

# Say region "shafted" over start-up grants

The 1974 budget totalling \$9,466,498 was begrudgingly approved by Halton Regional Council Tuesday, but council made it known it's not happy with start-up grants being handed down by Queen's Park to help ease the transition to regional government.

"We were shafted," charged Oakville Councillor MacLean Anderson after council learned, in the midst of its final budget deliberations yesterday afternoon, the province will only give Halton \$1,000,000 in start-up grants this year. That million dollars was earmarked by the government for various municipalities and projects and Halton Council only gets \$270,000 for general expenditures. That figure won't even

cover the \$272,000 in start-up costs requested by Halton Regional Police, let alone dozens of other added costs for which the region sought recompense.

**Halton Hills cost**  
In the \$9.5 million budget (which is actually closer to \$15 million but reduced by other revenue and grants) the net cost to the new municipality of Halton Hills is \$957,192. That means an increase over what local residents paid last year for county services, throughout the municipality.

**Actual residential mill rates for regional services in Halton Hills, with the increase shown in brackets, will be:** Former Georgetown 75.30 (1.37), former Acton 94.22 (7.72), former Esquesing 70.70 (10.12), former North Oakville 64.73 (1.93). The commercial rates are up accordingly.

In Milton, the residents of the former Milton, Burlington



**Region budget \$9,466,498**

REGIONAL COUNCIL approved its 1974 budget at a total of \$9,466,498 on Tuesday afternoon. The council is pictured in session, with finance committee chairman Ric Morrow of Georgetown on the floor. The budget indicates residents in the

areas of Halton formerly known as Milton, north Oakville and north Burlington will see a reduction in their taxes for the region this year, while rates in the remainder of the region go up as much as nearly 13 mills.

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TOTALLY DEMOLISHED, the wreckage of a '65 Ford lies behind Toth's BP service station in Acton following the single car crash Friday evening on the Fourth Line, Halton Hills. Four area people were injured in the crash. Three passengers were

transferred to Toronto General Hospital with serious injuries while the fourth, driver Cecil Grahame, was released from Georgetown District Hospital late Friday night with cuts and bruises.

## Three in hospital car-abutment smash

Four people were injured - three seriously - after a single car crash on the Halton Hills Fourth Line about a mile south of Hwy. 7 Friday night.

Cecil Grahame of Limehouse, Robert Grieve of Georgetown, Shirley Ritchie of Rockwood and Jerald Buchanan of Acton were all taken to Georgetown District Hospital.

Grahame, 35, suffered cuts and bruises in the crash and was later released from hospital. Miss Ritchie, 18, received a severe neck injury and was transferred to Toronto General Hospital along with Grieve, 22, and Buchanan, 20, both with severe head injuries.

Their car was northbound on the Fourth Line when they struck a bridge abutment totally destroying their '65 Ford and moving the abutment about a foot. Milton OPP say the car was travelling at about 50 mph in a heavy fog.

## Merchants plan new promotion

Another co-operative effort by merchants to keep Actonians shopping in town is due to begin soon.

Chairman Paul Nielsen reported Centennial Days had been a great success. Members agreed the surplus remaining would be used to start off this next promotion.

## Addition at Mohawk

Plans for a \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 addition to Mohawk Raceway at Campbellville were revealed this week as preliminary plans were filed with the Town of Milton for consideration.

The extension involves two parts. An extension on the east side toward the paddock area will expand the dining lounge.

## ... going ... going ... gone 10,000 Legion coins

Of 10,000 Legion centennial coins, only about 500 are still available—"at the most", thinks committee member Grant Schultz of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The coins went into all stores and were to be put in circulation. It didn't happen. Instead everybody is saving them, or giving them away as gifts. The stores

have no coins left and their customers aren't using them as currency. Only the banks have coins left which are sold for the standard dollar. In theory the coins have one dollar purchasing power anywhere in Acton until the deadline in September.

The Legion is keeping some of the coins for special presentations at the official opening of the Legion hall in September. About 100 were ordered in advance and are being mailed out-of-town.

There were 75 pure silver coins ordered and these are being delivered by Legion committee members this week. About 55 of these orders are going out of town. Cost is \$16.05 per coin.

### Mill rate Thursday?

Thursday night may be the time Halton Hills ratepayers hear the long-awaited news about their tax rate.

### Light too short says Ern Hyde

Councillor Ern Hyde wants the timing of traffic lights at the corner of Main and Mill Streets in Acton checked.

### Police report two break-ins

A break-in at the arena was reported to Acton O.P.P. Monday morning. Theft was in the snack bar area and missing are \$50 in cash and four cartons of cigarettes.

Wayne Davis, 11, of Georgetown, came to the police for help Sunday with a piece of a fishing hook caught in the left side of his chest. Police took him to Dr. Wilson for treatment.

On Saturday two local youths were charged with possession of marijuana. They are due to appear in court Sept. 11.

One impaired driver and two drug seizures were recorded by the police during the week.

### New treasurer

Henry Henderson, 66 Irwin Cr. is the new Treasurer of Halton Hills, replacing Lloyd Peterson who resigned last month.

### Free clothing here

Free clothing will be available through a volunteer group known only as Clothing Aid, at a store owned by Alec Johnston, 4 Mill St. Acton, on Saturday August 10.

The group, who held two such events in Georgetown last year, have been searching for months for a place to hold their distribution centre.

## National awards for Free Press

The Acton Free Press was awarded one second place award and one third, at the first joint convention of the Canadian Community Newspapers Association and the National Newspapers Association of the U.S. last week in Toronto.

Other newspapers in competition with Acton were the weeklies from Ganges, Castlegar, Lazo, Mission City, Parksville and Sechelt B.C.; Taber, Alberta; Estevan, Humboldt, Maple Creek and Melville, Saskatchewan; Delhi, Dresden, Durham, Gananogue, Goderich, Lis-

together and the judge chose the top 11. Of these, the Free Press placed ninth.



Cons. Farion

The Free Press was also awarded a blue ribbon for high marks. This blue ribbon will be included in the new prize-winners' illustration on the editorial page of the Free Press.

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After nine years here, Cons. Nick Farion has been transferred to the Mount Forest detachment of the O.P.P. Friday is his last day with the Acton detachment and he starts in Mount Forest on August 6.

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