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## Police fire crossing guard crusader

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**NO REASON**  
Sgt. Yakuchuk says Dorothy McChesney got her notice because she refused to return to work without giving a good reason.

"We had to use other personnel on the crossings while they were in operation," Sgt. Yakuchuk says. "She did not consider the safety of the children. You can't just leave a post open where the safety of children is involved."

The officer says the guards are paid \$125 per month, which is more than the minimum wage. According to Mrs. McChesney who produced an employee cheque stub showing a gross wage of \$57.48 for a two-week period, guards get about \$115 a month.

Sgt. Yakuchuk says the pay of guards has been under review since the beginning of the year. Asked about the meeting guards expected near the end of April, the sergeant said he didn't know why the meeting had not been held. He was away studying at the time, he said.

The meeting is still scheduled to take place sometime in the future as far as he knows.

As to promises of raises, the officer said Mrs. McChesney misunderstood and took an investigation of the possibility of increases as proof they would come.

The job is designed to bring in extra money for housewives and retired persons and is not intended to be a family-supporting income.

Mrs. McChesney's husband is unemployed and her income helped support them, the sergeant said.

Part of the reason for the request for raises was Mrs. McChesney's desire to get unemployment insurance payments during the summer months. She received those payments in her first two years of employment. She has been a guard for four years and has had no increase in salary.

"The pay is substantial for the work they're doing," Sgt. Yakuchuk said.

Carol Gaynor, supervisor of the guards and a former guard in Mississauga said she was "quite happy" with the pay when she was working at her post. She said the money wasn't out of proportion for three hours work a day and said the job wasn't designed to be a sole source of support.

Mrs. McChesney claims

the job carries a tremendous responsibility not reflected in earnings.

The guards salaries come from the police commission budget.

Both Mrs. Gaynor and Sgt. Yakuchuk said Mrs. McChesney had an excellent record as a crossing guard. And Mrs. McChesney in return had nothing for praise for the safety officer and her supervisor.

## Council asked to resign

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on the \$1,000 levy and fought it out," Mackie declared. "Why should we be the ones to pay the social and financial costs — I suggest you should resign and put the town in the trusteeship of the province until the regional government takeover."

Susan Moore, a YMCA activity worker in Port Credit, objected to the plan because it would simply intensify the problem of an already inadequate recreation system.

"This council has lost the respect of the town," said David Ottman. "Its decisions no longer seem to benefit the people."

Mayor Cy Saddington told the crowd that any debt-burden (loans) incurred by the town in upgrading its trunk line sewer to accommodate the developer would be absorbed by regional government.

In a tear-filled condemnation of council town resident Frank Riggler announced his resignation

from the citizen-town committee set up last year to revamp the 1968 town plan. The process of re-planning has not yet started.

"Council assured us last year that they recognized the problem and would stop high density development with the \$1,000 levy — but you worked quietly to lower it to \$850," Riggler said.

"I do not intend to dance the dance of the puppet. I resign from the committee to devote my time to the town."

Mayor Saddington resented the charges that his council was insensitive to public involvement. "This council listens to anybody who wants to come and speak but there are some matters that must be discussed privately. We do not have secret meetings."

The most explicit counter argument to the plan came from Murray Mogan, president of the White Oaks and Lorne Park Ratepayers Association.

He cited the need for integrated planning with Mississauga particularly in light of last week's decision there to lower the density in the area adjacent to the Carleton property to single family dwellings.

"What is the hurry?" he asked. "If you encountered this only on April 30 I must agree that this is in indecent haste."

Mogan explained that the "bloom was off the rose for apartments" and that low-rise stacked townhouses offer as great or greater density problems as the original 1968 high-rise plan for the site.

Mogan urged a freeze on all development until the plans of Port Credit and Mississauga can be integrated under regional government.

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## Trees policy blocked

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someone told a nation that people would have to give up some of their rights in the public good. "That man was Hitler," the mayor said. "I'm not comparing this to Hitler, but the principle isn't that far off."

Councillors Dick Withey and Bud Gregory waffled and suggested the wording could be watered down slightly.

Murray put the clincher on referral back to committee by quoting SOTAS (Save Our Trees And Streams) president Mack Hancock. Hancock, a planner with the developers of Meadowvale, told council the resolution went beyond SOTAS' immediate expectations. He said it was out of phase with the SOTAS goal of first getting controls over trees on town-owned property and later expanding such controls to possible development areas.

Murray is adamant in his opposition to the resolution, but there is a good chance it can be passed without being diluted. Councillors will reconsider the matter today.

In other action, council ratified general committee approval of a town tree advisory committee and authorized a \$20,000 allocation to the parks department to establish and staff a trees section in the department.

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