

### Kind words for clerk

Deputy clerk Delmar French came in for words of praise at Halton Hills council meeting Tuesday night, when Councillor Joe Hurst commended him for the minutes he took during an informal seminar on planning.

"It was difficult meeting to follow, and a job well done," commented Hurst.

Councillor Harry Levy objected to the daytime meeting, saying it was impossible for him to be there.

Councillor Pat McKenzie explained council and department heads felt they did not have enough time at an evening meeting, but promised the rest of the meetings—which he said may be once a month—would be in the evening.

McKenzie too, came in for some kind words from Councillor Roy Booth. He praised McKenzie's chairing of the meeting and the great deal of work he went to in organizing it.

### No study of fire safety

No study of fire safety conditions will be undertaken in Halton Hills by the Insurance Underwriters Association and the Fire Marshal's office.

Council rejected the idea on a seven to four vote, Tuesday night.

Discussion on the subject was held in a closed session the previous night.

Before council adjourned into an "in camera" meeting, Councillor Ern Hyde had attacked the suggestion saying the town was asking for trouble. He emphasized Georgetown had the lowest fire insurance rates obtainable at present.

### \$1 per head

In a policy recommendation, Halton Hills administration committee recommended a per capita grant of \$1 be paid to minor sports groups with members under the age of 18, who apply before February 1.

Groups who have to rent their facilities, such as hockey, lacrosse and some baseball teams, must submit a financial statement to council and they will be considered on their merits.

The discussion on the grant was held behind closed doors, but the motion was read when the meeting opened.

### Licensing by-law

Halton Hills' proposed comprehensive licensing by-law, a lengthy document of over 50 pages, may never see the light of day, members of the finance committee of council ruefully admitted Monday night. But they intend to stick with it and try to present some easily enforced substitute which would give protection to local businessmen from fly-by-nighters who don't pay taxes.

Assistant treasurer Grant Usher, saddled with the task of having the by-law ready for the committee, said they were going to have to spend considerable time with it. First he wanted to spend more time on its provisions, himself before presenting it to committee. He also felt if it were passed in its present form it could mean setting up an expensive full time licensing department by the town.

"Is the by-law necessary?" asked Chairman Pat McKenzie.

"It is necessary for a few," said Councillor Russ Miller. "And I feel obligated to safeguard the people who might be affected."

It is more than a licensing by-law said the assistant treasurer. It also has regulations such as one telling a barber where he can put his combs.

"We don't know what's involved until we get it in front of us. We must see it first," said Councillor Ernie Sykes.

The committee felt they could deal with it piecemeal after they had dealt with another lengthy personnel by-law which came to over 50 pages. The licensing by-law is modelled on one from another community.

### Day rides at Royal

Hornby's Jim Day will be a leading member of the Canadian Equestrian team at the Royal Winter fair when riders from this country take on international teams from Great Britain, France and the U.S. Competitions start November 15 and run to November 23.

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