

# M.P. Sees Georgetown and Part Esquering, One Town

Halton East MPP Jim Snow wants to see the county's seven municipalities reduced to five to better serve the purposes of regional government.

Snow said this week he presented a draft plan outlining his recommendations to Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough two weeks ago.

He said the basic aim of his plan is to reduce the number of North Halton representatives on a central regional government.

## New Areas

The five new municipalities as he recommended them to the minister would include:

**ACTON** would take over that portion of Nassagaweya north of Hwy. 401 and Esquering Twp. west of third line.

**GEORGETOWN** would be linked with the rest of Esquering, north of Hwy. 401, including the villages.

**ESQUERING** and **NASSAGAWEYA** south of Highway 401 would be combined with the north halves of Burlington and Oakville and the Town of Milton.

**OAKVILLE** and **BURLINGTON** southern portions would be two separate municipalities. The East-West dividing line would possibly be lower Base Line.

Snow said the minister was "very interested" in his plan. He thought it certainly had possibilities, he added.

## Halton West

Snow's comments came after Halton West MPP George Kerr announced that the provincial government is holding back on regional government for Halton County until the Steele Commission hearings are complete. The commission is currently reviewing the Hamilton-Wentworth area with an eye on regional government there.

Both Snow and Kerr have said the province cannot go ahead with regional government in Halton at least until officials have seen the results of the study.

Kerr also revealed the Department of Municipal Affairs could establish neighbouring Peel county as a regional unit early as next year.

The department's plans were made known to Snow and Kerr in a top-flight meeting with municipal affairs minister Darcy McKeough and education minister William Davis early this month.

## No Schedule

Snow said although there is no schedule in existence to my knowledge he is predicting regional government will be set up in Peel a year later than Kerr says. Peel could be 1970 and Halton 1971, he said.

Asked if McKeough has indicated any preference for a particular form of regional government, Snow said he believes Queen's Park is open to suggestions.

Personally, however, Snow feels regional government for Halton would be more acceptable in a two-tier government.

## Regional Unit

The five new municipalities would be subordinated to the Halton regional government initially, Snow said. They would handle things like parks, recreation, fire and police departments. The more powerful regional government in this two-tier system would be responsible for sewers, roads, planning, assessment, education and other matter of broader significance, he said.

"Some may say this is only a glorified county system, but it would at least make the county government the senior body and the working government," Snow said.

On this basis if development warranted it, there could be a switch to a single-tier administration at some future date.

Kerr announced the province had something else in mind for the future. Halton and Peel could be combined by 1975 unless they expand more rapidly than Queen's Park expects they will.

## Issue Invite

Snow commented on the recent unanimous county council decision to invite provincial officials into the area to get on with regional government.

"This is the type of action the province appreciates," he remarked.

Noting that the select committee on taxation, of which he is a member, called for indications of local initiative, he said:

**WARDEN'S DINNER**  
A distinguished group of county people will be in town this Friday when Wm. F. Hunter, Georgetown's reeve and Halton's warden will host the warden's dinner at the Legion.

"This is an example of what we wanted."

In its report released in September the committee, headed by London area MPP John White, outlined a four step plan to establish regional government in various sections of the

province by 1971. White has since been named Minister of Revenue.

"I have been urging Halton County to proceed with studies on their own rather than wait for the iron hand to descend,"

Snow said. County council followed Peel's lead early this summer by beginning an internal study.

Peel has completed its brief and submitted it to the department of municipal affairs. So far there has been no report

from Halton and indications are that the study has been dropped.

"There is going to have to be a lot more work done at the local level before Halton is ready for regional government," Snow said.

## Mrs Hahn Prominent in Community Work

A Georgetown resident since 1962, Mrs. George William Hahn, 72, died in Georgetown hospital on October 21st.

Mrs. Hahn, who was the former Selma Hanson was born in Wheatley, daughter of Edmund and Aylide Hanson. After graduation from high school in Leamington she attended Macdonald Institute, Guelph, McMaster University and Ferrand School of Nursing in Detroit. She has been employed in pub-

lic health, industrial and private nursing.

Mr. Hahn died in 1960 and in 1962 she came to live with her sister Mrs. R. R. Corbett, at RR 1, Georgetown. She took part in many community activities here as a member of First Baptist Church, the Arts & Crafts of Georgetown, Peace Rose Chapter, Eastern Star the Weavers' Guild and Silverwood Women's Institute.

Survived by her sister, she was predeceased by a brother Hans of Wheatley and sisters Mrs. J. D. Macgregor, Toronto

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and Mrs. W. R. Waghorne, San Antonio, Texas. Rev. L. Wilson conducted the funeral service at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home on Wednesday evening, October 23rd. Cremation followed with interment in White Chapel Memorial, Troy, Michigan.

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*Hilda Wilson*

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