

# McDonald's expansion plan under fire

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Over 100 ratepayers appeared at an Ontario Municipal Board hearing in Toronto yesterday to oppose commercial expansion of the McDonald's restaurant on Highway 10.

The national fast-food chain is appealing a decision by city council which refused its request to allow commercial expansion to the south.

The restaurant wants to demolish a home and put in more parking for its outlet, which causes serious traffic problems.

The restaurant is located 200 feet south of the Highway 10-South Service Road intersection.

The OMB decided yesterday to hear from residents opposing the McDonald's application next Wednesday. That session will be held in city council chambers.

Two OMB members began to hear evidence yesterday on the long history of the McDonald's site.

Andy Adamson of the city's planning department explained that the site was first used for commercial purposes as a small variety store in the 1930s. The property was eventually

rezoned commercial. When the store was demolished in 1971, McDonald's was built.

Residents have protested on many occasions about the traffic congestion and noise from the operation, located in what Adamson calls "one of the nicest residential areas in the city." Houses built last year in the area on Glenview Drive east of McDonald's have sold in the \$150,000 range.

Adamson termed the restaurant "incompatible" with the surrounding prestigious residential area.

McDonald's has withdrawn an earlier request for expansion behind the existing restaurant to the east. That was also rejected by city council.

Three years ago council recommended changing the Official Plan and zoning on the McDonald's property to residential from commercial. The board must also rule on that request.

If the city's proposal is approved, McDonald's could still operate there, but if the land was sold, the use would go to residential.

The OMB hearing continues tomorrow. Nine days have been set aside to hear the evidence.



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## First arrival in '79

Mark David Elmy is the first baby born in Mississauga in 1979. He arrived on the scene at 4:25 a.m., January 1, at Mississauga Hospital, which was about two weeks late. His parents are William and Carol Ann Elmy of

Falconer Drive in Streetsville. "He was supposed to be here by Christmas," his mother said. "He's here now and he's very healthy and we're quite happy." Mark David, who weighed eight pounds, seven ounces at

birth, has a brother, Brad William, who is 21 months. The Elmys have lived in Streetsville for two years. Mother and child are both in good health and expect to be on their way home tomorrow.

## At Radio Shack

# Agreement ends customer picket

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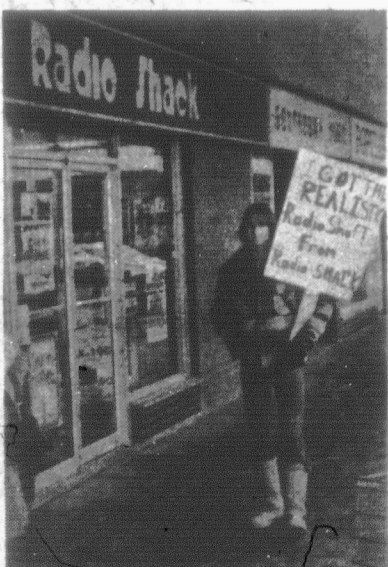
It's 10-4 for a Citizens' Band radio enthusiast who picketed Radio Shack at Southdown Plaza last Friday.

Tim MacDonald, 18, of Port Credit, who picketed the store most of the day to protest what he called "misrepresentation" by the store toward his girlfriend when she bought a CB unit for him, reached an agreement with Radio Shack Friday afternoon.

MacDonald, proprietor of Mac's Snowplowing and Weed Control, says the problem arose after he and girlfriend, Maureen Whelan, chose a 40-channel CB-unit in early December. He was to receive it as a Christmas present.

Miss Whelan, 17, later came to the store to buy the unit at a clearance price of \$159, using the company's lay-away program.

When he opened his gift on Christ-



Tim MacDonald

mas, MacDonald says he found a different unit from the one he and Miss Whelan had chosen. He took the unit back to the store and demanded the money back so that he could purchase the unit he wanted elsewhere.

But it may have been the method he used to demand his refund which created the problem. Store manager, Rob McFarlane and Mel Harris, Radio Shack district manager, received what they said were abusive phone calls and little co-operation from MacDonald when he told them about his CB unit.

MacDonald admits that he had been angry on the phone and in the store, but says he had never sworn at either McFarlane or Harris.

McFarlane says had MacDonald come to the store and quietly explained his problem he would have exchanged the unit at that time and possibly refunded the money — two procedures which are against company policy with respect to lay-away items, and particularly clearance items.

McFarlane offered MacDonald an exchange on his unit for a \$180 unit which was being sold at a Boxing Day price of \$149, \$10 cheaper than the unit he was given at Christmas.

MacDonald at first refused the exchange and the \$10 rebate, then changed his mind.

McFarlane sees the whole matter as a case of MacDonald not getting what he wanted for Christmas and figuring he had to be stormy to get some co-operation. He said it is likely Miss Whelan chose a different unit than the one she and MacDonald had looked at.

However, MacDonald now has a better unit than he bargained for a month ago and McFarlane has another satisfied customer.

# Disease test results awaited

Peel Regional Health Unit is awaiting test results from the Ontario Ministry of Health to determine if there are any more confirmed cases of Legionnaire's disease in Mississauga.

Dr. Robert Appleford, Peel Medical officer of health, said he is expecting final results to be available today.

The health unit has conducted tests on friends and relatives of a 41-year-old Mississauga man who has a confirmed case of Legionnaire's disease.

Tests were made after it was discovered the man's brother, who was visiting here from outside the province, had died of the disease at Toronto General Hospital in November.

The health unit will not reveal the man's name.

He returned to work two weeks ago after a three-day bout of what resembled the flu.

A 20-year-old Mississauga man who was admitted for testing to

Mississauga Hospital last week with a suspected case of the disease, has been released because tests were negative.

Symptoms of the disease included

vomiting or delirium, achiness, fever and chills.

A spokesman for the ministry of health said there are 17 confirmed cases of the disease in the province.

## THE LAW

### Fatal auto blaze probed

Forensic scientists, Metro police and the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office are still investigating a station-wagon fire which killed a 30-year-old Mississauga man. The car was behind the Beverly Hills Motor Hotel, near the Toronto International Airport.

Charles Thomas Jones of Constitution Boulevard was killed when fire spread from the engine to the passenger area of his 1977 Chevrolet.

Police say the exact cause of the accident is not known, adding foul play is not suspected, but has not been ruled out.

### Arson suspected in house fire

Arson is suspected in a \$25,000 fire at an Indian Valley Drive home last Wednesday.

According to Fire Chief Joseph

Robert Miller, the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office has been called in to investigate the blaze.

No one was injured in the fire.

### Man injured in plunge

A Toronto man is in serious condition after falling nine metres Sunday night head first into the hold of a lake freighter anchored off Port Credit.

Alvin Keeping, 22, of King Street

West, was taken to Toronto General Hospital.

The fall happened sometime between 7 p.m. and the time he was found, at 12:30 p.m. Monday, according to Peel police.

### Body of man, 22 found

The body of a 22-year-old man was found at a Streetsville business Thursday, but foul play is not suspected by Peel police.

The man, whose name won't be

released by police until next of kin are notified, was found at Kaleido Glass Co.

It's believed the man's family is on vacation.