

Support for crosswalks

After a delay of several months Mississauga councillors have agreed in principle to a scheme for pedestrian crosswalks for the town.

But Acting Mayor Lou Parsons said this week that action may be taken to limit crosswalks to narrow roads with slow moving traffic.

He noted that routes like Dundas Street would be unsuitable for the pedestrian walks.

"That would be far too wide for a crosswalk. A motorist wouldn't be able to see a pedestrian on a far curb if it was snowing hard."

Mississauga deputy police chief Doug Burrows has said crosswalks are suitable only on narrow roads which accommodate high volumes of slow-moving traffic.

Parsons felt there would

be danger in not installing the walks.

"We have so many lines on our roads that some people think they're crosswalks and automatically stick out their arms to cross."

He said the nearness to Toronto had attuned people to crosswalks.

Council has delayed a committee decision on the walks because councillors fear they might create more accidents.

General committee received a letter — from Toronto deputy chief of police John Murray, who said, "I strongly endorse the pedestrian crosswalk concept, so long as it is introduced with adequate publicity; the crosswalks are properly used by pedestrians, and the motorists drive with proper

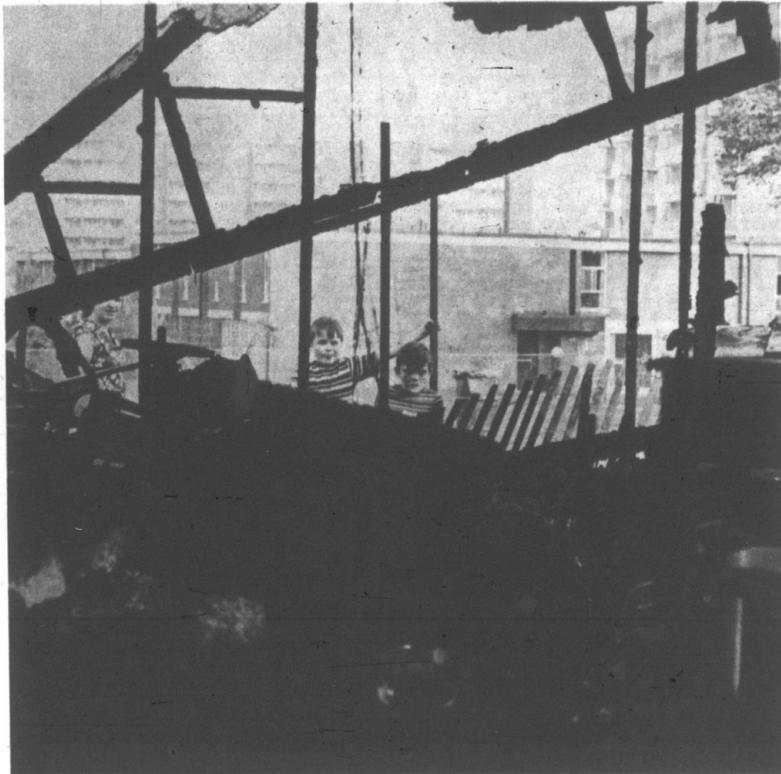
care".

The Peel County Board of Education has supported the crosswalks "provided no crossing guards are removed as a result of their installation".

The Dufferin-Peel County Roman Catholic Separate School Board has adopted a similar resolution calling for the walks in addition to the present system of crossing guards.

Town traffic co-ordinator John Bonvivero reported that 34 persons have died in accidents at Toronto crosswalks since 1966.

An engineering department report pointed out the confusion at school crossings where pupils new to the area are using the school crossings as pedestrian crosswalks.



Kenny King, 9 and David King, 11 examine the gutted remains of the Glenforest Youth Involvement Centre, which was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Arson is suspected in the blaze, which leaves 300 young people without a local drop-in centre.

One final fling at region solution

County council's municipal reorganization committee will have one final fling at resolving a regional government plan before considering a motion asking the province to expedite its own plan for a Peel region.

Speaking to county council, Mississauga Councillor Ron Searle called for the action to be taken because of "irreconcilable differences" among the affected municipalities.

A meeting of Mississauga, Port Credit and Streetsville councils approved the action more than a month ago.

At the time Searle said it was unreasonable to ask a

municipality to dissolve its own autonomy.

Under Plan C which the municipal reorganization committee has been considering, both Port Credit and Streetsville would be amalgamated with Mississauga.

Warden Lou Parsons, who has headed a movement for Peel to decide her own fate, urged that the committee have one final attempt to form a submission at a meeting Tuesday.

He said he would call a special council meeting following the outcome of the committee session.

No say in 1971 Port Credit election, 600 enfranchised

More than 600 Port Credit residents who were unable to vote in the town's last municipal election will be able to do so in future under new provincial government legislation.

Port Credit, unlike Mississauga, never did accept the so called "extended franchise" that would permit any Canadian citizen or British subject 18 years of age or older to vote in a municipal election.

Instead town council last year steadfastly insisted that only those residents who either paid taxes directly to the town or through their apartment rents had the right to vote.

During his active and successful campaign for a seat on council Terry Butt revealed that 611 town residents who voted in the October provincial election

were prevented from casting their ballots in the December municipal vote.

The group was made up of people 18 and older who still lived at home or boarded in a single room. Even if they paid for their accommodation they did not officially qualify as taxpayers and therefore were unqualified to vote.

When this year's provincial enumeration begins Sept. 5 these people will be included on the voters' list if they are a citizen or a British subject and live in the municipality between Sept. 5 and Oct. 10 according to Allan Grossman, provincial minister of revenue.

At the time Butt claimed council's refusal to at least hold a plebiscite on the matter was an indication of their disapproval of the

minimum voting age introduced last summer.

He determined the exact number of disenfranchised residents by comparing the town voters' list and the provincial voters' list.

His plea to follow the trend at extending the franchise to all residents met with little sympathy. Mayor Cy Sadington reflected the general attitude of council when he stated the Port Credit system was based on the premise that non-taxpayers should not have a say in municipal politics.

Although the next Port Credit council elections are not slated until December, 1973 the move will enfranchise the non-taxpaying residents of Port Credit in time for this year's board of education elections.

Tree planting program behind schedule

A town tree planting program is 12 years behind development and will not catch up unless the town allocates more money and encourages residents to plant their own trees, an engineering report to Mississauga general committee says.

"The shocking truth is that there are about 10,000 trees which must be planted if all streets are to be completed," the report states.

With a goal of 1,000 trees a year "it can easily be seen

why the homeowner becomes angry at the prospect of having to wait for as long as 10 years to get a tree".

Engineering head Bill Anderson said it is more likely the program is 12 years behind forecast plantings.

Councillor Frank McKechnie called for the immediate allocation of \$10,000 to speed up planting.

"What a difference trees make to a bunch of strawberry boxes in suburbia" he said.

Acting Mayor Lou Parsons replied that it was "one hell of a lot of money as opposed to citizens being encouraged to plant their own trees".

Councillor Bud Gregory felt the backlog was "a bleeding heart issue. I can't get excited by the problem. I don't think 10 years is too long. If people want trees they can plant them."

Committee agreed to two motions: one by Councillor Jack Kehoe that \$10,000 be taken from the town contingency fund at the end of the year, if available, to

supplement next year's program; and another by Parsons to encourage resident groups of more than 25 homeowners to co-ordinate their own planting with the town.

Sheridan College planning Mississauga campus dome

A modernistic, triodetic dome housing a 200-seat lecture theater will rise this fall at the Sheridan College School of Design campus on South Sheridan Way. The structure is part of a \$5 million overall expansion program for the Oakville-centred community college.

An approved budget of \$586,000 has been set for expansion and improvement of the Mississauga campus and tenders for the project are expected to be let in October.

The triodetic dome identical to the one at Ontario Place, will dominate the project with its aluminum exterior frame and brown steel inner skin. Inside, the dome will be lined with one and a half inches of spray-on foam insulation that will double as the visible interior wall.

Robin Bush, director of the School of Design, said the dome will cover the 200 seat lecture theater, seminar

rooms, foyer, cloak room and catering areas.

The theater will be equipped with sophisticated multi-screen projection equipment for use by both students and the community.

The front of the hall will feature a small lecture stage that will have the capacity to expand for dramatic performances.

Bush said the college chose the triodetic dome concept for the hall because it provides the most economical utilization of space and symbolizes an example of a first class engineering design for the students.

The overall School of Design expansion program is expected to be completed by next May and will almost double usable space to 46,000 square feet. Included in the project will be the integration of the four main studios of furniture and metal, fabrics, ceramics and research, and the photographic centre.

It will involve the complete redesigning of the face of the building fronting on the

South Sheridan Way and part of the western face. The portable classrooms will remain but will be renovated and screened from the road by a decorative wall.

For the first time the additional space will allow the School of Design to offer community extension courses at night as was originally planned when Sheridan College took over the former private boys school.

At the modern Oakville central campus the school will build a college-community centre including a theater workshop, a 530-seat auditorium and meeting rooms for 180 persons.

The centre will be part of the Phase 4 wing, housing the media arts division scheduled for completion in late 1974. It will consist of the auditorium, theater workshop, lobby-exhibition hall, restaurant and kitchen, and three meeting rooms.

In addition a new L-shaped wing will house instruction space, a new main entrance to the college, and a television and sound studio.

Counterfeit money found

A charge of possession of counterfeit money has been laid by police after two American \$100 bills were found in the luggage of a man going through customs at International Airport Sunday.

Baljet Garcia, 22, of Kohora, India was arrested. He landed at Malton after a flight that began in his native land.

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Peel Family Services appointees

County council has appointed two additional members to the board of directors of Peel Family Services.

Deputy Reeve Richard Whitehead of Bolton and Brampton Deputy Reeve S.H. Channey were selected.

Family Services asked for the extra appointments because it feels the county which helps fund the agency deserves the extra membership.

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