

quiet the postal front

The assignment: Go out The assignment: Go out and get some pictures of postal workers on the picket lines in Mississauga. Well, as you can see, we got the pictures of the main city postal stations, but nobody on the picket lines. All-very puzzling. One would think there is no postal strike in no postal strike in Mississauga. But that can't be — we haven't gotten any bills lately.







# Peel Housing Corp. set up By SID RODAWAY dealing with corporations. for lack of such facilities here In the first vote, the During 1975, Pe

By SID RODAWAY
Peel is now in the housing
business with the creation of
the Peel Housing Corp.
(PHC), set up Thursday to
meet the housing needs of the
aged, the physically and mentally handicapped and socially
disadvantaged children.
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approved a recommendation

disadvantaged children.
Regional councillors approved a recommendation to incorporate the non-profit housing corporation. The action was taken in face of warnings from northern councillors that a PHC would eventually put the region millions of dollars into debt.

Under the present system of providing housing for senior citizens in need of some care and for handicapped and disadvantaged children, the region must deal through the contain Housing Corp. (OHC) to obtain federal funding.

Social services commissioner Jim Crozier explained that the new PHC will allow Peel to deal directly with the federal government to take advantage of the near complete funding programs that are available. Caledon councillor Richard Whitehead, a member of the social services committee, nointed out that Peel needed

social services committee, pointed out that Peel needed its own housing corporation because of new provincial government policies which have dried up the supply of funds for these types of projects.
"Without this corporation,

"Without this corporation, it could be eight to 10 years before Peel gets a third home for the aged," Whitehead said. "We have investigated every avenue of funding and there is no money available through any other way."

The Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the prime source of funds for such

prime source of funds for such projects, has a policy of only

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dealing with corporations. Whitehead said PHC would be a method of processing the

a method of processing the paperwork.
Caledon Mayor Ivor McMullin warned that too many provincial and federal government agencies were scheming to transfer their responsibilities to municipal and regional governments

responsibilities to municipal and regional governments. He called the incorporation vote a "foot in the door" that will eventually lead to big spending on the part of the corporation.

Crozier countered that the ground work for the third, fourth and fifth Peel-owned senior citizens' homes must be laid now. "We must lay the foundation of the future today."

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He said he had been in family court that same morning and seen a young girl sent to a special home in Toronto

for lack of such facilities here in Peel.
Peel pays \$43 a day for the 35 local "disadvantaged" children now lodged in special Toronto group homes. Crozier said the region must pay 7½ percent of the operating deficit of all homes for the aged, handicapped and disadvantaged — the capital and remainder of the operating losses are covered by CMHC.
Mississauga councillor Ron Searle complained that those people operating homes for disadyantaged children in Toronto were making a profit from Peel's children. He pointed to the fact that

from Peel's children. He pointed to the fact that although Toronto was forced to surrender its own housing authority to the province some years ago, that responsibility has now been given back to Metro, and it's working better.

In the first vote, the recommendation was defeated but was re-opened to council how all funds through Ontario Housing Corporation had dried up and incorporation of the region's own housing agency was the only workable alternative left. The final vote was 9-6 in favor of the PHC.

During 1976, Peel will spend about \$1 million on sending individuals to group homes outside the region. Whitehead said that if the local housing authority had been incorporated long ago, the region could have saved at least \$1 million on the Sheridan Villa Home for the aged in Mississanga through

### Cheque distribution

Unemployment Insurance Commission cheques can now be obtained by Mississauga residents at the Canadian Legion Hall at 456 Hensall

Circle.

Mail service has resumed in Brampton, Bramalea, Georgetown, Actor, Oakville and Milton, so cheques in

those areas will be delivered to the doors. This means the cheque-distribution centre in Brampton, where Mississauga residents were receiving their UIC benefits, is closing. The service at the Hensall Circle Legion hall will replace the Brampton office for city residents.

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## Transportation study nears completion

A study of urban transporta-tion facilities available to physically disabled people in Peel should be completed by the Peel social service department by early December and forwarded to the provincial

Peel regional council provincial cabinet and to Peel's three municipalities in an effort to improve specializ-

municipal transit systems refuse to co-operate the region might cover part of the cost of modifying buses or a portion of cab fares. He Social services commissioner Jim Crozier told council that part of the ask municipal transit system to modify buses with hand rails to assist non-wheelchair

disabled riders.

But Brampton councillor
Terry Miller predicted that no
transit system in Peel would ever agree to spend funds now without compensation. Crozier responded that if









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