

Entitled to holiday

A bid by Burlington Mayor George Harrington requiring staff to be with the region for six months before they get a paid statutory holiday failed at a council meeting held February 5.

A recommendation from administration committee suggested a staff member must be in the employ of the region for 20 days before they receive a paid vacation.

Harrington said this was a

benefit, so employees aren't entitled to it until they have been with the region for six months. Policy for benefits is that staff is eligible after they have been with Halton for six months and have completed a probationary period.

It was pointed out to council by personnel director, Dennis Gamm, that if they changed it to six months then the region would be in contravention of provincial statutes.

No help for friend

An attempt to help a friend find a place to live didn't pan out for Claude Griffon-Henault, R.R. 3, Milton.

Mr. Renaud applied to the Regional Land Division Committee to separate 12½ acres from his 25-acre lot on 15 Sideroad, to sell to a friend at the same cost he paid for it 15 months ago.

He said the house would be 500 feet away from 15 Sideroad and well over 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor, so he could not see how it could be called strip development.

Wilson Drie, spokesman for three other residents, Ralph McMeekin, Paul Newell and Ron Maurais, stated they had nothing against Mr. Renaud,

but were against this kind of separation. He said it aggravated the creeping urbanization along 15 Sideroad, and would change the character of the natural wilderness area. He said they have no objection to one house on an existing separation.

The committee turned down the application saying a separation would add to strip development; the lot is not particularly suited for a septic system; and the owner has not owned the land the mandatory five years.

Chairman Leslie Preston told Mr. Renaud, as he did all applicants, of the 21 day time limit on the committee's decision.

Region reps to Good Roads

Councillor Mac Anderson of Oakville opposed anyone from the region being allowed to attend the Ontario Good Roads convention in Toronto later this month at a council meeting on February 5, but his opposition was outvoted.

Anderson described the convention as being "the grand national drunk" and said he "couldn't see the wisdom of letting staff or councillors attend. Councillor

Mary Munro supported his objections.

Councillor Gordon Brown pointed out there wouldn't be more than two people from the region at the convention at any one time and they would be accomplishing things.

On a recorded vote it was decided by council to allow members of the staff and council to attend the convention.

Baha'is present Masson book

Halton Region Chairman Allan Masson was given a book by members of the Baha'i religion at a council meeting held on February 5.

The delegation of Baha'is represented members of the Spiritual Assemblies of Halton Hills, Milton, Burlington and Oakville.

The book, which Masson said would be passed on to other members of council after he had finished reading it, was entitled 'Proclamation

of Baha'ullah.'

Peter Morgan, spokesman for the Baha'is of Halton told council the book "is a collection of letters which Baha'ullah wrote over a century ago to rulers of the world. It entrusts the burden of good government, leadership and justice to the leaders of the world. In your capacity as responsible builders and governors of our region, this burden is heavy."

McKenzie against hiring planner

A suggestion by councillor Pat McKenzie that the proposed hiring of a senior planner for the policy division be sent to administration committee was not accepted by regional council at a meeting on February 5.

McKenzie said he didn't think Halton should invite applications for the position until the new budget is brought down.

"I'm not opposed to having adequate staff but until we have a budget we won't know how much staff we can carry," he explained.

Councillor Ric Morrow said he thought the most logical thing to do was send the item to administration committee.

Mary Munro, Burlington councillor, said Halton can't

wait for administration committee to look into the need for a person in the position since the region is already behind in drawing up an official plan and must have one completed by 1976.

Planning director Ed Cumming explained this was only a move to see who was available for the position and council could accept or reject the hiring later in the year. He noted if the region waits until it decides to hire the planner to even look for one it would mean a delay of at least two months before the position is filled.

Council decided to allow the planning department to look for someone to fill the position but it will still have to come back to get hiring approval.

Marion Adams "Friends" president

The first meeting of the Friends of the Museum in the New Year, was held Thursday, Jan. 30 at Halton Museum, Kelso Park.

Richard Howitt was the guest speaker. Mr. Howitt was requested to prepare a draft constitution to be presented to the members at the next meeting.

The annual election of officers was held. The new president is Mrs. Marion Adams, vice-president Ray Trace, secretary Mrs. Donna

Graham, treasurer Mrs. Karen Trace.

The Friends decided that of the funds raised during the year, half should go to the Museum and the erection of a plaque. The balance will be used in the setting up of the archives.

This is the first winter



GARDEN HOCKEY team found the ice lumpy but good enough for an afternoon's fun. Playing on Mill St. N. were Dave Murchison, Charles Ancker, Tony Geng, Peggy Ancker and Simon

Wilson. (A boy by the name of Simon Wilson was lost in Toronto the same day. "I'm not lost!" Simon assured the photographer.)

1975 road budget reviewed by council

All members of council were present at the regular monthly meeting of Eramosa township council held on date of Feb. 3 at township council chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Csiszler of R.R. 5, Rockwood were on hand at the meeting. They were accompanied by their solicitor J. Mallek. Mr. Mallek requested that council assist his clients in obtaining a severance on 2.4 acres of their property. The severance had been previously disallowed by the committee of adjustment and the Ontario Municipal Board. Council said they would consider the request and advise by mail.

Later in the meeting, after discussion, the motion was passed that the clerk would notify Mr. and Mrs. Csiszler that it was council's feeling that the only recourse was for them to re-apply to the committee of adjustment for severance.

Vito Finora of R.R. 2, Guelph and his son were also present at the meeting. Mr. Finora requested permission to erect a second dwelling on his property for the use of his son. He was told that council would discuss the matter and inform him of their decision.

After later discussion it was moved that the clerk should notify Mr. Finora that it will not be possible to erect such a dwelling for the following reasons: the property does front on a public road; it does not contain two acres, and the said property is to be used for agricultural purposes. The letter also reminded Mr. Finora that the barn on the location was erected originally as an accessory use.

A letter was read sent to the council regarding the Colonial hotel from the Liquor Control Board of Ontario. The letter suggested that if the proprietor of the hotel follows the necessary regulations license will be granted. It was decided to send a copy of the letter to the Rockwood board of trustees.

Meeting will be arranged between council and the Lions in the near future.

Regarding the Rockwood Medical centre. The clerk was to write to inform the trustees they did not feel a public tender was necessary because they got a reasonable price from a competent contractor. The estimated cost of the medical centre was \$45,000; costs incurred to date \$25,000; source of funds, grant \$15,000; winter works program \$20,000; current revenue for 1974, \$5,000; the balance to be paid out of current revenue over a period of five years if necessary.

The clerk was instructed to contact Forsythe and Gerrie and have them present details on the present insurance coverage and any recommendations they felt were necessary.

The clerk was also to notify the committee of adjustments that the interpretation of the five years in the official plan should be discussed with the solicitor.

The clerk was authorized to pay the membership fee for 1975 of \$150.12 to the Association Municipalities of Ontario.

THAT the council, having examined the treasurer's bond and finding it satisfactory, instruct the clerk to file the bond in the township vault for safekeeping.

THAT a by-law to regulate parking on Pasmore St., Village of Rockwood, be given the necessary readings, passed and numbered 5, 1975, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

Regular meeting dates of council have been set as twice monthly on the first and third Mondays of the month. Next meeting of the Eramosa township council will be held Feb. 17 or at call of the reeve.



Documents available

Charges for copies of town documents will be recommended to Halton Hills council by the finance and personnel committee.

Anybody may see copies of town documents at the counter at no charge. However people often request copies of such things as the official plan and zoning bylaw. Charges proposed begin at 25 cents per sheet or 35 cents per legal size sheet.

ED LA FRENIERE of Georgetown warms his hands over hot coals while ice fishing on Fairy Lake. Ed with his brother Arthur caught five pike of which the largest was three lbs.



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His proficient puttering pays

John B. Watkins is a modest about his carpentry workshop beside his home at R.R. 2, Acton. He says he just does it as a hobby and hasn't the equipment to go into production.

The small one man workshop contains enough equipment to construct shapely chairs, tables and assorted small jobs which the 75-year-old Mr. Watkins says keeps him busy.

He is not a woodworker by trade, but a farmer. He hasn't farmed for 10 years.

He says that you couldn't buy machinery and a farm today because it's too expensive. He had to give up his cattle and that, when he engrossed himself in his hobby.

Some of the work he does is for people who just drop in and like a piece of his work. He got started by making a

few picnic tables and just completed fashioning recreation room furniture for a woman in Rosedale.

He built his home 50 years ago in 1926 and since then has been puttering proficiently.

Music festival helps Muscular Dystrophy

Calling it "a truly magnificent donation", Frank J. Murphy, executive director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada, recently wrote the Ontario Conservatory of Music studio to express his thanks for a \$5,200 donation.

"We realize that many busy persons in OCM went to the trouble of doing that little something extra for the sake of the children in this country who are suffering from a most tragic and serious

disease," he wrote. "It is heartening to know that young Canadians from all across the province who are learning to become musicians, have already learned they can contribute to the happiness of others less fortunate than themselves."

The Conservatory of Music donated the proceeds from a music festival held last year in Toronto, to the MD Fund. Several local students of OCM participated in the festival.

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