



ONE FOR ALL, ALL FOR ONE. . . The five Chambers of Commerce in Halton have formed a regional federation and delegates meet monthly in Milton to discuss common problems and plan joint projects affecting the whole region. Pictured at a meeting last week are (seated) president John Cheney of Oakville, secretary-manager Ron Harris of Milton, and president Betty Eastwood of Acton. Looking on are Georgetown president Ray Steele and Burlington vice-president Don Crossley. Harris chairs the Halton federation.

Chambers join together discuss new brochure

Five Chamber of Commerce groups in Halton recently formed a federation of HALTON Chambers and two representatives of each Chamber have been meeting in Milton once a month. They propose to launch some joint projects as a Halton federation and keep meeting regularly to discuss mutual problems.

At the moment the federation is considering a joint brochure covering the whole of Halton region. Burlington Chamber is planning to issue a brochure on Burlington and delegates are meeting with the publisher to see if it could be expanded to cover all of Halton.

Plowing match
Ross Segsworth of Burlington, chairman of the local committee in charge of the 1974 International Plowing Match near Georgetown Sept. 24 to 26, was a guest at the

federation's March meeting last week in Milton. He gave an outline of the five-day match and told how over 200,000 visitors are expected. Mr. Segsworth urged the Chambers to co-operate with organizers and perhaps organize some part of the Saturday program. Further discussion is planned next month.

The federation is also considering introduction of a common emergency telephone number—911—for fire, police and ambulance

service. It has been used in other areas. A committee is investigating provision of a chain of office for Regional Chairman Allan Masson.

Delegate Bert Hinton of Acton suggested the Chamber group take a tour of Sheridan College facilities in Milton. Oakville delegate Terry Kennedy suggested the federation should make recommendations to Halton Region Council on a permanent site for regional office. Betty Eastwood attends as president of Acton Chamber.

Sponsors courses

Leadership courses will be supported to the extent of \$4,800 by Halton Board of Education, the board agreed during its regular meeting Thursday.

The funds will go towards special speakers for teachers' groups, a leadership workshop and study group which will probe into several topics of interest in the education field.

Themes suggested for this year's study group will include organization and structure of Halton, role of the board, differentiated staffing, integrated programs, early childhood education and individualization of instruction.

Verbal attacks surprise Renaissance chairman

Following Thursday's renaissance rally in Milton, evangelist and chairman of the group's steering committee Kenneth Campbell issued a press release expressing surprise at the "intemperate verbal attacks" made by some members of the audience (including several educators) on guest speaker Larry Henderson's speech.

"In attacking Mr. Henderson for the 'generalizations' of his criticisms of the system, these men demonstrated the thin ice they're on," Campbell said. "We should Mr. Henderson as a parent to express the concerns which many of us feel for the alarming trends in the system. That's precisely what he did and of course there was no need, nor would it have been appropriate for

him to name the school, or principal, or teacher, or book, in order to identify the areas which are of intense concern to us. In fact it's a measure of Mr. Henderson's stature as a gentleman that he refused to resort to such indecent personal attacks on individuals and specific situations or to the witch-hunting of naming particular pornographic books which are in the high-school libraries or on recommended reading lists for students in our public schools. After all, we parents didn't put such 'garbage' there, so why should we be made responsible for rooting the 'garbage' out of the libraries?"

Holds letter
Campbell added that he was sitting on a letter from one educator in Halton which pleads with him to refrain from giving the sort of specifics that some educators in the Thursday rally were "jeering and screaming for Henderson and us to produce."

"We refuse to lower ourselves to fight that level of attack on individuals. From the first we have avoided tinkering with symptoms and are determined to deal with the disease."

"Speaking of generalities", Campbell added, "I didn't hear anyone demand that Mr. Anderson (an Oakville resident who had stoutly defended the status quo in education, advocating a permissive educational philosophy, during the open forum) substantiate with specifics his generalized attacks on the concerns expressed by Mr. Henderson and the panelists. He claimed that he'd heard 'a lot of bigotry here tonight'. I'd like Mr. Anderson to specify what 'bigotry' he'd heard. The rally featured the candid expression of concern for our educational system by responsible parents. There's more heat and smoke than light in that unsubstantiated remark by Mr. Anderson. But we were willing to provide him with a microphone and an audience to say his piece."

Campbell also corrected some erroneous newspaper reports which suggested that Henderson had unexpectedly left the rally early. "Mr. Henderson agreed to come as our guest on condition that he could leave after he had spoken because of his early-morning, newscast in Toronto," Campbell explained.

Council switches

Bogged down by unfinished business and meetings continuing past midnight, Halton Hills council switched the meeting days around and came up with a whole new schedule.

Breaking a long tradition, council meetings will be held the first and third Tuesdays of the month, with committee of the whole meeting the first and third Mondays.

Committee meetings will be held on the second and fourth weeks, on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

All meetings will start at 7:30 instead of 8 p.m.

Four liquor seizures here

One impaired driver and four liquor seizures in town were recorded by the Acton O.P.P. since last Wednesday.

Damage
Malicious damage to a construction trailer at the site of the new Legion hall was investigated by police. Three windows and a door handle were broken.

Write province to free 12 Legion lots

Halton Hills council authorized planner Mario Vendetti to make a written submission to the appropriate provincial authorities asking if they would look favorably on an application to rezone land formerly in Esqueewing township for 12 of the 29 lot Royal Canadian Legion subdivision in Acton. The submission would emphasize the application must not jeopardize pending zoning by-laws.

Council took the action following the appearance of a four-man delegation from Acton Legion requesting some consideration for the lots formerly in Esqueewing which are tied down by the Esqueewing agricultural holding by-law. Council recently authorized Acton Legion to go ahead with 17 of the 29 lots which are situated within the borders of the former town of Acton, off Mill St. near Cameron, but couldn't break the by-law for the remaining lots.

Spokesman Gord McCutcheon, chairman of the Legion's new building committee, told council they discovered it was impractical to service only part of the plan. He introduced Mike Brodigan of Whalland Associates who

suggested there were ways and means of circumventing the holding by-law.

Brodigan noted there was no provision in the official plan for the township for single family homes on services, which created a problem since only half the development could be serviced. The other half would have to wait for an amendment to the official plan or have them exempted.

He suggested that since it was impractical to provide services that perhaps council would support having the 12 remaining lots deleted from the official plan or have the parcel left outside handed over to the province's Land Division Committee with a strong recommendation from council to support it. Brodigan felt this would in no way jeopardize the municipality's position before the Ministry over zoning by-laws.

But Councillor Dick Howitt, a strong proponent of staying with existing laws, said he would be reluctant to grant an amendment to the official plan even for such a deserving body as the Legion. He pointed out the zoning by-law had not yet been approved while the official plan had, rumors to the contrary. He

foresaw council being swamped with applications if they diverged from the holding by-law.

"I consider it setting a precedent," he told the Legion delegation. "I can't discriminate between individuals and the Royal Canadian Legion."

He said council of the township had previously turned down applications from drive-in theatres, estate subdivisions, camping grounds and trailer parks among others. "Where can we draw the line between his and other applicants?" he asked.

Councillor Roy Booth wanted to know why the Legion was back. He felt the situation had been dealt with fully earlier and suggested the Legion could still go ahead with the subdivision in Esqueewing eventually.

McCutcheon agreed that they could live with the 17 lots approved but said the town planner asked them to come with new suggestions for getting the land approved for servicing. He noted this was the most reasonable time to do the servicing.

"Everyone at this table wants the project to proceed," said Councillor Ric Morrow. He suggested council query the appropriate provincial authorities about how they would view an application for rezoning the land and then move.

Councillor Les Doby pleaded with council to do whatever could be done without upsetting the official plan and zoning by laws. He reminded council the Legion was trying to expedite the project as part of Acton's centennial and "the system is killing us."

Debate shifted to whether the Legion was entitled to special consideration. Some thought it was. Others didn't, but most councillors agreed with Cr. Roy Booth that the planner's query to the province could give them guidelines for further land tied down by the holding by-law on the fringes of Acton and Georgetown.

Region grants

After five hours of cutting some grant requests, adding to others and eliminating some altogether, Halton Regional Council had granted an estimated \$78,000 in requests to charitable groups and organizations in the region.

An additional \$63,000 had been requested by a multitude of organizations active in the region.

Council endorsed a recommendation of the community services committee granting \$1,800 to Salvation Army, \$1,500 to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, \$6,000 for the Victorian Order of Nurses, \$300 per space for the Burlington and Oakville Youth Homes and a total of \$23,100 to the three Associations for the Mentally Retarded. Of the \$23,000, \$7,500 goes to the Oakville Association, \$9,600 to the Burlington Association and \$6,000 to the North Halton Association.

The \$1,800 for the Salvation Army was upped to \$2,300 after Captain Tilley addressed the meeting. The committee's recommendation to have St. John Ambulance receive no regional grant was rescinded and a grant of \$200 was endorsed.

Other grants were awarded to the following: Halton Fire Prevention Bureau \$1,200; Royal Botanical Gardens \$20,000; Lorne Scots Regiment \$2,000; and agriculture grants of \$6,000.

Ag. Rep. fair boards
The agriculture grants included grants for the Agricultural Representative, Junior Extension (4-H and Junior Farmers), Farm Safety Council, Halton Agricultural Society, Acton Fair Board, Georgetown Agricultural Society.

A grant request from Royal Botanical Gardens was trimmed from \$30,000 to match last year's grant of \$20,000.

OUR READERS WRITE:

FLUCURED
The folk at home are down with "Flu"
All coughing and a-wheezing,
To fill their snoot with citrus fruit,
They keep me lemon squeezing.

But I've got one preparation,
I'm keeping for myself,
Distilled and spicily, I keep it nicely,
Hidden on the shelf.

When I'm saturated with the germ,
I sneak a little sip,
Then right away, I swing and sway,
And close my upper lip.

I never waste this super stuff,
On all our citrus lovers,
I fill their snoot, with lemon juice,
And then pull up their covers.

Then just to make sure I'm alright,
I reach up on the shelf,
I have to stop and take a drop,
To take care of myself.

Now I've let my secret out,
The world can rest assured,
When I'm on my feet I'll take it neat,
Cause, I've labelled it "Flu Cured."

Victor Smith,
R.R. 2, Rockwood

Toyota Community Calendar

What's doing in North Halton area!

STAMP CLUB

Those interested in the formation of a stamp club are invited to attend an informal meeting at M. Z. Bennett School, on Monday, April 8, at 8 p.m. For further information call Mrs. Marle Hargrave at 853-1517.

DANCE

Spring's here — so celebrate! Enjoy dancing at the Acton Legion Hall, on Saturday, April 6 at 9 p.m. The feature band will be "The Shaynes". And the price? Only \$4 a couple.

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