

Conservation Authority staff at Meadowvale will buy bottled water for their office headquarters until well problems at the

site can be solved. The well supplying the office has not passed Peel Board of

Health water tests. Authority members haggled over the best way to deal with the problem Wednesday. The purchase price of \$2.50 for a four gallon jug of water plus dispenser costs was called

ridiculous by one member.

The possibility of running water lines at a cost of \$6,000 from a well further out on the property was also discussed

then squelched as too expensive.
"It doesn't make sense to fool around with this from one meeting to another," commented a woman member from Caledon. "You're going to have a case of typhoid on your hands.

The Authority left the matter in the hands of the management committee and staff.

The overflowing well, which may be contaminated at the surface, will not be fit to use for three to five months ac cording to health officials.

Authority manager Harry Watson told the meeting that staff had the well tested "when the lumps started forming in

development at the west end of town.

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PORT CREDIT — Two members of the planning board here have resigned

suddenly - one in protest over the proposed 685-suite condominium

"This board should not be by-passed if it is to fulfill a useful function,"

Russ Wilson insisted as he announced his resignation. "Why waste our

Region bill expected in 2 wee

before the Ontario House within two weeks, according

to Councillor Ron Searle. Searle attended a special meeting with provincial treasurer John White and representatives of Peel municipalities late yesterday.
"There will be no change

government policy, Searle said, recounting White's words, "and it is still

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The open site was first

approved by council for a 1,100 suite high-rise apart-

ment project in 1968 and

received Ontario Municipal

Board approval the following year. The firm went

bankrupt last year and the land was sold to Carlton

Holdings in January by the

Peel County regional the government's intent to government will be proposed restructure or reform local restructure or reform local governments

necessary."
Searle said White argued in effect that county coun-cil's concern over his earlier statements, while un-derstandable, was a question of semantics, not a change in

government policy. Searle said White told Peel municipal representatives that "a delay at this point is unacceptable and that

legislation will be introduced into the House in the near future.

The inference was that legislation is virtually ready now," said Searle.

County council voted Thursday to petition White to attend the special meeting. The express purpose was to have him explain why the province has abandoned regional government in the rest of southern Ontario. Three of the four members

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voting against the meeting were from Mississauga. ere from Mississauga. Chinguacousy Reeve Dr.

Bob Williams introduced the motion as a response to statement House last week that the current regional government schemes are the last planned

Dr. Williams, quoting from past ministers of municipal affairs traced a pattern of commitment by the province to regionalism which he said

units in the province were absolutely inevitable.

"We gave our reasons to the people assuming that the province believed in them and we entered the region studies in good faith based on that understanding," Williams said. "I am at a loss what to tell my people

The Chinguacousy reeve said the 500,000 volt hydro line route decision had been postponed indefinitely along with the Niagara Escarpment study. The deter-mination of the parkway belt, promised periodically over the last two years, will

be postponed for another two to four months, Williams indicated. The parkway belt determine the location of Highway 407 which is a municipal boundary in Peel.

That boundary has to be determined before the Peel Region Bill is introduced at Queen's Park. Mississauga Reeve Lou

Parsons said Dr. Williams displayed the jitters of a bridegroom on his way to the altar He said the regional programs took in most of the urbanized part of the province in the golden

Rents going up

Apartment rents will probably rise by five per cent in Mississauga this year a move developers claim is needed to bring falling profits on apartments back to a reasonable level.

The average \$10 to \$12 rent hike is a market wide prediction prediction by Urban Development Institute (UDI) Apartment Group chairman Robert Strom. UDI claims its members represent about 75,000 rental suites in the Metro Toronto region including as many as

A spokesman for Strom told The Times the upwards escalation does not represent an industry wide decision, just the result of normal market pressures.

He said profits on apartments have fallen as low as five per cent in recent years because rent increases over the last decade have not kept pace with inflation in other parts of the economy. "A builder can earn more putting his money into

The resultant slowdown in rental 'apartments construction has changed the Metro situation from a renter's market to a leaser's market and officials are predicting that owners will now move to slowly establish an improved profit situation.

To prove their point that rental accommodation is the biggest bargain going today, UDI cites as yet unreleased Statistics Canada figures on inflation.

Using 1961 as a base figure of 100; construction wages have risen to 233, mortgage costs to 216, municipal taxes to 161 and construction material to 150. But rental accommodation has risen only to 124.

In comparison the cost of living index indicates home ownership costs have risen from the 100 mark to 188.

Eric Labourdais, an information officer with UDI, argues that the current antihigh density is resulting in a general reluctance on the part of developers to plan for future construction of rental

"But with 100,000 people streaming into the Toronto general area each year there is a growing need for rental units," he said.

Labourdais claimed these people must be able to find accommodation or the situation would turn to a crisis. He felt citizen groups fighting high density development are aggravating the



Norm Wong and Marjorie Griswald picket Mississauga Riding Stables on Dixie Road over condition of horses Monday. Subsequent Humane Society investigation found no animals in distress but the society will seek warrant to have veterinarian inspect animals. (Times photo by Ron Pozzer).

Carlton wants to build a 685-suite condominuim development now and town council has already given two of the required three readings to a suite levy agreement without con-

courts.

sulting the planning board Wilson feels there had Page 8 been a breakdown in communication. Council has SCHOOL SWAP TENSION argued that the developer can legally go ahead with Page 3 construction anytime he wants under the existing zoning so the planning board Fraser will run his need not be informed.

Many board members first learned of the stacked own shop Page 5 townhousing project when they read of it in the local Equipping an army Page 7 press May 9. "I wonder about the

future," Wilson said at the planning board meeting last REGULARS... week. He claimed there had been a change in demands for citizen involvement in planning and that some things "have by-passed us."

'What is our function?" he asked. He cited the recent Grey property planning ere town council rejected the board's mission said no findings (Continued on page 2)

Residents tried to block sale of home to musician

sleeping dogs lie. After all,

moving into the area.

48-year-old jazz star

"If anything, I would think

he is a great asset to the

area. He is a wonderful musician and I think we

should encourage people like

him to move to Mississauga," said one

Peterson, who has been

performing and recording

for 28 years, was born in

Montreal. Five weeks ago he

was made an officer of the

Order of Canada by Governor General Roland

The honour is bestowed on

we?

resident.

BY JOHN KERNAGHAN A small group of residents in the exclusive Sherwood Forest area have tried to pressure a Hammond Drive homeowner to not sell his home to jazz pianist Oscar Peterson, The Times has

learned. The Ontario Human Rights Commission sent an officer to investigate the sources of the pressure but a sman for the comspok could be made public unless

there was a board of enquiry. 'Mr. Peterson would have

just north-east of Sheridan Mall, said the sale of the home to the black pianist has

gone through. Several residents contacted by The Times said they had heard of a petition enjoining the owners not to sell the home, but the owner said there was no petition.

'It was just

distinguished Canadians who busybodies starting rumors have made major contheir bridge game. I think those people are very tributions to the nation, Peterson, who is per-forming in Chicago at present, was unavailable for embarrassed at their attitude now. Most of the talk

came from Robin Drive." Of 15 residents polled, four comment. said they had heard of a His secretary at Regal Recording Ltd. said she could not confirm whether he petition but no one had seen One said, "it is better to let

The owner of the Hammond Drive home and Robin we're all Canadians aren't Drive residents interviewed Most were incredulous refused to alloy that anyone would object to



Policy will give trees to lodge a formal complaint before we would call an enquiry," the spokesman a new lease on life Owner of the home in the \$100,000 home community

Mississauga council has proved by council. saved 90 per cent of the mature trees in a heavily wooded R-1 subdivision to be built on the old Roy (Lord of Fleet) Thompson estate on Mississauga Road.

At the suggestion of Mayor At the suggestion of mayor Chic Murray, the town engineering department has arranged with utilities companies to install lines down the centreline of the subdivision roads rather than on the sides as is nor-

mally done.
Deputy Reeve Grant Clarkson proposed a resolution, which passed council's general committee, to install centreline services in all heavily wooded areas destined for residential development, when ap-

QEW meeting

A public meeting on proposals to revamp Queen Elizabeth Way will be held tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Cawthra Park Secondary School.

Representatives of the engineering firm which designed the five alternative plans and representatives of the province will be on hand to explain the proposals.

Murray said the action in the Thompson estate sub-division being developed by G. A. Farantatos will save 38 feet of tree-cutting on roadsides.

Town engineer

last week he would try to talk public utilities into accepting the centreline installations in special instances. Normally, said, each utility likes to be four feet from any other utility line. They also consider it undesirable to have Bill to dig up small portions of

Anderson told councillors road to service lines. THREATENS RADICAL ACTION

Houlton gets Ottawa 'brushoff'



MICHAEL HOULTON

The federal government has answered Peel South MP Don Blenkarn's order paper questions on a possible for Michael Houlton's Can Ad Promotions Company but neither man is satisfied with

the result. Department Industry, Trade and Commerce told Houlton this week that it had no record of his sal and therefore the questions weren't ap-

"They don't want to answer me," Houlton said Friday from Ottawa. "I've talked to Alistair Gillespie (minister in charge of the department) at least three times and delivered a personal letter to his office as

well. He knows all about it." Houlton who has been lobbying for almost three months for the \$50,000 loan, said he had applied the system to the fullest extent. Honestly, I'm going to have to do something radical," he commented. "Maybe I'll go into Parliament and pound

on Gillespie's desk." The 23-year-old Mississaugan said he thinks the government is hoping he will go away. "I've been bounced around. They're just scratching the surface of

democracy up here." Blenkarn says he will bring the matter to the House's attention although he's not sure how at the

right. Maybe he never made a legal application. But that's just playing with words.

The MP claimed he had no intention of getting intopolitical gamesmanship with the government but he believes the answers given to his questions were designed to mislead.

"He got a technical answer," Blenkarn said. "It's not an honest one. It's a brushoff. They should have been frank "

Blenkarn, who can't see any possibility of the government financing Houlton's company said that if he were the minister, "I (Continued on page 2)

was moving to Mississauga. to be used for publication.

Agreement cools townhouse fight

Mississauga council's general committee has approved an agreement with two builders suing for a mandamus to force stacked townhouse approval on a Malton site.

The agreement would enable Lornal and Solmor construction firms to erect four 6-storey apartment buildings on 10.5 acres at the northwest corner of Darcel Avenue and Etude Both firms are controlled by Steve Barron,

who also proposes a four-storey stacked townhouse development at the northeast corner of Goreway Drive and Morning Star Drive on 1.5 Under the Darcel-Etude agreement being

formalized by the town solicitor, Barron would be required to restrict about one-third of the 604unit housing project to adults-only. That requirement would reduce the number of

grades K through 6 students in the condominium apartments. The density is about 56 units per

Mississauga planners have told council stacked townhousing produces about three times as many K (kindergarten) through 6 (Grade 6) pupils as normal apartments.

"I'm afraid of that project," says Malton Councillor Frank McKechnie. "It's been bothering ever since I realized what a mess it

would be Council has been battling the project in court and won the first round before the Ontario

Supreme Court. It is due to go to the Ontario Court of Appeals in June, but probably council's defence against the mandaumus action will be

Councillors were told by the town's consulting lawyer, Edgar Sexton, that the case was won on a technicality in front of the supreme court. He said the judge ruled against Barron only because (Continued on page 2)

Washrooms stay where they are

Public washrooms will be built at their proposed location in Jack Darling Park because the cost of moving them would be too high, general committee has

Town manager Dean Henderson told committee that the contractor had estimated it would cost \$7,000 to backfill the excavation already started in the park.

the matter back to the contractor after resident Dave Hart of Parkland Avenue complained. The washrooms would be within 53 feet of his lot line and 79 feet of his home.

Hart disputes the estimate of the contractor, saying a town discount for the company was not included in the cost. He says that if the figure of \$3,000 to excavate and put in a few footings is accurate, "they're doing business with the wrong people.'

The resident intends to fight the matter when it comes before council May 28. "It's their fault for putting it there and not telling people so we could object before they started "I still haven't been of-

ficially notified about what's going in there. I only found out by accident," Hart says.

He claims it's a \$7,000 mistake and the town should "grin and bear it." 'The councillors

dicated their responsibility" in letting parks and recreation people decide the washroom location without consulting residents. non-elected people were responsible for deciding the thing," he says. "It was council who should have

Hart says signatures from the overwhelming majority of neighbours in the area, opposing the present location of the

Bookie fined, jailed

A 43-year-old Claredale Road man was fined \$15,000 and sentenced to nine months in jail Thursday for bookmaking. Walter Chompski had

earlier been convicted of keeping a common betting house and unlawfully recording and registering On Oct 22 of last year,

Chompski's home at 1331 Claredale was raided by Detective Lew Lawson and Superintendent William Taeggert of the Mississauga police. Betting slips worth \$15,000 and a quantity of cash were seized

GAS LINE ROARS

A two-hour-long roar will break the peace in Erin Mills today (Wednesday) when natural gas is blown out a line between Burnhamthorpe Road and Dundas Highway.

During a three-week period starting today, Trans-Canada Pipelines will carry out reconstruction work on a 3,800 foot stretch of its Erin Mills pipeline.

At 8 a.m. today the pipeline section to be placed deeper in the ground will be "blown down." The company claims gas will dissipate harmlessly into the air but the process will generate considerable noise for about two hours. The work will take about three weeks and when it is

completed the section of line will be purged, also resulting in a loud sound of escaping gas for two hours. The project will deepen the 24 inch line's trench to allow a minium earth cover of four feet. The move will avoid con-

flicts of pipelines with other utilities such as water and sewer