C will be appended to the paper, Parsons said.

He had called for local determination of a region structure last January. He said yesterday's approval was an "eleventh hour victory."

Streetsville Mayor Hazel McCallion, who has opposed amalgamation, said the paper had been "railroaded through" committee.

Parsons, Chinguacousy Reeve Robert Williams, Mississauga Mayor Chic Murray, Caledon East Reeve Ivor McMullin, Caledon Reeve Ernie Martin and Bolton Reeve Hyl Allan voted in favour of the paper.

## School wards for two towns

In a special meeting yesterday, Peel county council recommended that Port Credit and Streetsville each get their own separate members in any ward system for election of Board of Education trustees.

Council had already dealt with the matter once, leaving Mississauga, Port Credit and Streetsville to settle things among themselves. Mississauga said it would give up one representative to which it would be entitled, on the basis of provincially equalized assessment, so both the smaller towns could be wards.

It was later discovered that under the terms of the provincial legislation this wasn't possible without council's concurrence.

Thus yesterday's meeting left Mississauga with 10 representatives; Chinguacousy with two; Brampton with two; Caledon and Caledon East with one; Albion, Bolton and Toronto Gore with one.

The motion, sponsored by Mississauga Mayor Chic Murray and Streetsville Mayor Hazel McCallion was opposed by three council members.

Bolton Deputy Reeve Richard Whitehead, one of those in opposition, charged that if Streetsville and Port Credit got special consideration other municipalities should too.

## Man killed in head-on crash

A 23-year-old Kirwin Avenue man was killed in a head-on collision Monday on Eglington Avenue just east of Dixie Road. Denis George Hurdle, westbound, had just passed a car and returned to the right hand lane when he collided with a car attempting to pass an eastbound vehicle.

The driver of the second car Stanley Sheard, 32, of Carolyn Road suffered minor injuries.

No charges have been laid. A police investigation continues.

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"Motoring" down the Credit River, Ron and Margaret Milburn with sons Scottie and Leslie, enjoy the pleasure of an amphibious that's also a collector's item. See feature page 5. (Times Photo by Ray Saltz).

## PROGRAM FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS

# Lower Kindergarten entry age studied

BY SID RODAWAY

A junior Kindergarten program for four-year-olds and multiple admission dates for children starting school may be a reality before Christmas in Peel County.

The school board has decided to re-open the issue it shelved last year after discovering there are more than 2,000 empty Kindergarten spaces available across the county. When the present construction program is completed there will be 6,900 spaces available compared to 1972-73 enrolment predictions of 4,745.

The two proposals along with other alternatives for Kindergarten reform will be studied by a special committee with a view to bringing down a recommendation by early October so that changes can be implemented as soon as possible.

Board chairman Bill Kent set the mood for the debate when he urged trustees to take up the task of changing existing Kindergarten entrance requirements.

At present a child must reach his fifth birthday by Dec. 31 to enter Kindergarten in September of that year. If a child is four and turns five Jan. 1 he must wait until the following September to start school.

Kent explained that the board has long supported the principle of more flexible admissions to Kindergarten but the proposal was shelved last year because it proved too costly.

"The situation has changed around us since then and we must make a new initiative," Kent stated.

"Let's not wait for another year — instead let's do it as early this September as possible."

The chairman proposed that as a temporary measure the qualifying date for entry be moved back from Jan. 1 to March 31.

If adopted the move would create a situation where the oldest child entering Kindergarten would be five years and five months old compared to five years and eight months now. And the youngest child would be four years and five months old

compared to the present four years and eight months.

Kent said that many new residents in this area are being placed in a bind because they came from municipalities where flexible entry dates to Kindergarten are in effect and now they are told to keep their child at home for another year.

Trustee Tony Aston claimed he had received a dozen phone calls from parents requesting multiple entry dates. With flexible requirements in effect a child might enter school at predetermined times during the school year closest to his fifth birthday.

Trustee David Currey, placement officer with the University of Toronto, objected to the use of age as the determining factor of when a child starts school. "This is simply the replacement of one evil with another."

Currey feels a system of intellectual and physical readiness is the only valid method of determining when a child should start his education. If adopted a school principal or a panel of

judges would decide whether an individual should start when he is four, five or six years of age.

He urged that the board not miss this "real educational opportunity" to use the child's individual readiness as the deciding factor.

Dr. Ted Humphreys warned that the issue had more "emotional pull" than most. He noted that under the present system if a child turned five in January and had to wait until the next fall instead of starting when he was four it did not necessarily hurt him.

The education professor pointed out that studies show younger children in the lower grades don't perform as well as their older counterparts.

The problem of who would decide when a child is in-

tellectually ready to enter flexible system was raised by Doug Stockley. "Some parents would be overly protective and insist on holding the child back while others would be eager to dump their child — others might demand their rights when their kid is refused by the school."

A board study revealed that if the admission age is simply extended to March 31 for the child's fifth birthday it would result in 1,000 to 1,200 additional children in the system. The predicted Kindergarten enrolment for this fall is 4,745.

Although the system can readily accommodate the extra load it would necessitate the busing of children from some areas where schools are already filled to capacity to areas with space available. There are 22 such schools in the county.

The estimated cost of the date change runs to more than \$362,000 with most going towards the hiring of 34 teachers at \$8,000 each. Forty per cent of teacher

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## Port Credit is on both sides of OMB battle

PORT CREDIT — Town council here has found itself in the middle of an Ontario Municipal Board fight and has yet to decide which side it is going to support.

The town long ago approved a Morning Dew Developments Ltd. project for the ultimate development of 15 acres of land in the extreme southwestern end of the municipality.

Last November council okayed a zoning by-law that would permit the company to build two nine-storey apartment buildings on Lakeshore Road East and 36 single family homes to the immediate south running all the way to the lake.

However on May 18 of this year the same council approved the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's master Waterfront Plan. The plan calls for footpaths to wind up through the midst of the development along a minor creek bed — an impossible situation for Morning Dew.

When the agreement was signed Port Credit was convinced it was approving a general plan that allowed for variation when circumstances failed to allow for the paths.

Council passed a resolution clarifying the issue Aug. 8. "When we authorized that plan it was on the understanding that any new park development would be on new fill lands in the lake, not on private lands," Reeve Frank Leavers said in an interview.

At a closed meeting last Wednesday with the town, the conservation authority stuck to its guns and insisted that Port Credit had committed itself to the foot paths.

"I'm afraid we supported the authorities Waterfront Plan on the verbal description given to us in which we were told we could sometimes use streets in place of real park paths," Leavers said. "It would be nice if we could whack a 300-foot green belt down every creek but it's just too impractical."

Now the conservation authority has joined with the town of Mississauga and residents of nearby Ben Machree Drive to

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## Council okays studies of air sea rescue force

Mississauga council has given Reeve Lou Parsons the go-ahead on studies of an air sea rescue force for the town's six miles of Lake Ontario shore.

Parsons, who has been researching the project with deputy police chief Doug Burrows asked council for its approval before going ahead with exploratory talks with town boating enthusiasts.

He said he has already been offered support by various local pilots. Neither Mississauga nor Port Credit have rescue equipment at this time. Port Credit did have a river patrol but cut that short this year because of an acute financial situation.

Parsons and Burrows recently studied an Oakville volunteer organization known as TOWARF (Trafalgar Oakville Water Air Rescue Force).

A report on TOWARF says Oakville hires special officers for summer months, usually college students, who are paid \$2.25 an hour and supplied with uniforms.

These officers, the report adds, use a 14 foot runabout and patrolled both Oakville and Bronte harbours between noon and 8 p.m.

Oakville also has a 23-foot, 120 horsepower inboard fiberglass boat for harbour and rescue work.

The 14-year-old organization has 65 volunteers and receives a \$7,500 contribution from the town annually.

TOWARF was started by Oakville police shortly after the double drownings of two sea cadets in 1958.

Parsons said the town's contribution would have to be a boat and an additional annual contribution towards upkeep and maintenance.

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Cup finalists  
Two Mississauga peewee teams will meet head-on for the Ontario Minor Soccer Association Cup. Page B2.

Carrier party  
Mississauga Times carriers whooped it up during a party held in their honour Saturday afternoon. Page 3.

Opening talks  
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