



GROUP FROM Acton travelled by bus to Toronto to see the provincial legislature in action and visit with their member, the Hon. George Kerr. The trip by bus was arranged by the Acton Progressive Conservative Association.

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**Costly package**

# Region balks at police pensions

Members of the Regional Council's Administration and Finance Committee expressed alarm, surprise and anger when they were advised that the Region would have to pay close to \$750,000 to cover retroactive payments in a retirement plan for the police officers joining the Halton Regional Police Force on Jan. 1.

The legislation in Bill 151, a Bill implementing regional government in Halton, states all policemen joining the region who are now members of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System shall be entitled to the same supplementary plan as established in Burlington.

In Burlington the town has been paying dues in OMERS for years of back service for police officers—as far back as 18 years. The OMERS plan is a relatively new plan. In other areas OMERS dues are paid but not retroactively.

Committee chairman Ric Morrow said there should be no objection about paying into OMERS from now on but the retroactive clause in unrealistic. "If Queen's Park says it should be retroactive, let them pay it. It's their legislation," he charged.

Morrow said the province thought it had solved a problem by a stroke of the pen but in fact a monster had been created.

"Those who feared costs of regional government skyrocketing can stand up and applaud because it looks like that's what is going to happen. We're on a confrontation course and we've got to win. Any debt incurred through payment for retroactive pensions has to be paid by Queen's Park," Oakville Councillor MacLean Anderson said.

Milton Mayor-elect Anne MacArthur expressed concern about areas in the northern part of the region that don't realize benefit from the policing service.

Burlington Mayor George Harrington said the region should be allowed to use funds

earmarked for capital projects in the startup fund to cover the cost or at least part of it.

Morrow said he was upset because if the legislation is not altered the police commission, which will have to negotiate police contracts with the police association, will be without what could have been an excellent

negotiable item.

Defiant stand  
Morrow urged the region to take a strong defiant stand in the matter. He suggested taking the matter to court if it came to that.

Chairman Allan Masson told the committee he had already written to the province asking for subsidization on the item, but wasn't optimistic at all.

## Council considers committee decisions

Decisions of the committee of adjustments for the Township of Nassagaweya were considered by the township council at the Tuesday night meeting.

Consent was granted the following submissions:

—The application of F. R. Herensberger and R. O. Herensberger for a variance from the township zoning by-law for permission to erect a change house for an outdoor swimming pool.

—The application of Foam-boro Centre Properties Ltd. for a variance from the zoning by-law concerning a construction error, locating a house five feet, four and a half inches instead of 10 feet from the south lot line. Since the lot abutting is a corner lot and the house proposed fronts on an adjacent street, the request was granted.

—The application of Douglas and Anne Pearce for a separation of 200 acres, to be sold to the Halton Region Conservation Authority which intends adding the lands to abutting HRCA holdings.

—The application of Herbert James Brown for a separation of 10.05 acres from his holdings of approximately 110 acres, to be held for agricultural purposes. The entire holdings are to be sold and the prospective purchasers wish to register the lands separately although

they are to be held by one family.

An application of Colleen and Samuel Hokanson to sever approximately 50 acres from their 110 acres, although conditionally approved by the committee, was defeated by council.

—Consent was denied by the committee of adjustment and these decisions upheld by council on the following submissions:

—The application of architect Hugh MacMillan for a variance from zoning by-law 11-67 to permit an accessory building in front of a main building for use as an office for a professional person.

—The application of Joan M. and Joan B. Harcourt for a severance of five acres from their approximately 99 acres. Their intention was to construct a new residence on the remaining holdings which front on an unopened road allowance.

—The application of Joseph Tazair for permission to sever half an acre from the applicant's holdings of 92 acres.

—The application of John M. and Joan B. Harcourt for a severance of five acres from their approximately 99 acres. Their intention was to construct a new residence on the remaining holdings which front on an unopened road allowance.

—The application of William James Mahon for a separation of 8.8 acres from his 30.3 acres. A second application for a separation of 12.7 acres was also denied.

**Obituary**

## Oliver J. Moran funeral Oct. 26

A retired farmer, Oliver John Moran died in Guelph General Hospital Oct. 24, after an illness of two days. He was in his 81st year.

Funeral service was held at the Humley Shoemaker funeral home Friday, Oct. 26 conducted by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie and interment was in Brampton cemetery. Pallbearers were nephews David Moran, Stewart Tyndall, Norman Tyndall, W. R. Johnston, Thomas Ruston and James Hewson.

Mr. Moran is survived by his wife, the former Mary Roberts Semerville; sisters Margaret (Mrs. H. Riston), Agnes, Valda (Mrs. N. Hewson), Jenn (Mrs. S. Tyndall), and Jessie. He was predeceased by his parents William Moran and Isabelle Marshall, sister Barbara Isabella and brother David William.

Mr. Moran was born at Brampton August 11, 1893, and attended Brampton

schools. Mr. and Mrs. Moran were married at Brampton and lived there before moving to Acton 20 years ago.

## Instructors given raise

Teachers providing home instruction in Halton for the Halton Board of Education are in for a raise from \$5 to \$7 per hour at the elementary level and from \$6 to \$8 per hour at the secondary school level.

The raises are the first in at least five years. Superintendent of Academic Operations John Graham told the board. Home instruction is provided for students confined to their home through illness or injury for prolonged periods of time.



HALTON WEST M.P.P. George Kerr lunched with 40 of his constituents in the MacDonald building, Toronto. He chats with Gail Maltby, who organized the trip.

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