

### Business Bureau Here

All the Chambers of Commerce in Halton have united in a stand to create a Halton Better Business Bureau. In a letter to administration committee of Halton Hills, they asked for support from the town. The committee indicated they were willing to give them support but no money.

### Cable TV to change name

Georgetown Cable TV are looking for a new name. Since they have been given the right to extend into Acton and Milton, and surrounding area they want a name that reflects the whole area.

They are willing to pay for it too. They are offering one year's free cable TV service to the subscriber submitting the winning name.

### Tennis during winter months

Tennis players who might be interested in continuing the sport during the winter months can do so at nearby Brampton or Guelph under distinctive bubble domes. Memberships in both clubs is still open. The enthusiasm with which Guelph players responded to winter tennis encouraged the management of Wellington Racquets Club on Imperial Road, Guelph, to erect domes at Brampton, Kitchener and London.

### No help for Whitby

Halton Hills apparently doesn't have the same kind of problems with the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario as the Town of Whitby.

The finance committee decided against supporting a resolution which would have asked the government to reduce the red tape involved in obtaining a licence for special functions.

### More details before signing

Housing co-ordinator for Halton, Robert Homes, of the Ministry of Housing, wants the town to enter into an agreement stating they will designate certain areas for low cost housing, but the town wants more information before they get into it.

Another letter on the subject came to the administration committee Monday night, asking to reappear at a meeting.

Councillor Ric Morrow said, "Draw up a list of questions we want answered, and ask them to reply in writing, we don't want any more delegations." He stated

if any difficulty is encountered in getting a response, the town should let them know they are not interested in hearing anyone from the Ministry of Housing. Councillor Les Duby pointed out the town must know all the details of the agreement before signing. Morrow said he would ask the Region lawyer if he had any more information than Halton Hills had.

The planner was asked to make a report outlining all the questions he felt needed answering, and bring it back to the committee.



NEW MEDICAL centre on Mill St. is taking shape, with Pawlowski Construction of Kitchener the contractors. Tom Parker removes frames from footings and basement walls. Acton Medical group will move here from their cramped quarters at Mill and Main corner.

### Day care priority

The community services committee of Halton Region favors expansion of day care facilities in the region but

members felt the facilities should be operated on a "user pay" basis and should be designed to break even.

The committee established that position after discussing a proposal by the provincial government, John Hayes, co-ordinator of the day care expansion project for the province provided the committee with information his department has gathered concerning day care needs for the region.

The report indicated the need was greater in Halton Hills and Milton than in the southern portion of the region. The report notes day care facilities are available in both towns but neither town has a centre that will take part in the provincial program.

According to the report there were 96 children as of May, 1974 waiting to be placed in day care centres between the two towns. There are 39 single parents in the two towns receiving family benefits. In that group there are 45 children under the age of five.

The report notes both areas are growing and families with both parents working are in need of child care centres. The report suggests facilities for 34 children in each town should be provided. The cost of constructing facilities and staffing the operation would cost \$190,203 in Halton Hills and \$166,203 in Milton. If renovations to existing buildings were done it would re-

duce the cost in Halton Hills to \$105,203. The province subsidizes capital costs on renovations 100 percent and on new buildings to 80 percent.

The committee authorized administrator Rennie Vivian to make application.

## Wants groups under control

If a recommendation by regional solicitor Noel Bates, with support of Halton Regional Councillors, semi-autonomous bodies now operating in the region will be abolished and put under direct control of regional council.

The recommendation was one of 12 Bates asked the committee to consider, and have Bill 151 amended to incorporate the changes. Bill 151 was the bill implementing regional government in Halton.

Those bodies that would be affected include the Children's Aid Society, Halton Regional Police, Public Utilities Commissions and the Health Unit.

Mixed reaction The recommendation met

with mixed reaction at its first airing. There was general opposition to abolishing the police commission that now governs the police force.

Burlington Mayor George Harrington and Oakville Mayor Harry Harrett—both police commissioners—note that once the policing was governed by a committee of council it was susceptible to political influence.

Harrington opposed the takeover of the PUCs as well, noting that there was special expertise there and the system should be left in the hands of those deeply interested and very familiar with the operations. He won support in that regard from Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur. Chairman Allan Masson felt the PUCs could and should be

still wall of opposition from hydro and PUC officials in the region who will continue to fight for autonomy. Hydro commissioners in the region drafted a series of briefs when the region was in the formative stages. Since then the subject has been a matter of study for provincial task forces. Those studies are complete and expected to become public soon. The committee would not support the staff position but asked for a definitive statement and reasoning for the move. Oakville Councillor Carl Erikson asked staff to document the statement in the report which indicates the continuation of PUCs will lead to unjustifiable expense. The other key recommendation would see regional council press the province to return the assessment responsibility to the region or area municipalities. The province assumed that function from the area municipalities several years ago.

## Tough law for self-serve gas stations

Self-serve gas stations are here to stay and Halton Hills intends to make them as safe as possible by the enacting of a stringent by-law to govern them.

With the realization that one will soon set up shop here and another is in the making the administration committee recommended to council the passage of a very strict by-law at their August 27 meeting. Sun Oil is opening a station in Georgetown.

Fire Chief Ken Bulkema presented the committee with a number of briefs and opinions concerning self-serve gas outlets including one for the Ontario Petroleum Association "asking for carte blanche privileges to set up self-serve stations in Halton Hills". The councillors also examined an article from the Toronto Globe and Mail, a by-law covering the stations which is used in the City of Burlington, and an opposition brief from the Ontario Retail Gasoline Association.

Councillor Dick Howitt pointed out that "the Town is in an awkward position since we let one in we can't justify preventing others." "I've always been dead against

them but since we won't find it easy to stop others coming in we had better have some rules ready to govern them," committee chairman Roy Booth said.

Bulkema noted that the self-serve stations are much better run here in Canada than south of the border in the United States. One thing is for sure though since they are here to stay we better make sure that the people running them in Halton Hills are responsible people and they know what they are doing," he stated.

It was decided that the forthcoming by-law should be along the lines of the Burlington ruling with particular emphasis on having qualified persons supervising the pumps. Among the highlights of the Burlington by-law are a control console for the pumps, a maximum of 12 pumps, the automatic nozzles must have their retention coil and latch opening device removed, no coin or card operated machines, a highly trained person will control the pumps, and the fire extinguishing system must be able to cover the entire pump area.

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### Review pregnancy leaves

Female employees of Halton Region will receive sick leave benefits during pregnancy leave but the benefits won't be as generous as earlier granted by council. At least that is the case if council endorses a recommendation by Director of Personnel Dennis Camm as approved by the region's administration committee.

fits for 28 weeks, not including any period of confinement for childbirth.

Applications for leave should be submitted in writing at least 15 weeks before the expected date of birth as certified by the family doctor and the woman must indicate an intent to return to work.

The earlier arrangement provided for sick leave benefits during confinement at childbirth. Camm told the committee the would-be mother should receive bene-

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