

### Local Initiative Program

In addition, in 1975-76, a total of \$545,148 of Local Initiatives Projects money was spent in Kent on many worthwhile socially and culturally oriented projects, which unfortunately, added little to the economic base of the community.

#### Recommendation:

*That in the future, all LIP grants to Kent County be made in co-operation with the Kent County Development Association and be in accordance with the Kent County Development Plan.*

### New Horizons

The New Horizons program from 1973-75 spent \$106,081 in Kent on 19 socially beneficial projects, but once again added little to the economic base.

#### Recommendation:

*That in the future, all New Horizons grants for Kent County be made through the Kent County Development Association and be in accordance with the Kent County Development Plan.*

### DREE Grants

And from 1969 to 1976, DREE grants of some \$332,000 were made to Kent County for a number of economic projects, but unfortunately there was no direction and development of a complementary milieu required for long term success.

#### Recommendation:

*That in the future, all DREE grants for industrial development in Kent be made in co-operation with Kent County Development Corporation and be in accordance with the Kent County Development Plan.*

### Unemployment Insurance and Welfare Payments

In addition, in 1975 some \$6.5 million was paid out in unemployment insurance, and an additional \$4.2 million in welfare to Kent residents.

#### Recommendation:

*That the federal and provincial governments award to the Kent County Development Association for each worker taken off the UIC and Welfare role by the Kent County Development Association development projects, one-half of the worker's project UIC or Welfare payment he would have received for the first year and one-quarter for each of the following 2 years.*

### Other Programs:

Other programs such as NewStart which had an annual budget of some \$1 million from 1969-74 and some \$1 million for the remaining two years and the