

Will study charge

The method of charging back costs of sewer and water projects to Halton area municipalities from the region will be investigated further by the regional administration committee.

Councillor Archie Donaghey said he agreed with the method of charging back, but wanted a more detailed report on how the matter should be handled.

Joint projects

He noted a comprehensive study should be made in order to establish long range objectives. He noted there was no mention of how joint water or sewer projects should be paid for. "Should they be charged back on an assessment basis, a population basis or a usage basis?" he asked.

The charge-back policy has been a contentious issue and has significant ramifications concerning the actual operation of the region.

Call museum "fire trap"

Halton County Museum was described as "a blasted fire trap" during a meeting of the Regional Council's Community Services Committee Monday.

Councillor Len Coke of Halton Hills made the comment during a discussion of the museum budget. He said one dropped match could spell the end to the whole museum and the exhibits in it.

Councillor Tom Sutherland of Burlington suggested having a study made that would indicate ways of guarding against fire.

Carry on

Regional Chairman Allan Masson told the committee if the fire co-ordinator was asked to report, he'd recommend closing it. "The museum is an old barn. A barn is a barn. You either get a new building or carry on with what you have," he added.

Councillor Terry Mannell of Oakville suggested investigating the possibility of special devices that would detect a fire in its early stages.

Curator Erla Brittain was to report back on that count. Mannell said that with detectors and security checks that are already being made, the danger of fire could be controlled.

Budget up

The museum budget represents an increase of almost \$15,000, jumping from \$52,825 last year to \$68,377. Because of the need for additional help last year the budget was overspent by over \$4,000.

Major increases in the 1974 budget were attributed to increases in the staff complement. Mrs. Brittain told the committee it would be necessary to have five full time employees. A housekeeper and assistant for the maintenance man had both been employed on a part time basis during the past year. Both persons will be needed full time, the committee was told.

Major expenses

Major expenses include \$36,587 for salaries of regular full time employees, and \$5,058 for summer help and guides.

Capital equipment was estimated to cost \$3,580 and capital building will include an estimate of \$4,190.

The budget made provision for heating and air conditioning in the Craft House. That building has been limited in use because of the extreme temperatures. Fuller use could be made if the building had air conditioning and heating, Mrs. Brittain said.

Improvements to the main building, the Richmond School and the Alexander House were estimated to cost \$4,190.

The budget will go before Regional Council at a budget meeting soon.

Renew licence but no change for opening

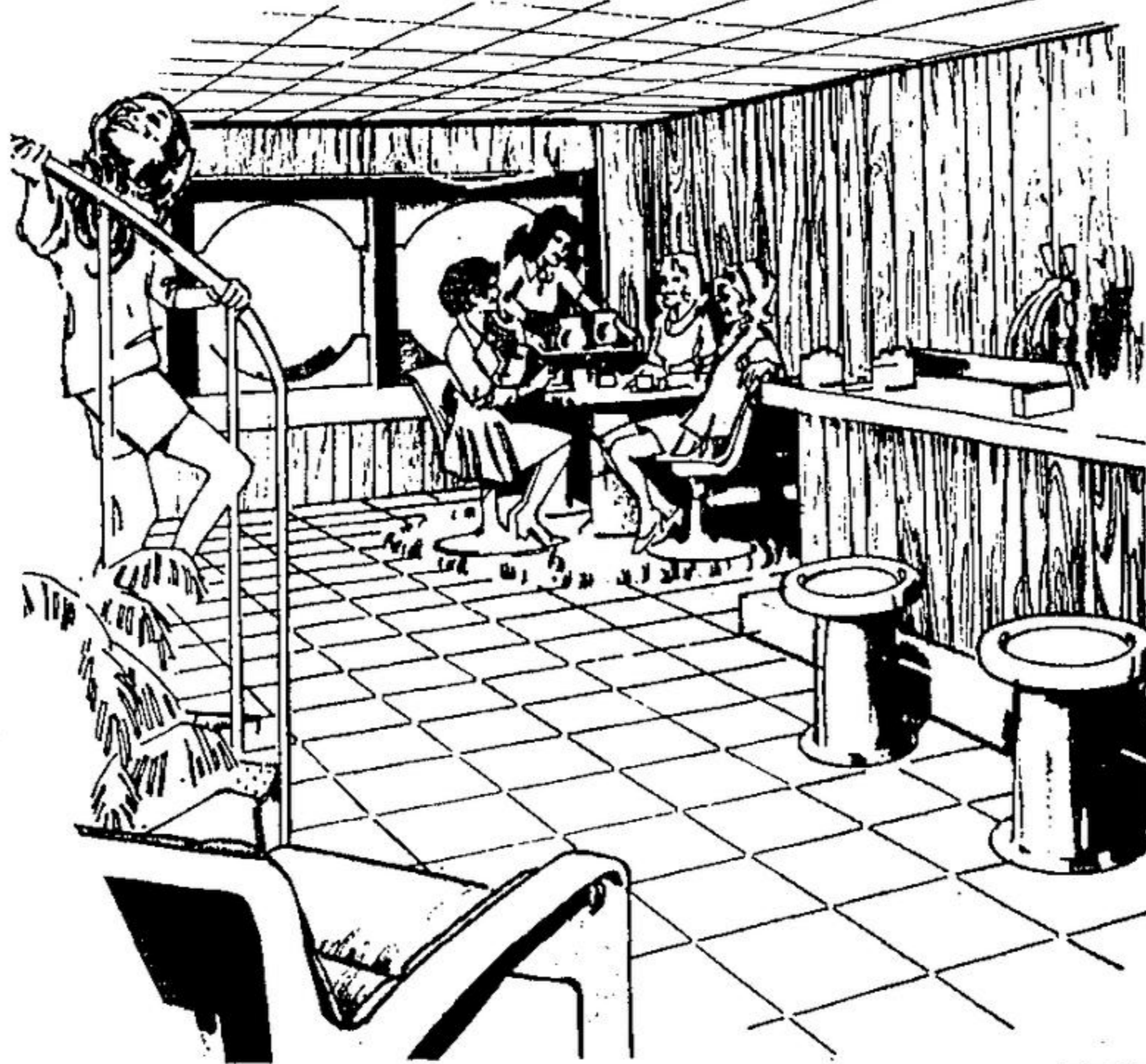
The question of an opening earlier than May 24 for the Toronto International Dragway was once again presented to Halton Hills.

At the finance committee meeting, Councillor Russ Miller stated flatly, "No. They agreed to this date initially and that's the way it should stay. It wouldn't be fair to the people around to change."

Accepting Councillor Miller's statement, the committee will recommend to Halton Hills Council that the dragway licence be renewed but there be no change in opening date.

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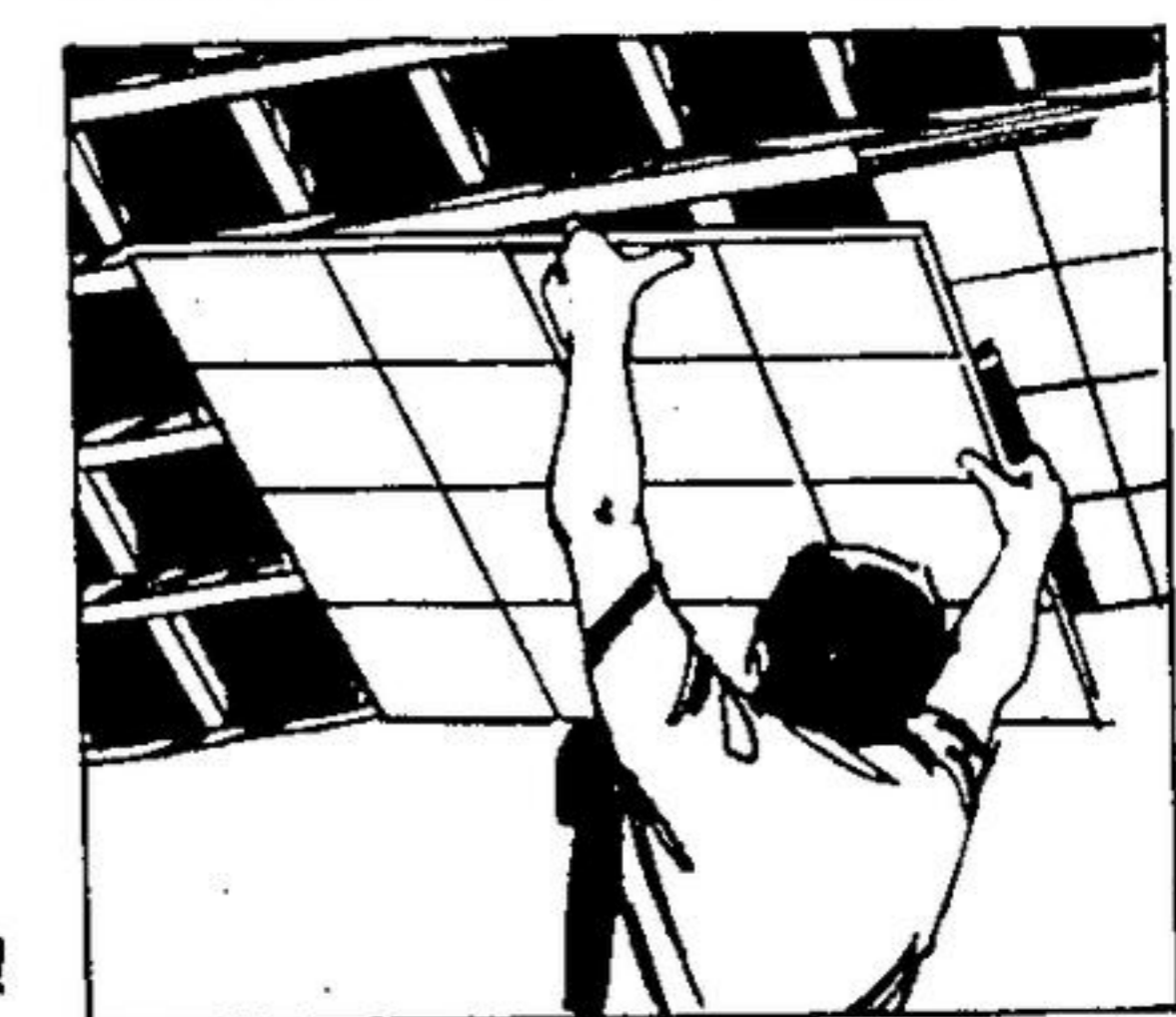
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