



Marie Wilson, left, got words of cheer from Pat Laur and Diana Wilson during an open house to help celebrate her retirement after 35 years with Township of South Dorchester. She had been township clerk for

21-years. About 150 persons took the opportunity to visit Mrs. Wilson at the event held in St. John's United Church, Springfield.

Open House

An invitation to all is extended for

A Retirement Tribute

for

Marie Wilson

Township of South Dorchester

Clerk-Treasurer

to be held at

St. John's United Church

Springfield

Sunday, December 4, 1994

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

For further information

765-4292

644-1644

269-3053

January 1995

Recycling a success in South Dorchester

Residents of South Dorchester are responding well to the new municipal waste recycling program, the January 9 meeting of township council was told.

Clerk Jane Battin said owners of Three County Recycling and Composting Inc. gave glowing reports about the co-operation of residents in the first week of collection.

The township contracted to deal with the Three County plant in Aylmer at a cost of \$76 a metric tonne effective January 1 of this year.

Officials at Putnam's Auto Centre Ltd., who collect and deliver the waste were also pleased with residents' co-operation, she said.

Residents are required to put waste products in separate bags. Dry waste that can

be recycled must be put in a blue or clear see-through bag. Material for composting can be placed in any other bag.

Councillor Paul Faulds asked what residents were supposed to do with other household waste that cannot be included with the weekly collection.

Reeve John Wilson said the material can be taken to a bin at Putnam Auto Centre on Saturday mornings. Unlike neighbouring municipalities, South Dorchester was not considering special collections four times a year.

Mr. Faulds asked about collection of old tires. He said a company in Lambeth area would handle such material.

Councillor Marlene Taylor said tires were not collected before the township adopted its recycling program.

Mr. Faulds said roads superintendent Dave Stover was faced with a problem collecting tires strewn along township roads.

Reeve Wilson said he was not aware of any problem with tires and suggested staff investigate.

Council agreed to discuss tire disposal later if staff determined that a problem existed.

CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DORCHESTER

NOTICE OF ROAD NAME CHANGES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Dorchester intends to pass By-law No. 747-96 to change and give names to all highways within the Township, pursuant to Section 210(111) (a) (b) of the *Municipal Act*.

The roads or parts of roads described in By-law No. 747-96 shall have the names given as follows:

Avon Drive	Lyons Line
Belmont Road	Mapleton Line
Century Line	Newell Road
Corless Road	Pigram Road
Crossley-Hunter Line	Putnam Road
Dalby Road	Ron McNeil Line
Dorchester Road	Springwater Road
Empey Road	Whittaker Road
Helder Road	Wilson Line
Imperial Road	Yorke Line

The complete by-law is available for inspection at the Municipal Office, RR#2 Springfield, Ontario (at Lyons)

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Council will hear any person who claims to be adversely affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard at the Meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 1, 1996, in the Council Chambers. The Township Council shall only hold such a hearing for applications received prior to March 28, 1996.

Dated at the Township of South Dorchester the 8th day of March, 1996.

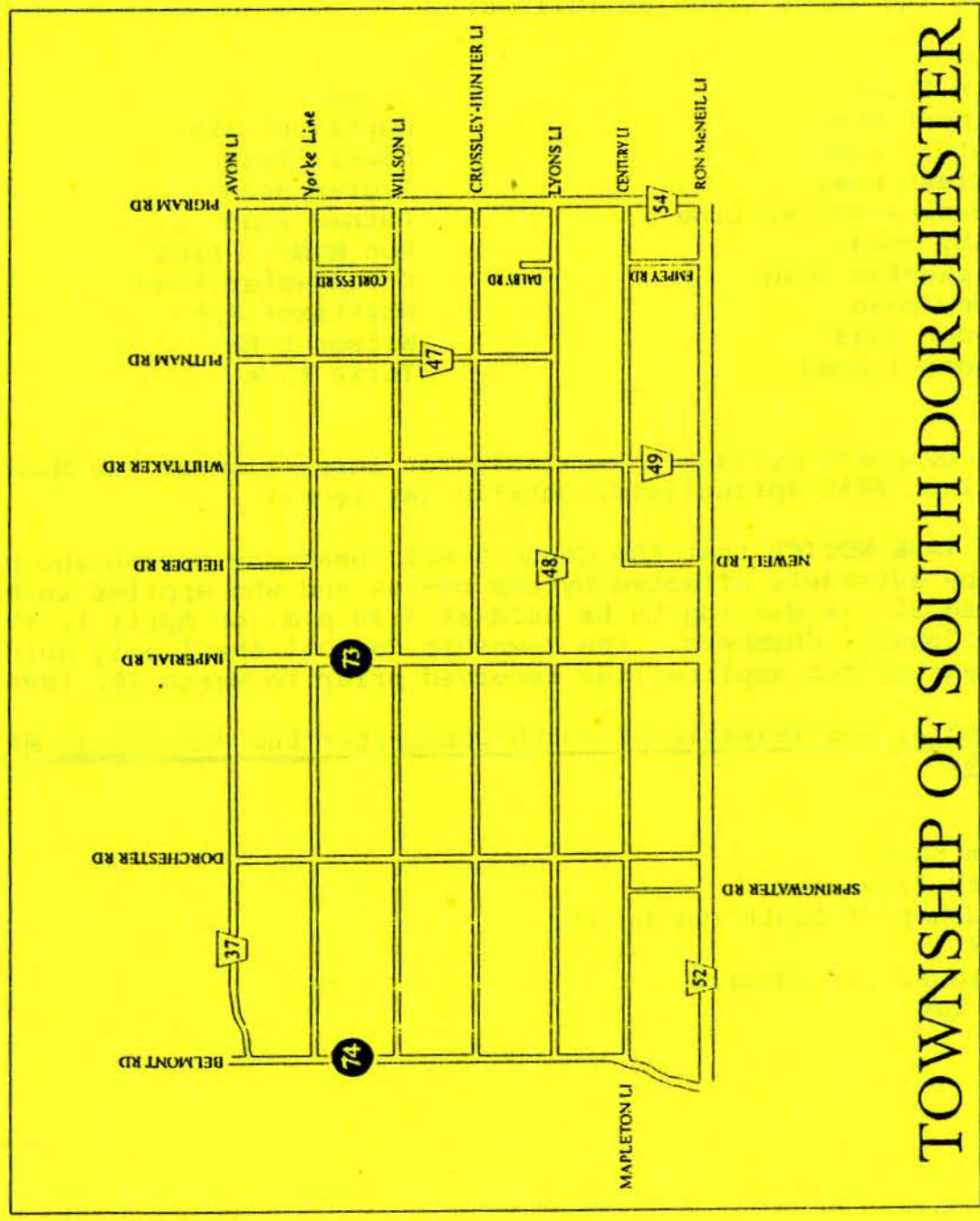
Jane Knapp
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of South Dorchester
RR#2
Springfield, Ontario
N0L 2J0

J. 34

Sp'd
March 11, 1996



PROPOSED ROAD NAMES

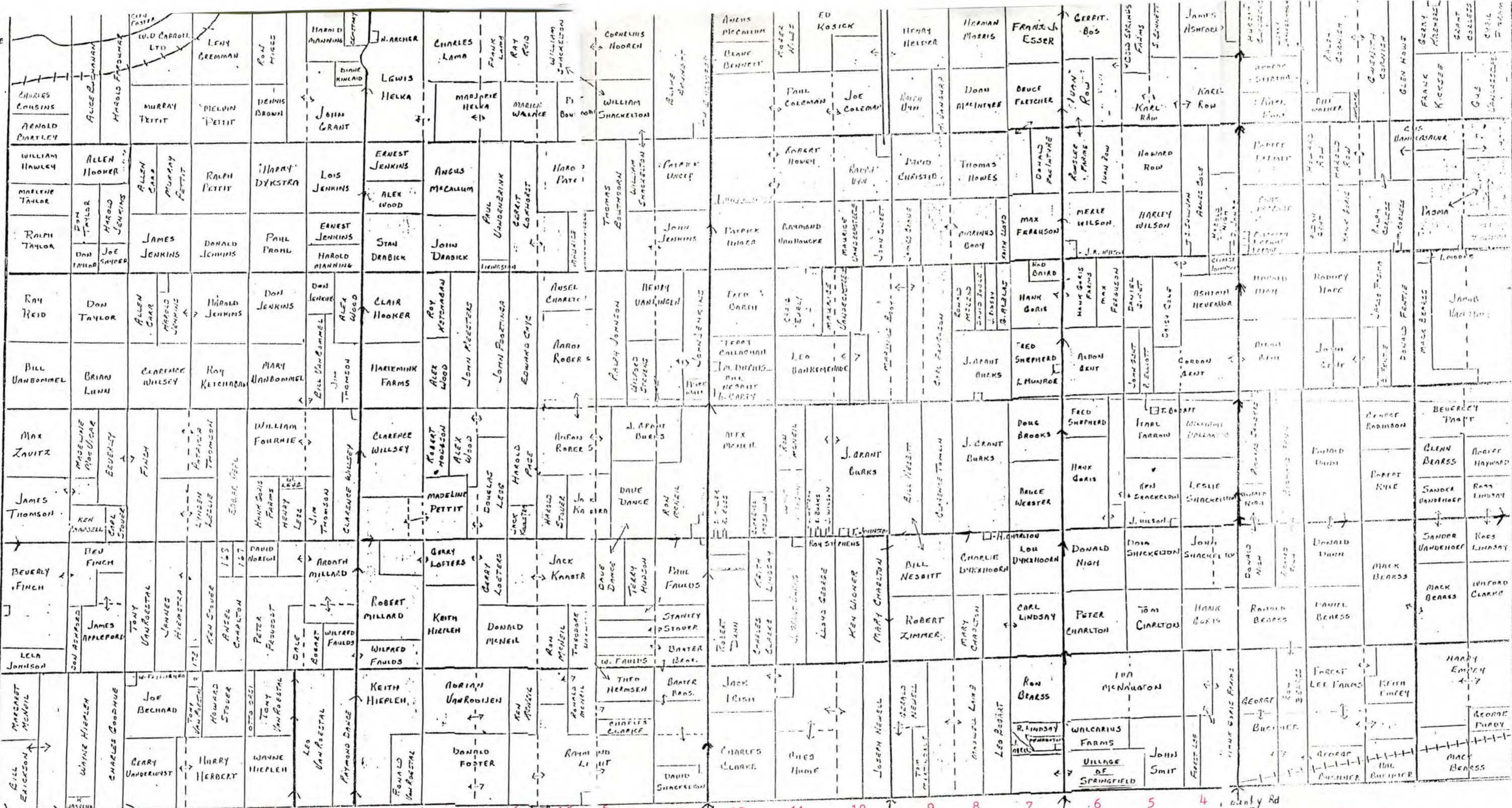


TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DORCHESTER

J. B.

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DORCHESTER

COUNTY RD 48



J. B.

South Dorchester Reeves

Continued from Volume 3, Section 23, page 259:

Mr. J.B. Wilson, R.R.1, Springfield, NOL 2J0	1953-1981
Mr. Robert Millard, R.R.7, Aylmer, N5H 2R6	1982
Mr. Clarence Willsey, R.R.1, Belmont, NOL 1B0	1983-1994
Mr. John Wilson, R.R.1, Springfield, NOL 2J0	1995-1997

South Dorchester residents denounce amalgamation push

by Rob Perry
of The Aylmer Express

Some South Dorchester residents at a public meeting in Springfield last week, denounced the rush toward restructuring of Elgin County, and the lack of an opportunity for everybody to vote on the idea.

About 200 residents of South Dorchester and Springfield attended the

meeting conducted as part of the county restructuring process by county consultant Dick Chowen.

Public consultation, and votes by municipal councils on two restructuring options, are a prelude to what is expected to be a county council decision on Thursday, March 6.

The forum was moderated by Chuck Knapp, husband of South Dorchester township Clerk Jane Knapp.

He is clerk-administrator in Kent County which recently saw its own restructuring effort dissolve in bitter feuding. A commissioner was then appointed by the province to impose restructuring by early April.

Elgin County council, trying to avoid the same fate, is now floating two options for restructuring. One would amalgamate the county's 15 municipalities into seven.

The other would carve the county into just three municipalities, East, West and Central Elgin.

Both options would probably impose a double-digit tax increase on South Dorchester residents, who currently have one of the lowest mill rates in Elgin.

Most of the speakers at the public forum in Springfield said they didn't want to amalgamate with anyone, but given a choice, would pick

the seven-municipality option.

A few speakers, from Springfield, supported any amalgamation, saying the county had too many municipal administrations for its financial good.

Public excluded

When one South Dorchester resident asked what would happen with any municipal surpluses, Mr. Chowen said county council could earmark the money for use in future only in the area it came from.

"So we as taxpayers have no say in this" the resident asked.

He asked if residents could try a legal challenge to force the Ontario government to allow a plebiscite before amalgamation, as was being attempted in Toronto.

Mr. Knapp said that was a question being asked across Ontario.

Vague guidelines issued by the Ontario government for restructuring gave no one but elected officials a say in the matter, he said.

g. H.
N. B.

August 1997

New unified municipality will be called Malahide

*Aug
1997*

The unified municipality of Malahide, South Dorchester and Springfield will be known as the Corporation of the Township of Malahide, effective January 1.

In a recorded vote at its August 12 meeting, the implementation committee unanimously approved a resolution by John Wilson and Bill MacIntyre that the new municipality be called Malahide.

The committee had advertised for public suggestions for a name, but none of some 75 suggestions caught the attention of the committee.

Mr. Wilson, reeve of South Dorchester, said he didn't really like any of the names offered. If he had to choose one off the list it would be New Malahide,

"but down the road it will probably just be known as Malahide."

"That name sitting right there seems to be most appropriate," he said pointing to the municipal crest on the wall of the Malahide council chambers. It had a long history in this area, he added.

Pat Unger of South Dorchester agreed.

Bill MacIntyre of Springfield said he too liked New Malahide but thought the word 'new' would be dropped after a number of years.

He considered the suggestion of Trinity but thought Malahide more suitable because of the long history attached to the name, including the Malahide Shield, a prestigious curling trophy.

Max Moore of Springfield

said his first choice for a name was Township of Springfield while Malahide was second. "But I'm sure Springfield will remain the heart of Malahide."

Bill Caverly said Malahide had a proud name in history and would continue to make history.

He said no matter what the unified municipality was called, the names of Springfield and South Dorchester would remain.

"And we'll make sure they do," Mr. Wilson said.

After the vote, committee chairman Andy van Kasteren congratulated the committee on its choice. He noted it would save money by not requiring a change of name on a large number of vehicles.

-AYLMER EXPRESS—Wed., January 8, 1997

South Dorchester Township

John Wilson

South Dorchester Reeve

Despite a reduction in provincial grants, we have been able to maintain our usual high level of service for our residents.

Our office is now fully computerized which greatly enhances our reporting status.

With staff diligence, township tax arrears are less than two percent of current budget. This results in a decreased borrowing cost and assists us in continuing to be fiscally responsible.

We also joined the St. Thomas-Elgin Co-Op Purchasing Group helping to maximize our purchasing dollar.

Our road department is on target with the Concession 11 Infrastructure Project.

The ditching was completed for the entire road and the "A" and "B" gravel applications were made for approximately 2 1/3 miles.

Our intentions are to continue with the reconstruction in 1997, enabling us to have the entire road rebuilt from Highway 74 to Highway 73, thus preparing the road for future Double high Float Surface Treatment.

Our drainage superintendent was kept quite active with the completion of three major municipal drains. Changes were also made to help improve our drain repair services.

A dramatic increase in building permits being issued was experienced in 1996.

More property owners were involved with building renovations of various types.

Our volunteer fire department once again conducted a very successful "Keep Kids Safe" Day Camp. Attendance was up 25 percent.

The Day Camp For Kids is another excellent public relations service provided by the Department at a minimal cost.

Our Volunteer Fire Department continues to provide excellent protection to our residents.

The Civic Addressing Project is well under way with the road name aspect already completed.

Road name signs and the Individual Property Identification Signs will be installed by the spring of 1997, thus leading the way for the 9-1-1 Emergency Service to be implemented at a later date.

We have completed a year of challenges that, I am sure, will carry over into 1997.

Reduced funding from the provincial government and down-leading of services is forcing municipalities to rethink the way they do business.

South Dorchester has had a history of being financially responsible and I am confident that will enable us to cope with the situation.

Restructuring and amalgamations of municipalities is being promoted by the provincial government and also by some local politicians.

This too could have a

dramatic effect on our entire county. Shared services and co-operation between neighbouring municipalities and the county could be a very important option in the future.

I will certainly not suggest that there is not some room for improvement in our system that has been in place for greater than 100 years.

However, I do not necessarily support the reorganization of our entire municipal system just for the sake of change.

Unless it can be easily proven to us that there will be significant savings and advantages, I do not intend to jump on the band wagon to dissolve our municipalities.

If it cannot be shown beyond doubt that there are many benefits and that it is in the best interest of the Township of South Dorchester and County of Elgin, I have to say, at this time, I cannot promote amalgamation and restructuring.

When elected as Reeve in the 1994 municipal elections, my intentions were not to be the last Reeve of the Township of South Dorchester.

I feel confident that with the multitude of human talents that exist in our county, we will be able to reach a solution that all our partners can live with and prosper.



Warden Perry Clutterbuck, left, and Deputy-Mayor John Wilson of Malahide plant a red maple at the Elgin County administration building last week to salute Mr. Wilson's late father. J.B. Wilson was reeve of South Dor-

chester and a county councillor for more than 30 years. Joining Deputy-Mayor Wilson at the tree planting were his sister Helen and mother Merle, middle.



Malahide Township employee Dave Stover, left, and Councillor Paul Faulds help Albert Baker of Aylmer unload hazardous waste from his truck. Municipal councillors and workers from Aylmer and Malahide participated in the annual collection at

Aylmer Parks building Saturday. The collection provides residents of both municipalities an opportunity to dispose of corrosive, toxic, reactive and flammable goods not permitted in normal municipal garbage collection.

October 16, 1999

Municipal councillors and workers from Aylmer and Malahide participate in the annual collection of hazardous waste at Aylmer Parks building, October 16, 1999.



Malahide Township employee Dave Stover, left, and Councillor Paul Faulds help Albert Baker of Aylmer unload hazardous waste from his truck. Municipal councillors and workers from Aylmer and Malahide participated in the annual collection at

Aylmer Parks building Saturday. The collection provides residents of both municipalities an opportunity to dispose of corrosive, toxic, reactive and flammable goods not permitted in normal municipal garbage collection.

October 16, 1999

Municipal councillors and workers from Aylmer and Malahide participate in the annual collection of hazardous waste at Aylmer Parks building, October 16, 1999.

AMALGAMATION

As of January 1, 1998, the Township of Malahide, Township of South Dorchester and the Village of Springfield will be amalgamated into one municipality known as the Corporation of the Township of Malahide.

Council meetings will be held on the first and third Thursday of every month at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office, 87 John St. S., Aylmer, Ontario, N5H 2C3.

The following Council will serve a three year term commencing January 1, 1998:

<u>Mayor:</u>	Mr. Andre van Kasteren R.R.2, Aylmer, Ontario, N5H 2R2
<u>Deputy Mayor:</u>	Mr. John Wilson R.R.1, Springfield, Ontario, NOL 2J0
<u>Councillor:</u>	Mr. Jack Dykxhoorn R.R.4, Aylmer, Ontario, N5H 2R3
<u>Councillor:</u>	Mr. Paul Faulds R.R.2, Springfield, Ontario, NOL 2J0
<u>Councillor:</u>	Mr. George Cleminshaw R.R.2, Aylmer, Ontario, N5H 2R2
<u>Councillor:</u>	Mrs. Kathleen Schaper 28, Elm St., Springfield, Ontario, NOL 2J0
<u>Councillor:</u>	Mr. Max Moore 23 Nelson St., Springfield, Ontario, NOL 2J0

RESIDENTS PLANNING NEW EAST ELGIN PARKETTE

Some residents of what used to be South Dorchester Township have formed a Millennium Committee and taken on as a project the establishment of a Parkette on Imperial Road (Hwy 73) just south of the former Township Offices in Lyons. The Parkette will include a parking lot rimmed by a row of hedges, a picnic table, a park bench and a commemorative plaque.



Don Foster, left, Clarence Willsey, Ron McNeil, and Aldon Gent took part in a ground-breaking and tree planting ceremony at South Dorchester Millennium Park in Lyons, October 30. The park, situated beside the former South

Dorchester municipal offices, was dedicated as a reminder of the historical heritage of the area. South Dorchester was merged with Malahide and Springfield January 1, 1998.

J. 54

RESIDENTS PLANNING NEW EAST ELGIN PARKETTE

The Millennium Committee will need funds for such an undertaking. For their first campaign, they plan a tour of homes on Dec. 11 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00p.m. and on Dec. 12 from noon until 5:00 p.m. Each home will be decorated by its owner to suit the festive season.

Wed., December 8, 1999-AYLMER EXPRESS-

Festive Country Home Tour

Dec. 11, 5-9 p.m.

Dec. 12, Noon -5 p.m.

*Featuring homes from
the former South Dorchester*

TICKETS \$8.00 AVAILABLE AT:

Blue Box Tearoom, Belmont;
Stop 73, Lyons; Flower Fountain
& Forget-me-not Gift Shop, Aylmer
or by calling 765-4460 or 644-1644

*Proceeds to the South Dorchester
Millennium Parkette*