

\$15,000 rides on this tenant's argument

Unless E. D. Cathcart of 60 Godfrey Lane can convince council otherwise, he will have to pay \$15,000 for renovations to the house he rents from the city.

In a May, 1975 agreement, Mississauga said it would pay up to \$20,000 for the renovations to the house Cathcart was leasing from the city on the Beavark park property. When the amount of renovation necessitated more costs, Cathcart authorized them without checking with the city.

Cathcart contends that the additional renovations were necessary to ensure sound structural quality, so he proceeded. After

several site examinations, city staff concluded that there was no structural failure requiring repair and most of the work was to improve "decorative conditions."

The staff's recommendation not to reimburse Cathcart for the additional \$15,000 he spent was on general committee's agenda this week. The committee agreed to defer the matter so that Cathcart can appear as a delegation to argue his case.

It is expected that he will appear before a general committee meeting in the near future.

Rec plans tied to school projects

If a large number of schools anticipated to be constructed by the Peel Board of Education are not built, as now appears likely, the city's recreational planning will be "thrown out."

So stated the recreation and parks commissioner, Ed Halliday, this week. He was commenting on the question of property on Michelle Row in Mississauga Valleys which had been designated for a school.

The recreation department assumes in its planning that school sites will

have certain accompanying recreational facilities, such as soccer pitches and baseball diamonds.

If a number of schools are not built, the city's planning is thrown out of kilter, he said. The school on Michelle Row is the third planned Valleys facility which will not be built.

Last week the city considered purchasing the land, but decided not to in view of possible market prices which it would have to pay. The issue was finally deferred for more information.

The committee decided to refer the question to the board for a decision along with all of the city's back-up information.

Councillor Mary Helen Spence said she was not surprised the matter had been dealt with by board staff and not the elected

trustees. "The trustees are the ones elected to make the decisions," she said.

Mayor Ron Searle said he would hesitate to act on a recommendation of school board staff. "We have to learn to deal with each other as elected bodies," he said. "It's about time we developed that kind of relationship. We would not send a recommendation of our staff's to the school board without our approval."

Mrs. Spence said "somebody has to provide the needed playing fields." She suggested that the board of education is responsible for the physical as well as the intellectual education of school children.

The city asked that the board deal with the matter at a meeting in the near future.

Board seeks closure policy

With emphasis on caution rather than haste, Peel Board of Education has taken the first step in the formulation of a policy to govern the closure of schools when enrolments drop below acceptable levels.

In a carefully worded motion, the board instructed the administrative staff to come up with recommendations on how to close schools.

In its deliberations, the administration will make use of the recently completed Cawthra-Graydon study which recommended the closure of Byngmount Senior Public School, and will also consider the opinions of interested community groups.

Until those recommendations are approved by the board, no schools will be closed, which doesn't please all trustees.

"We have schools that obviously should be closed and if this item is allowed to drag on as in the past, we'll never get any schools closed," said Caledon Trustee Archie Gould.

But Ward 3 Trustee Robert Skipper said the board would lose credibility and public confidence if it attempted to close

schools without first establishing the policy.

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Circulation records fall at library

Circulation of books and films is breaking records in Mississauga Library System. Book circulation in March was nearly 200,000, over 160,000 for March, 1976, and film circulation was 3,300 over 2,500 the previous year.

Libraries showing the greatest increase in use by the public are those which have new buildings.

Burnhamthorpe library, which moved into new premises last summer, has almost doubled its circulation over March, 1976 with an increase from 11,000 to nearly 22,000.

Malton library, which moved into the new community centre complex late last year, has increased its circulation from 11,000 in March, 1976, to more than 17,000 this year.

Park Royal library, which has expanded floor space, had over 13,000 circulation last March, compared to 10,000 in March, 1976.

Sheridan Mall library, which opened in November, is averaging between 9,000 and 10,000 circulation a month.

Deadline extended

The deadline for a photo competition — organized by Malton library — has been extended to Aug. 31.

The contest is entitled How We Live, Work and Play in Malton and has been extended so Malton residents can enter photos taken during the summer. There are prizes.

Classes include one for youngsters 12 and under; ages 13 to 15; and 16 and over. No slides, please.

For entry forms and more information, contact Malton library, 3540 Morningstar Dr.

Fill dumping to resume at Crookes Park

Dumping at A. E. Crookes Park in Lakeview is to begin again this week. The Credit Valley Conservation Authority approved an executive

recommendation to reopen the site, which was closed after there was some criticism of the operation by Mississauga councillors.

The executive closed the site because it felt the integrity and credibility of the authority were being questioned. City Councillors Larry Taylor and Mary Helen Spence

criticized the CVCA for continuing to dump fill after receiving three letters from the Ontario Ministry of Environment requesting them to stop.

The councillors also claimed the method of construction of the offshore headland had been changed without their knowledge.

The authority, acting on

a letter from a ministry of environment official indicating there has been no pollution, decided to proceed with filling. Their decision was received by city council last week.

Dump trucks should begin rolling into the A. E. Crookes site once Waterfront Manager Fred Williams has contacted area building contractors.

Williams has expressed concern about the amount of fill the authority has missed by closing down its site.

Williams has been concentrating his efforts at Port Credit Park where final landscaping and construction are proceeding. The manager is hopeful that the park may be officially opened by Sept. 1.

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