

## Suggests Halton Start Planning For Own Regional Government

Halton County might do well to consider working on a regional government plan of its own, Halton East MPP James Snow said this week when replying to a question about reorganizing local level government. "Peel county council has started out with a committee to draft a regional government plan for the area. I think Halton might go ahead with its own," he said.

### Regional Bases

Mr. Snow, who said the Plunkett Report was "by no means a dead issue," suggested Halton could plan on a regional basis, possibly using the Niagara Escarpment watershed as a foundation.

"Peel's intention to forge ahead with its own master plan for the area was announced last week by Mississauga mayor Bob Spock. It envisages Cooksville as the core of a new 'super-city'."

The Plunkett study which considered the entire Halton-Peel area suggested that the region be split into an urban and a rural region.

Mr. Snow said chances of the Plunkett Report being discussed at house level in the legislature this session were poor, but added, "It may come up at the committee level."

He said the report would most likely be put before the assembly during the 1969-70 session.

### First Session

Mr. Snow made his comments after Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor, Earl Rowe, made his speech from the throne at the opening of the first session of the 28th provincial parliament.

The lieutenant-governor made it clear that regional government systems would be studied.

"The rapid growth of urban centres, accompanied by demands for economical high-speed transportation facilities, the provision of adequate water and sewage facilities, urban redevelopment and outdoor recreation, are of immediate importance," he said.

Mr. Snow was attending the assembly as a newcomer, with him, as guests, were his wife and son.

"My government will continue to move forward with its program to rationalize the system of municipal government in Ontario."

## Not Enough Support, County Council Smoking Ban Fails

With clouds of tobacco smoke rising in the air, Warden W. F. Hunter, of Georgetown (a non-smoker), read a motion to Halton County Council last Tuesday, sponsored by Deputy Reeve W. Hoey, and Reeve George Currie, that smoking be prohibited in the council chamber, and that a fifteen minute recess be called at the discretion of the warden.

Surprise registered on the councillors' faces, who had no warning of the motion. Laughing sheepishly they looked at their pipes, cigars and cigarettes.

The motion found favour with only four members. Three, Deputy reeve Hoey, Reeves Gallagher, and Currie are non-smokers, the fourth Deputy-reeve Art Speight is an inveterate smoker to use his own words.

Deputy-reeve W. Hoey explained it was not a facetious motion. "When I looked around at the visiting gallery of school children, and realized so many members, and press, were smoking I felt in light of medical evidence we should be setting an example."

The motion was amended to read a 'five minute recess' rather than fifteen but managed to muster only four supporters. The smoke will continue to rise in the Halton County Council chamber.

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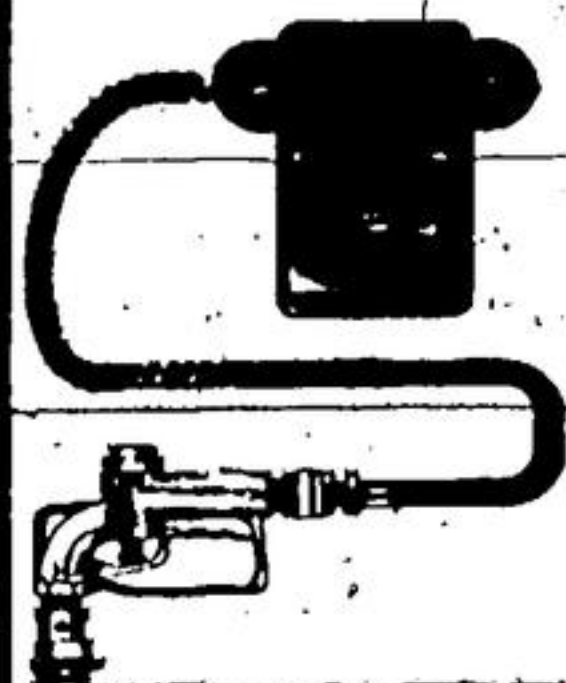
The proceeds from a fun fair and bazaar held last summer in Cedarvale Community Centre enabled the Brownie Pack to outfit the Brownies from the far north with uniforms, belts, hats, and sundry other items.

Most of the children come from such isolated spots they stay in hostels ten months of the year, while attending school. Since buying equipment of their own is out of the question, Brown Owl Mrs. F. Spingola and her Brownies decided they would "lend a hand" in the tradition of Brownies all over the world.

The Brownies will also keep in touch with the Fort Simpson group through an exchange of letters on their progress.

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