

Changes confuse law

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Under federal law, he was allowed to drive; under provincial law, he was not allowed.

The situation was further complicated by another 1972 federal amendment. It provided that judges could find an accused person guilty of an offense, but grant him a conditional discharge without registering a conviction.

In other words, a person who is granted a conditional discharge has been found guilty, but has not been convicted.

He is not subject to fine or

imprisonment, but can be assessed court costs.

In the case of Regina vs. Bradshaw, a man charged with impaired driving was found guilty by the judge, but no conviction was registered.

His lawyer applied for a conditional discharge, which the judge granted.

The crown attorney argued that impaired driving carries a minimum fine of \$50, and does not fall within the discharge provisions of the Criminal Code's discharge amendment.

The amendment, he argued, forbade the granting

of conditional discharges for offenses which carried a statutory minimum punishment, and the \$50 fine was a minimum punishment.

The case went to the Ontario Court of Appeal where, on May 23, 1974, Justices Dubin and Jessup upheld the trial judge's ruling, with Justice Estey dissenting.

They agreed that the impaired-driving section did not carry a minimum sentence, and that the judge's decision fell within the Criminal Code's discharge provisions.

In writing his opinion, however, Justice Dubin commented that impaired driving was a serious offence

and discharges would not normally be appropriate sentences for the offence.

This decision has since been appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada and the case will be heard in February, 1975.

The result is that some judges are granting conditional charges, without convictions, which prevents the automatic suspension under the Highway Traffic Act from being implemented.

The provincial suspension is only in force when there is a conviction.

Other judges in other jurisdictions are convicting impaired drivers and causing the suspensions to

take place.

The confusion exists because the federal government intends that restricted licenses be permitted, but the provincial government insists that a full suspension is the appropriate penalty. The accused is caught in the middle.

The difference in viewpoints is widening. Otto Lang, federal justice minister, has announced that legislation is being considered which would eliminate the minimum fine and, in turn, eliminate the grounds for refusing a conditional discharge in impaired driving cases.

The Ontario government has replied by announcing the Highway Traffic Act will be amended to make the three-month suspension automatic where the impaired driver is found guilty by discharge or conviction.

In the meantime, some Ontario drivers are suffering the severe hardship of losing driving licenses which they need for work, and others convicted of the same offences are still on the road.

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and Len Stewart, town solicitor—both to the region as regional engineer and solicitor respectively; Dean Henderson, town manager, into private practice with Dick Withers, a former appointed member of council for Ward 2; Jack Corney, former town clerk, to the job or secretary of the Peel Region Police Commission.

To my knowledge, this position was not advertised. Special mention must be made here of Ken Rowe, former industrial commissioner. This gentleman has not been included in the 10 senior member of staff whom I previously mentioned.

In the Regional Bill, the function of industrial promotion had been taken away from the area municipality and was given to the regional municipality. Rowe applied to the Region of Peel and was hired, with the intention of beginning his duties there on Jan. 1, 1974.

For some reason, he never started the job and went to work for a local developer (as have other senior staff). When an administration changes municipally, provincially or federally, senior civil servants, particularly senior civil servants, often leave. This is a commonly accepted and understood phenomena.

In fact, in some administrations the resignation of all senior civil servants is called for in order that reappointments can take place at the commencement of an administration.

My administration, because of the very substantial change of character from old to new, would naturally have caused many of the older previous senior staff to consider a change for themselves. I will discuss in subsequent articles why a change of senior administrative personnel is necessary and inevitable in a new administration with new visions.

The citizens of

The Mayor states his case



Martin Dobkin

Mississauga can draw their own conclusions as to the reasons behind this attempted stampede of the most senior civil servants out of the Town of Mississauga. Vic Doerr, former senior member in the engineering department (he also went to work for a local developer), stated to Mrs. McCallion and myself that everyone went to the region to "get away from the public."

There has been an organized campaign directed against my administration to suggest that there was something unusual in previous civil servants with incompatible ideas to the new directions needed for Mississauga, leaving their positions as administrators of the public will.

My administration ought to be judged by what we do with the persons that we think can best help us to run the affairs of the City of Mississauga. We ought not, as some would politically attempt to do, be judged

by counting those people who no longer wish to be a part of shaping the new vision that we have been elected to create and implement for our citizens.

I am confident that the citizens of Mississauga will judge us by what we do. It would be helpful if the small minority in council would stop counting the resignations which naturally accrue, and start counting the excellence added to our present staff that will help me and the council and, in turn, the citizens of Mississauga, to have a happier and better community in which to work, live and in which to achieve their aspirations.

In the following months I will report to you the facts relating to other matters where there may be present misconceptions. It is one thing for the citizens of a community to speculate over general issues; it is another thing for the people who have elected me to have and know the facts. I look forward to providing them to you.

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