

# Parks and Recreation head 19 years, Bill Hare resigns

W.J. (Bill) Hare has resigned after 19 years as the town's Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

Mr. Hare's letter of resignation was accepted by town council Monday in almost stunned silence.

Read by Town Manager Dean Henderson to whom it was addressed, the letter said Mr. Hare was leaving for "personal" reasons.

Council accepted Mr. Hare's resignation "with regret".

"Bill has been here, a long while and he has chosen to do otherwise," commented Mayor Robert Speck. "I think he has served the town well."

"He has made quite a contribution to this town," added Councillor Lou Parsons, one of council's representatives on the parks and recreation board.

Mr. Hare became director



**BILL HARE**

of recreation for Toronto Township in 1951 at the age of 25. In 1955 when the parks department was added he became commissioner and has held that position since.

His resignation will be effective Aug. 31.

In an interview with The News, Monday, Mr. Hare said he wanted to "take

some time out to relax and look at things."

He said he has been "tired and tense" recently and that his job, which involves many meetings, has been "wearing a bit thin on me and my family."

"I don't want to have ulcers by the time I'm 50," he explained.

Mr. Hare is 44 years of age.

"It doesn't have anything to do with any hassles," he said. "I just think it's time that I stepped out of the municipal scene for a while."

As far as future employment is concerned, Mr. Hare said he had "two or three irons in the fire." He said he wanted to stay in the recreation field but preferred not to be any more specific about career future.

"I've enjoyed every minute here in Mississauga and I don't plan on moving," he added.