

**Inaugural session**

**Regional Council meets Thursday**

Halton's new 25-member Regional Council will hold its inaugural meeting on Thursday evening at Burlington Central after being sworn in by the Lieutenant-Governor, W. Ross Macdonald, for the Province.

Members of the council, shown here, were elected on Oct. 1 and the representation is indicated below with nine members including the Mayor from the City of

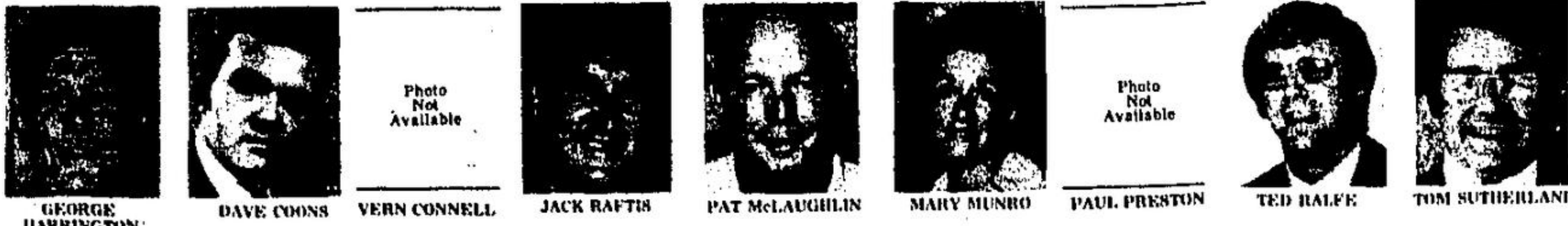
Burlington, seven members from Oakville, five from Halton Hills and three from Milton.

The new regional council will take on many of the responsibilities that have traditionally been the responsibility of municipalities. In the past the county council has been represented by two people from each of the seven municipalities. The new council will more closely follow the principle of representation by population.



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**Coxe blames "big bureaucratic machine"**

Halton County politicians are being whipped into line by a big bureaucratic machine, Esquering Deputy Reeve Len Coxe told the administration committee of Halton County Council Monday. The committee was discussing the new major hydro line that will go through parts of Halton County.

Coxe said the hydro consultants had proposed lines that would run either through the north or south of the county and had people in each part of the county pushing it the other way.

"It's amazing some of the places in the province they want to put that line. It doesn't make sense at all," Coxe said.

Discounts reason He discounted the environmental impact factor as a key reason for a decision, noting that there would be environmental impact all over the province.

He advocated a route further north than Halton's boundaries and suggested that would be more viable than the proposals suggested by consultants. He said the county council should demand a meeting be held in the county.

Warden Anne MacArthur told the committee of a discussion with an engineer in Halton. The engineer had told of tunnels built underground in Europe in which to suspend hydro cables. She said the people of Ontario should join together and force the government to take a serious look at that aspect.

Representing Halton Federation of Agriculture, Harold Middlebrook said there was no way the hydro line would be put under-

ground and there was no way it would be put north of the county.

Middlebrook said the Ministry of Agriculture had endorsed the same approach the Federation adopted in favoring the 401 route.

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Wipes out house She told the committee one proposal would wipe out her house and barn and the other would bring the line to within 700 feet of the house. She said she could live with the second proposal.

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**Region inaugural gala event**

The inaugural meeting of Halton's first regional council will be held in the area's largest hall and even that won't be large enough to hold all those invited to the ceremony.

The event is planned for Thursday night, Oct. 18 at Burlington Central High School.

The school auditorium holds about 600 people and those who do not get into the main room will watch the event on closed circuit television in the cafeteria.

The Hon. W. Ross Mac-

donald, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario will conduct the swearing-in ceremony. Provincial Treasurer John White and MPP's Jim Snow and George Kerr will attend the function at the school and the reception at the Holiday Inn later.

The swearing-in and inaugural meeting are expected to take less than an hour.

Mrs. Susan Jacobs, secretary to regional chairman Allan Masson said all of the newly elected councillors as well as those now serving on municipal councils in Halton have been invited, along with some industrial VIP's, representatives of the various Chambers of Commerce and ministerial associations in the county.

She noted the invitation list had to be cut a little short of what organizers had hoped to have, because of the seating limitations of halls in the area.

Chairman Masson met members of the regional council last week at an informal luncheon at the Mohawk Inn, Campbellville.

Meets early He plans to hold the first meetings of the regional council as soon as possible and figures on each committee and the whole council meeting twice each month. Masson has suggested working with only three committees—administration, works and community services.

The regional council will decide when and how often the council meets and it is likely it will also decide how much members are to be paid. The early meetings of the regional council will be held at the county council chambers in Milton until new quarters are found for the region. No firm decision has been made about moving the headquarters out of the building or renovating the building now shared by the province and the county.

The 25-member council will include the appointed chairman, Allan Masson of Oakville, as well as nine members from Burlington, seven from Oakville, three from Milton and five from North Halton. One delegate from each town will be the mayor.

First for 14 Fourteen of the 25 members are not currently members of Halton County Council and several are making their first efforts as a municipal councillor.

Mayor-elect Anne MacArthur along with Nassagaweya Deputy Reeve Jim Watson and Milton Deputy Reeve Mrs. Marjorie Powys will represent the new municipality of Milton.

Each has several years of municipal work behind them. Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill will share that municipality's representation at the regional council with Esquering Deputy Reeve Len

Coxe, Reeve Pat McKenzie from Acton, Georgetown Reeve Ric Morrow and Georgetown Deputy Reeve Ernie Sykes. Sykes is in his second county council year, each of the others has at least three years experience at that level.

Burlington Of the nine Burlington Councillors on regional council, Dave Coons is the only member currently on county council. He was first elected in 1969 as Deputy Reeve and has served in that capacity ever since.

Mary Munro, Pat McLaughlin, Mayor George Harrington, Paul Preston, Jack Raftis, Tom Sutherland, Ted Raife and Vern Connell will join Coons in representing Burlington on the council.

Munro, McLaughlin, Harrington, Raftis, Sutherland and Connell all sit on the Burlington Council at this time. Raife is a newcomer to municipal politics.

From Oakville will come Mayor Harry Barrett, a former member of county

council, Reeve Terry Mannell Deputy Reeve Archie Donaghey, former Mayor McLean Anderson and incumbent councillor at the local level Gordon Brown. Bill Mason will join the regional council after a one year absence from municipal politics. He served on Oakville council in 1972.

Responsibilities The regional council will assume responsibility for health and welfare services, a regional road system, police except for those areas policed by OPP, a regional waterworks system and sewage system.

Local councils will continue to raise taxes, operate some roads, maintain and develop parks, operate a recreation program, and have limited responsibilities in planning.

The regional council will accept responsibility for overall planning, approval of draft plans of subdivision and the operation of Emergency Measures Organization.

While the municipalities will be responsible for garbage collection, the region will have to dispose of it.

**Seven councillors at Halifax meeting**

Halton County Council was well represented at the national road roads convention in Halifax last week, Oct. 7 to Oct. 13. Members of the roads committee Warden Anne MacArthur, Acton Reeve Pat McKenzie, Georgetown Deputy Reeve Ernie Sykes, Esquering Reeve Tom Hill and Burlington Reeve Les Preston attended. Preston was defeated at the polls Oct. 1 and ends his term Jan. 1.

Esquering Deputy Reeve Len Coxe and Nassagaweya

Deputy Reeve Jim Watson are not members of the road committee but both accompanied members of the committee on the convention trip.

Losses, stays home Milton Reeve Bob McCuaig had planned on making the trip but was defeated at the polls October 1 and decided against going.

Oakville Reeve Terry Mannell was re-elected and is a member of the roads committee but did not make the trip.

**Italian most popular second language here**

Just over 90 percent of Halton County residents claim English as the language most often spoken at home and their "official tongue" according to a Statistics Canada report issued this week.

Italian is the second most popular language with 2,325 Halton census respondents claiming it as the language "most spoken at home". German was third at 1,815; French fourth at 1,615; Ukrainian fifth at 660. A total of 5,520 residents claimed "other" main languages.

Census tabulations (in 1971) showed 10,810 of Hal-

ton's 190,465 residents were bilingual in English and French. There were 335 who said they spoke French only and 1,435 who said they spoke neither English or French.

Separate statistics for Georgetown's 17,050 population in 1971 show 16,335 English; 370 French; 100 German; 15 Ukrainian and 235 "other" languages used as the most common language at home.

Georgetown residents told census enumerators that 15,965 spoke English only, 105 French only, 915 both French and English, and 45 neither French nor English.

**Georgetown woman heads home care**

Halton Home Care Program recently appointed Mrs. Eleanor Whitecock as administrator to the program. Mrs. Whitecock lives in Georgetown. She replaces Elizabeth Johnston who resigned for personal reasons.

The program run by Medical Data Services of Toronto recently finished its first year of operation. The program allows people to be allowed to leave hospital earlier than they ordinarily would, by providing medical care in the home.

One advantage is said to be lower cost, and some medical

people believe patients recuperate better in their own homes than they do in hospital.

Average 21.2 days During the first year the program had 345 patients admitted, handled 7,694 patient stayings on the program for an average of 21.2 days.

Of those admitted to the program, 104 were referred by Oakville Hospital, 14 from Milton District Hospital, 16 from Georgetown District Hospital and 63 from other hospitals outside the county. One hundred people were admitted to the program

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I regret not being able to represent you on our regional council. However, I hope to be able to continue working for our Community in other areas.

I congratulate Mr. McKenzie and offer him my support for his 3-year term of office.

Thanks again for the opportunity of serving you over the past 5 years.

Sincerely  
Peter Marks