

\$10,000 to keep it cleaner

Mississauga's general committee voted last week to help the Clean City Committee renew its efforts on a grander scale in 1981 to the tune of \$10,860.

The grant comes with the proviso that Clean City campaigners match that amount in private donations. The funds will be used to promote

Mississauga as "a litter-free, caring community."

Clean City organizers expect their 1980-81 operational budget to be about \$65,000. To date they've been financially supported by the Metal Container Manufacturers' Advisory Council (MCMAC) to \$20,600. MCMAC has pledged the same amount in 1981.

Who'll pay for Malton noise?

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An independent consultant's study of the noise problem in the vicinity of the CNR line through Malton supports the claims of Malton residents.

The study found that homeowners living adjacent to the railway tracks between Airport Road and Indian Line can't sleep or hold a conversation indoors when trains pass.

Most affected are homes which have bedrooms with frame exterior walls with aluminum siding. Homes with brick veneer, outside walls are about 10 decibels quieter, the study concluded.

The study, commissioned by the city, Canadian National Railway, Environment Canada and Ontario's Ministry of the Environment (MOE), was conducted by Vibron Ltd. of Mississauga.

A substantial reduction in the interior sound levels in the 200 houses most affected is possible, advised study researchers, if the following recommendations are put into effect.

Because the problem is worse in the summer when windows are open, air conditioning should be

installed in the first two rows of houses nearest the railway line. Estimated cost is \$320,000.

The bedroom windows in the first two rows should be replaced with factory-sealed double or triple glazed windows. Estimated cost is \$140,000.

Heavier drywall should be added to the outside walls of bedrooms in homes in first two rows with aluminum siding and heavier drywall to the ceilings of the bedrooms in all the homes in the first row. Estimated cost is \$246,400.

Last week Mississauga's general committee looked at the possibility of purchasing one of the houses next to the tracks for use as "a living laboratory" so researchers could test to find the best means of noise attenuation under real conditions.

The committee favored the idea but didn't feel the city should have to pay for it. Councillors voted to ask Mississauga North MP Doug Fisher and MPP Terry Jones to discuss obtaining funding with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Environment Canada and the MOE.

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