

County assessment \$365,169,374 shows biggest increase since 1959

Reflecting the largest increase in assessment in Halton County since 1959, the county equalization by-law was approved by County Council Tuesday.

The by-law, establishing the basis on which municipalities contribute to county costs, is approved each year under the direction of the county assessor who equalizes the assessments of the various municipalities. According to Assessor Robert H. Beach, Georgetown showed the largest percentage of increase over the previous year, climbing by 22.9 per cent. Burlington led the actual assessment increase with \$18,328,155 assessment. The county's total assessment increased by \$50,339,289—9.06 per cent—to a total assessment of \$365,169,374.

In terms of population, the county has 161,167 residents, an increase of 9,197. Of that total, 43.6 per cent are under 20 years of age.

Georgetown, Esqueping and Nassagaweya showed increases in assessment that will reflect on next year's county rate. Oakville showed the largest drop in this figure, with other municipalities under a one per cent reduction. The per capita assessment in the county is \$2,266. Oakville is the highest at \$2,720 and Esqueping is the lowest at \$1,552.

The following table indicates the 1968 equalized assessment of Halton County and its percentage of the county total.

Municipality	1968 Equalized Assessment	1968 Percentage
Acton	7,547,960	2.06698
Burlington	154,147,010	42.21247
Georgetown	21,717,952	5.94736
Milton	10,536,090	2.88326
Oakville	149,476,208	40.93312
Esqueping	15,184,038	4.15808
Nassagaweya	6,561,109	1.79623
Total	365,169,374	

In his report to the county council, assessor Beach pointed out re-assessment is well underway in the county and this will be reflected in the assessment rolls to be brought in at the end of September this year.

It was also noted 32 of 38

councils in Ontario have adopted the county assessment commissioner system under which all assessing would be under the jurisdiction of the county. A special meeting of Halton County Council is scheduled for this Thursday to receive a further report on this subject.

Esqueping dubious about multi-million dollar mobile home park

Plans for a multi-million dollar mobile home park outlined to Esqueping council Tuesday night did not generate much enthusiasm.

Walter Miller said his company was interested in setting up the park somewhere between the township offices and Hornby.

"We're able to furnish homes the working man can afford into the \$6,000 to \$10,000 price range," he told council.

Councillor Pat Patterson said the township should be zoned so they could handle requests like this.

"It's getting into snow and water," predicted Reeve George Currie.

"We're willing to take only young married people with no children and retired people to keep the school rates down," promised Mr. Miller.

"I don't want to throw cold water on the scheme," said Mr. Patterson, "but those kind of people aren't likely to buy mobile homes."

"Newlyweds will buy mobile homes, then sell them for enough to put a down payment on a house," Mr. Miller answered.

"Mr. Assessor!" Reeve Currie called to Assessor Art Benton, "how do you assess these mobile homes?"

"You don't - you license them," replied Mr. Benton. License fees run from \$5 to \$20 but Mr. Miller maintained you could get enough on a lot to cover the services the township would need to supply.

Council was dubious. The reeve recited some of the services the people living in the mobile homes would need.

"Give this gentleman an answer after we talk to Mr. Steele," said Deputy-Reeve Tom Hill. Mr. Steele is meeting with Esqueping council to discuss zoning and an official plan.



SPRING FLOWERS, flowering trees and bushes den of Mr. and Mrs. C. Winn on Main St. N. make gardens in town and district a delight to behold at this time in the season. The garden is a composite picture of shades and hues almost any time during the growing season.

Halton riding

47,317 voters eligible

According to the preliminary voters' lists, 47,317 people will be eligible to cast votes in Halton riding on June 25. The revised

agents will be out gathering the names of those missed on the preliminary lists from May 31 to June 8.

The Halton returning officer's wife, Mrs. Gordon Blais said from all indications it was unlikely the final number would differ by more than 200.

The preliminary lists are in the hands of the printers and will be returned to the returning officer by May 29 and then released to the voters.

Approximately 40,000 voters will be eligible in Halton-Wentworth.

Highway to by-pass Acton?

A proposed meeting between the Department of Highways and four municipalities to hear re-construction plans for No. 7 Highway between Acton and Georgetown has been postponed until a later date.

Scheduled for May 23, elected representatives invited from Acton, Esqueping, Georgetown and the County could not attend the proposed date, J. McGachie told council at the last meeting.

Bumpers are circulating that the Department of Highways fields to by-pass Acton.

Aerial surveys of the area have been made in the last few weeks with the aid of mylar plastic markers which extend around Acton to Church Hill, along the town line between Esqueping and Erin townships.

C. of C. arranges candidates night

A "Meet the Candidate" night is again being planned by the Chamber of Commerce. The candidates haven't all been contacted to reach agreement on an available date as yet.

The Chamber of Commerce has sponsored these evenings for the past several elections.

Truck flips upside down in Longfield road ditch

Fred Kontner, Victoria St., escaped with cuts and bruises when the half-ton truck he was driving skidded, hit a hydrant

and flipped over upside down in the opposite ditch on Longfield Road. The accident occurred Saturday, May 18 at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Kontner was driving north on Longfield. He said he swerved to avoid a child on a bike. He received cuts to arms and hands, bruised shoulder, leg and head.

His passenger, Edward Ryan, Cooksville, received cuts and bruises. Mr. Ryan is Mr. Kontner's brother-in-law.

Mr. Kontner was treated by Dr. Garrutt.

Damage was estimated at \$2,000 to the truck, \$250 to the fire hydrant and a possible \$25 damage to a lawn.

Oakville drops swallow Milton merger idea

Oakville council will not seek amalgamation with Milton, as earlier announced. The merger was termed by Oakville Reeve Alan Day as a "shotgun marriage."

Milton is presently applying to the OMB to annex almost 2,000 acres from North Oakville. Oakville officials have said annexation would create a population explosion in Milton and Milton would be unable to provide adequate water and sewage services.

Milton is opposed to amalgamation because it would mean loss of autonomy but wants to annex land to cure the problem of being landlocked.

Further study move rejected

A move to refer a suggested mileage allowance for county councillors and staff for further study was rejected by County Council Tuesday.

Reeve H. Hinton, Acton pressed for clarification of the rate that set a mileage allowance of 12.5 cents for trips in the county and 10 cents for trips outside the county.

He maintained a trip to Toronto would require a mileage check to the county boundary and a further check to the destination.

Reeve G. Currie explained the intent was to make trips to Toronto completely at the 10 cent rate while trips totally within the county would be at the 12.5 cent rate.

When it was noted further clarification would be made as it reached the by-law stage, the motion to refer back to committee was defeated.

During voting and counting, the crowd enjoyed the award-winning film of Expo fame "A Place To Stand." The entire procedure took less than two hours.

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Tories jam

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to elect a member to join Robert Stanfield when he is called to form the government.

He commented that Erin used to vote Liberal and added, "I wouldn't be here if it weren't for a lot of Liberals who changed sides. The vote is there."

Mr. Snow agreed that Conservative support was high. He pointed out that in the last election the Conservatives held a majority of five or six votes at each poll.

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Fulton helps P. C. campaign

Peter K. McWilliams will get his election campaign underway next Wednesday with a meet-the-candidate meeting in Corongton Park. Pipers and fireworks will round out the event. Fireworks are scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

E. Davie Fulton, former Minister of Justice in the Diefenbaker cabinet and a contestant in the recent Progressive Conservative leadership convention, will be in Oakville May 29 as part of the P. C. campaign.

Proposed Esqueping budget up from 12 to 18 mills

A proposed budget which showed mill rate increases from 12.85 to 18.90 mills sent shivers down the collective backs of Esqueping council Tuesday night. They passed two resolutions they hoped might help to chop increases down.

First was a motion asking the Department of Highways to give some indication if the supplemental road budget will be approved. Without this information council can't set the mill rate.

Second resolution was directed to the township public school board asking them to meet with council to discuss their budget which if passed would make the school rate higher than the township mill rate. Purpose of the resolution? cuts in the public school budget.

Public school rates made the big difference in the proposed 1968 mill rate. The board is asking for 10.15 mill increase for residential property and a 10.05 increase in the commercial levy.

Proposed figures submitted by the auditor will likely come under careful scrutiny by councillors before the 1968 budget is finally set. The only places where the mill rate did not go up were in Georgetown and Acton Fire Areas. Slight reductions of .60 and .11 were recorded respectively in the breakdown for these two areas for fire purposes.

First in

P. C. candidate for Halton-Wentworth, Jim Swanborough, was the first candidate to file his nomination papers and his \$200 deposit. The deadline for filing the papers and the deposit is June 10.

Swanborough opened a fully staffed headquarters on Saturday following his nomination a week ago Friday. Riding president J. R. Sams said Swanborough would have good support from area Provincial members Ray Connell and George Kerr.

It is a funny thing about life - if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it.

Jim Snow

Change highway act

By James W. Snow M.P.P., Halton East

Again this last week the majority of the Legislature's time has been spent on the consideration of the current year's departmental estimates. These are now proceeding in a more orderly manner with the following departments being completed this week:

Agriculture and Food, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Citizenship, Tourism and Information, Department of Labour.

Several amendments have been introduced to the Legislature pertaining to the Highway Traffic Act. One of these amendments calls for more complete control of inspections of used vehicles offered for sale. All used motor vehicles whether sold by a dealership or privately, will now require a certificate of mechanical fitness. An important new section of the Act will require operators and passengers on motor-

cycles to wear safety helmets. While the use of these helmets has been encouraged in the past, they have not been made mandatory because there was no set standards which could realistically be specified for this kind of helmet to be worn. The Canadian Standards Association has now published specifications and performance standards for motorcycle helmets, so it is now practical to make helmets mandatory.

It has now been announced that the new Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario will be W. Ross Macdonald, who will take office on July 1, succeeding the Hon. W. Earl Rowe, who was appointed to the post five years ago.

Kernighan manager is Bob Nickerson

Halton's New Democratic candidate, Murray Kernighan of Milton, has announced the appointment of his campaign manager.

He is Bob Nickerson of 475 Avon Cres. in Oakville. Mr. Nickerson is international representative for the United Auto Workers in Oakville.

He succeeds acting campaign manager Ivan Armstrong of Milton. Mr. Armstrong continues as chairman of the election committee.

Mr. Green suffered facial cuts and leg abrasions. The Acton O.P.P. were first on the scene. Guelph O.P.P. took Mr. Green to Guelph hospital for treatment and he was later released.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Halton Progressive Conservative Association Cordially Invite You to Hear an Address by:-

The Federal Member of Kamloops and Former Minister of Justice and Federal Leadership Candidate

MR. E. DAVIE FULTON

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Decoration Day, (sponsored by His Worship, The Mayor and Members of the Council of the Town of Acton, the Canadian Legion, Women's Institutes, Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Acton Fire Dept., Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapters I.O.D.E., Acton Citizens Band, L.O.L. 467, Acton Lions Club, The Rotary Club of Acton, The Acton Ministerial Association, and the Y's Men's Club of Acton) is designed to honor the dead of two World Wars by placing wreaths and flowers at Fairview Cemetery, St. Joseph's Cemetery and Pioneer Cemetery. Citizens are invited to participate in the ceremony and at the same time decorate the graves of their own loved ones.

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PUBLIC MEETING

WHO - WALTER MILLER
(President of Ontario Farmers' Union)

WHERE - Hillsburgh Community Centre

WHEN - Thursday, May 30, 8.30 p.m.

WHAT -

- (1) Mr. Miller discusses current farm problems.
- (2) Panel discusses possible Government action. Discussion of Land Use Legislation.
- (3) Questions from the Floor.
- (4) Mystery Auction.
- (5) Refreshment Booth

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