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COUNCIL WITHHOLDS EDUCATION MONEY

Refuse Payment of \$131,000 for February To New School Board

Georgetown council delivered a jolt to the Halton County Board of Education, Monday night, when they refused to pay the February requisition of \$131,000.

Reeve William Hunter, acting mayor for the night, since Mayor Emmerson was at a hydro meeting in the city pointed out this would make a total of \$150,000 asked from Georgetown for the first two months of the year.

Cr. Ric Morrow charged the demands without notice would destroy any planning, and asked for a representative of the board to explain their requisitions. "If we knew what the projected costs are over the year we would know what we are doing," he commented.

"I think they're on their own and can demand what they want," remarked the acting mayor.

Cr. Morrow "but as long as we sit here and accept, nothing will be done. If we let them know we won't accept it, maybe they'll let us know what they are planning."

Cr. Harry Levy claimed it was impossible to set a budget, with large amounts suddenly demanded with no prior notice. "They are increasing every month, and they tell us nothing," he concluded.

Cr. Donna Denison branded the Board, "a bureaucracy in the process of being built". "They have given us no satisfaction," she stated, "despite the fact we paid the first installment in good faith."

Cr. William Smith agreed with the previous speakers commenting, "I'm opposed to paying anything until I know where they're going."

Cr. Ern Hyde contended the objections should go to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Municipal Affairs. "We should know how the amounts we are being asked for compare with the amounts paid out during the same period last year. Then we will know on what grounds to voice our objections," he maintained.

Cr. Sandy Mackenzie wondered how the other municipalities were reacting. "Do we have any support or are we a voice crying in the wilderness," he asked.

Cr. Morrow urged the unanimous defeat of the motion to pay the bill, claiming it was one sure way of bringing it to immediate attention of the Board of Education. "This will show how dissatisfied we are, clearer than anything we can do," he remarked.

Deputy Reeve Art Speight claimed it was a legitimate charge and should be paid, despite the fact he considered their spending should be curbed.

Cr. Ern Hyde, also sought the defeat of the motion, "so we can start the pot boiling" were his words.

"If the Board of Education is going to put our mill rate way out of line, I'll use the only weapon I've got now, my voice, to oppose it till 1970" he challenged.

Cr. Denison stressed that she was not opposed to improving education and facilities, which she felt the new board would do, but only opposed the method.

Cr. Levy, too, emphasized it was the methods he opposed. The vote showed all, but deputy reeve Speight opposed to paying the \$131,000 requisition for February.

Council also decided to ask for a representative from the board to attend a committee meeting. "If we're going to ask let's go for the top, and ask for the chairman," commented Cr. Hyde.

HIT HEAD ON IN CLUB LANE

Neither driver was hurt when cars hit in a lane on North Halton Golf Club property Monday.

North Halton OPP reported \$700 damage to a car driven by Margaret Helson of RR 2, Georgetown, and \$300 damage to a car driven by Alan Beenee also of RR 2.

Constable Terry Devine investigated the collision which happened at about 3 p.m.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN



MICHAEL FOOT

The Georgetown Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society announced this week the 1969 campaign for funds in March will have as its chairman Michael Foot.

Born and educated in England, Mr. Foot is a graduate of the University of London in electrical engineering. He came to Canada two years ago and became a Georgetown resident one year ago. He is employed by Northern Electric at Bramalea as an electronic engineer.

An unsuccessful candidate in the recent municipal elections, Mr. Foot is a newly appointed representative for the Separate School Board on the Georgetown Library Board.

Ex-Councillor, Wife Wedding

A couple who have spent all their married life in Georgetown celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Costigan, 55 John St. E., were visited by a number of friends and relatives during the day to wish them further years of health and happiness. An extra treat were telephone calls from son Ray in Summitville, Ohio, and a grandson, Alex in Pittsburgh, Pa.

An employee of Abitibi Provincial Paper Ltd., for 37 years when he retired several years ago, Mr. Costigan was a Ward 2 representative on Georgetown council in the early forties.

Regional Government Politicians' Comments

When asked their opinions of the regional government proposal combining Halton and Peel recently unveiled by Minister of Planning and Development, Darcy McKeough, various politicians replied as follows:

Deputy Reeve Tom Hill of Esquesing, "I'm not in agreement with the township losing ten bottom lots. I think Halton should be left in a region of its own and Peel in a region of its own."

Reeve George Currie of Esquesing, "I haven't studied it enough to comment to the press."

Russell Miller, Councillor of Esquesing, "It looks like we have to have it, and it seems workable."

Reeve W. Hunter, Georgetown "If it works anything like the new school board, we'll be bankrupt."

Cr. Harry Levy, Georgetown, "There will be many, many discussions, but in the long run the proposal will go through."

Cr. Donna Denison, Georgetown, "It looks like it will operate somewhat similar to the borough system in Metro Toronto."

Cr. Ric Morrow, Georgetown, "The general idea is excellent. It should have been proposed and come into effect years ago. With minor boundary changes it should be beneficial to everyone concerned."

Cr. W. Smith, Georgetown, "My comment is no comment on the whole thing."

Cr. Ern Hyde, Georgetown, "I think area No. 4 (Georgetown Acton and part of Esquesing) should be chopped at No. 10 Sideroad, but that highway 401 should be the boundary. I think the area No. 5 created for Milton alone should not be there at all. Further the area Brampton is in is twice as large as ours. Population should not be the only consideration in representation, since our area is grossly under-represented. Finally the higher tier of government must be directly elected."

Name Hugh Powell Library Chairman

At a meeting of the Georgetown Library Board, Tuesday night, Hugh Powell was elected chairman for the coming year. Mrs. Dora Sutherland was re-elected treasurer and librarian Miss Marjorie Nazer was elected secretary.

The board is appointed by three bodies, the public school board, the separate school board and the town council. Two members are appointed by the separate school board three by the public school board and three by the town.

The members this year are, Mrs. Dora Sutherland, and Michael Foot, separate school appointees; Mrs. Alice Mintern, Howard Allen and Murray Healey, public school appointees; and Hugh Powell and Mrs. Anne Currie, town appointees. One town appointment is still to be filled.

If plans materialize as hoped a touring puppet show will be presented at the library one morning during the winter holidays. It may be necessary to open the library Thursday morning, the traditional library closing day. If so it will be open only for the puppet show.

'FILL-IN' WIN FIVE YEAR FILLY

A rink called in at the last minute to fill a cancellation took full advantage of the twist of fate to capture the Five Year Filly Bonuspiel at North Halton Curling Club, Friday.

The rink, skipped by Dot Simpson of Sherwood Park, was hastily added to the competition Thursday night through a telephone call after a rink dropped out.

The Simpson rink amassed 30 1/2 points to take the late morning draw and the trophy.

The early draw winner was the North Halton rink of Vivien Kruger which had 29 points.

Another North Halton rink, skipped by Marjory Allan, with third in the early draw with 21 points.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

An offer of purchase from Eden Mills Enterprises, presented by Dodokin and Sopinka, for 1.66 acres on Princess Ann Drive, was turned over to committee at Monday's council meeting.

The land is on the same side as the hospital, and would require a right of way near the hospital entrance. At present a right of way to the land goes through the hospital property. The price offered is three thousand dollars an acre.

Murray Dickenson, mayor of North Bay, issued a challenge to Mayor "Steamer" Emmerson to take part in a snowmobile race during North Bay's winter carnival. With the mayor absent from the meeting, no action was taken.

A letter from the Halton County Separate School Board asked the town to consider building sidewalks on Maple Ave. between Charles and Main St. Cr. Smith explained that this would be done if Maple Ave. is reconstructed.

Council approved a motion to prepare a by-law selling lots 8, 9, and 10 on the town owned industrial area to Wm. McNally. The terms and restrictions will be set out in the by-law.



MARLENE MAKES IT — Marlene Hume of Stewarttown Public School accepts the Legion Trophy from Georgetown's Branch 120 president Buster Hale, after winning the Halton Inspectorate No. 1 public speaking final in Stewarttown. Story and more pictures inside.

Ratepayers Assist Hospital Hear About Civic Matters

A well-organized Civic Night will probably be a yearly event for Halton Hills Ratepayers Association.

The meeting last Wednesday in the high school cafeteria, heard explanations of several municipal services by spokesmen for these groups, and ended with a question and answer period to councillors who attended.

The ratepayers showed their civic spirit when president David Berry presented a cheque, part proceeds from a fashion show, to hospital administrator Fred Whittaker.

Mr. Whittaker described the hospital to the audience, explaining that while operating costs are paid by the government, capital equipment has to be locally financed and such donations provide many necessary things.

He spoke of a 31-bed addition on the drawing board, held up for a time by a government freeze on construction. The

government pays two-thirds of the estimated million and a half dollar expenditure; the county \$6,000 — a bed but here again the rest of the money must come from local donations, he said.

Colin Blight, who represents Halton Hills on a new town safety committee explained what that group is doing, with particular emphasis on the problem of open ditches and excavations in new subdivisions.

While municipal authorities will do all in their power to ensure safety, he said, a parent also has an obligation to train his children not to play in dangerous areas. He mentioned that it is illegal to carry or discharge loaded rifles in town, and that some people are not complying with this.

The committee is investigating the possibility of a joint phone number for fire, police and ambulance emergency calls, he said. This is available from Bell Canada but has been little used in Ontario.

"We can do our best as a safety committee but remember the public are the real vigilantes," he concluded.

Tom Massena, speaking for the volunteer ambulance association, made an urgent plea for more recruits.

He sketched the GVAS history from its start in 1957 with a '51 Chev. sedan-delivery to the present two vehicles, one of them a '67 Cadillac equipped with every lifesaving device possible.

The service has covered 75,000 miles and made 2,500 runs in its 12 year history, a proud record for the volunteer unpaid force of public spirited men.

"Beautifying our homes as well as the community" is the aim of the Horticultural Society said Herbert J. Herder, as he explained how this active group serves the community.

In a public way, the society will continue its plantings in (Continued on Page 18)



CUPID'S KIDS — Santa Claus has his legion of elves, but Dan Cupid with no army to call his own, has to enlist the help of kindergartens types to do his handiwork. Above, Carmen Lorusso and Tara Bludd take great care in fashioning tokens of their affections to surprise mom and dad tomorrow. They are pupils in Mrs. Frank Cleave's kindergarten class at Chapel Street Public School.



Mayor Wheldon Emmerson welcomes the Ajax Midget hockey team captain during the opening ceremony of the Georgetown Midget Hockey Tournament Friday. Beside him is tournament chairman Earl Neil. The Georgetown player facing the camera is Tri-County's Midget scoring champion Juri Kudrasovs.