

Health, welfare, social services

# Human Services names facilitator

After three years of preparation and work in the formative stages, Halton Human Services Council has hired a facilitator and has begun to tackle the business at hand.

The facilitator works from an inconspicuous setting in the corner of the personnel offices at Halton Regional Government headquarters in Burlington.

Nancy McPherson was named facilitator in early January and comes to Halton after graduating from the University of Guelph and Carleton University with a Master of Social Work degree.

Ms. McPherson is the only paid employee of the council. The council's \$72,000 budget makes provision for a secretary as well. The efforts of Ms. McPherson are backed by a council of 30 volunteer people.

During a press conference recently Ms. McPherson explained the council concept was unique in Canada. Basically the body involves itself with the delivery of human services. Obviously the scope of the group is incredibly broad.

As a facilitator Ms. McPherson comes into contact with dozens of agencies — both statutory and voluntary — dealing in health, welfare and social services in the region.

"The role of the facilitator is not one of a director or one concerned with taking over control or a definite leadership role," she said.

Ms. McPherson and the council see her role as opening up new channels, cutting red tape and encouraging the more efficient delivery of human services.

"We've discovered a lot of gaps in services and identified areas where services are needed. We are looking at legislation and provincial regulations and seeking more effective ways to have the information filtered down," she explained.

One of those needs that have been identified is an information number where agencies or individuals could readily call and receive information about the services that are currently being provided.

Council member Peter Marks of Acton suggested professional people are not making the best use of the system. He indicated doctors often aren't aware of all the

services available for working with alcoholics, for instance. He noted many doctors were still working with the conventional methods and referral agencies. Marks points out that the doctor is often the first to recognize the problem of an alcoholic and he should be aware of all of the possible

formation of one United Appeal wouldn't be easy. He points out Burlington is tied to the Hamilton area because of many industrial donations coming from the Hamilton area.

Avoiding the duplication of services is one of the key benefits the council expects to enjoy. "We have representatives from all agencies on our council. If one agency is considering a program the other knows about it, and knows enough not to plan a similar service," he said.

The council has set an 18 month term to complete its work. The facilitator has been hired for that 18 month term. At the end of the term the program will be evaluated. Mr. Coons indicated the door won't be closed at the end of the term — it seems evident that an extension will be required.

Chairman John Graham explained the program is funded by four provincial ministries and the regional council.

He explained the provincial government was becoming concerned about the duplication of human services and the great costs of delivering such services. It was with that in mind the province supported the unique concept presented by the council.

One of the goals the council has had some success with is the co-operation of various agencies. For many years new agencies were developed, both statutory and voluntary, but there was very little communication between agencies. Consequently most agencies didn't know what was being done by others or precisely what was available.

Because of the nature of the work the function of the council is more difficult to understand. The council doesn't involve itself in the actual delivery of service.

Basically it is a policy body and one that has an overview of dozens of agencies and the work of hundreds of individuals.

With this overview the council hopes to assist the existing agencies in providing the service more efficiently and stimulate interest in new agencies where the need becomes evident.



NANCY McPHERSON was named Facilitator of Halton Region's Human Services Council earlier this year.

assistance available to his patient.

The absence of a United Appeal in the Mental Health Association and of social planning councils for the north have been problems that have been identified by the council.

Until now there has been very little co-ordination of services in the northern part of the region, Ms. McPherson told reporters.

Regional Councillor Dave Coons, one of the founding members of the council, explained there was a move afoot to have one United Appeal for all of Halton. Currently groups are operating in Oakville and Burlington but not in the north.

Coons points to the withdrawal of Red Cross Home-makers in the north due to a lack of funds. He said the service was a needed one and it might not have had to fold if it could have depended on the United Appeal or some similar group for financial assistance.

Mr. Coons admits that the

## Ottawa Report

By Dr. Frank Philbrook  
HALTON MP



After six months of being the Member of Parliament for Halton I can say the biggest problem facing me is communications within the riding.

While the House is in session I spend Mondays to Fridays in Ottawa and the weekends at home in Oakville. This does not leave me much time to speak personally with many constituents.

I am encouraged, however, that people in Halton are contacting me by telephone through my constituency office in Oakville. I have attempted to answer within 24 to 48 hours all telephone calls which are left with my secretary. I must confess, however, that this became a problem over the Christmas period when so many people called to discuss the proposed pay increases for Members of Parliament. Incidentally, if any constituents did not get through to me at that time I would urge them to call me again.

Most people in the riding rely on their newspapers and radio stations for news about current events in Ottawa and their Member of Parliament. Therefore I will write a weekly letter and send it to the editor so that readers will have some news about my activities in the riding and in Ottawa on behalf of constituents. Hopefully the editor will see fit to print these comments of mine as part of the newspaper's service to its readers.

For example, last Monday I had the pleasure of a visit from an Oakville family, who came to see my office and meet my staff while in Ottawa on business. I was able to take them on a tour of parliament which was particularly enjoyed by the children.

Over 200 people visited Ottawa last week to discuss the auto layoffs and about twelve delegates from Halton came to see me personally. Following that meeting, I was again in touch with Ford officials and other people involved, including the Unemployment Insurance Commission officials in Mississauga. This required further follow up this week and more meetings will take place soon.

In spite of additional House duties which I am undertaking in parliament, I want to increase contact with constituents and improve the efficiency of my riding office.

I am personally following up the LIP grant program in Halton with the Chairman of the Oakville Advisory Group to keep discussions with the Multiple Sclerosis Association active.

If you have a question or would like to contact me for any reason my riding address is 321 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville, L6J 1K2. Telephone 844-4148 or Zenith 8-9110. My House of Commons number in Ottawa is (613) 922-3213.

## Pet of the week



Pet goat has a big smile for photographer Peter McCusker.

Jack and Pearl Rol have three goats, Bambi, who was born in 1963, and her twin kids Heidi and Ise who were born in 1965. They don't like to come out in the cold much and just one would brave the weather Saturday to have her portrait taken.

All three are brindle color. The Rols couldn't bear to sell kids for meat, so just keep the goats as pets. They had goats' milk at one time, but no more. The goats eat hay, rolled oats, corn and vegetables.

But their favorite treats are geraniums and old Christmas trees.

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## Claim Halton Hills 'unfair' on machinery

Halton Hills Council is being unfair with Halton Hills, according to acting Regional Engineer Jack Corbett. Corbett made that report to the Regional Works Committee Wednesday.

The town and the region are currently involved in a dispute concerning what should be done with equipment in the town's control.

Under Bill 151 the region is entitled to have, without payment, any equipment used solely for the sewer and water functions.

Two issues The problem arises in situations such as Halton Hills where the same machinery was used for what is now regional functions as well as what remained as local functions.

The show will be aired Wednesday, March 12 on Channel 29, CITY-TV.

Representatives of the committee have agreed to meet with Halton Hills Council with a view to settling the problem of the equipment. That problem has been estimated at \$100,000 for Halton Hills and Milton.

## Concentration tested by a special contest

Knex Ladies met at the church Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 25.

The president opened the meeting with a poem entitled "My Two Grandchildren".

The topic "Survive Teach Me Day by Day" was read, followed by prayer by Mrs. M. Inlyze. The roll call was the date you joined the club. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the correspondence read. The treasurer gave her report which was accepted by Mrs.

Bobbi Clark. A short business period followed.

Mrs. Mason read the script from Psalm 133 and led in prayer.

Mrs. Inlyze conducted a contest which made every girl concentrate. Competition was taken and the winning contest was the hymn "Matter Let Me Walk With Thee" and the Ladies League reported on women's work. Mrs. Inlyze was thanked by the congregation for her devotion and a special letter was presented to all.

## Campbell on phone

Halton Renaissance Committee chairman Ken Campbell, a Milton evangelist, will be appearing on Charles Templeton's phone-in T.V. show next Wednesday.

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## Committee recommends

### Doubling mobile fees

A 1956 by-law which licences mobile units in Halton Hills at \$10 a month will be re-enacted and doubled to \$20 if the finance committee of council's recommendation is accepted.

At a meeting Wednesday, members of the committee decided the by-law should be updated. Chairman Harry Levy said there was no way the town could service the units at \$10 a month. He recommended the by-law be re-enacted and doubled to \$20—"a more realistic figure."

## Accidents keep the O.P.P. busy

There were five collisions in town during the past week, investigated by Acton detachment of the O.P.P.

Lois Fisk, Toronto was injured Sunday when her car struck two pine trees, 20 feet east of the roadway. She was taken by police to Milton district hospital.

Her car and one driven by Armand Chenette, King City, were in collision at the corner of Main and Kingham about 4:05 p.m. Damage to each car was estimated at about \$1000. Toth Motors towed them away.

On Saturday, at 8:40 p.m., a car driven by Raymond Atkinson, Young St., had \$150 damage when it was in collision with an unknown vehicle. This accident happened at

Mill and Main.

At 9:50 a.m. on Saturday two cars collided on Main N. Driver Susan Holbiski, Churchill Rd. N., had about \$275 damage to her car and John Walker, 45 Maria St., about \$125 to his.

Last Friday pedestrian Gerda Kuiper, R.R. 1, Acton, was injured at the Mill-Main corner. The driver of the car involved, Michael Yurek, R.R. 2, Acton, took her to the medical centre for attention.

## Acton parasol in ROM display

A piece of Acton is on display at the Royal Ontario Museum, thanks to Mrs. Marguerite Taylor of Willow St.

A parasol dated back to 1860 was given to Mrs. Taylor by a woman in Hamilton. It belonged to her mother who came over from Scotland or the same boat as Mrs. Taylor's grandmother. Also given to her was an outfit worn years ago complete with bustle.

Mrs. Taylor was given the parasol more than 25 years ago and decided to give it to the museum last September. It is now on display as part of Harvest '74 and can be seen until the end of March.



1860 parasol

## Spent lifetime at same house

William J. O'Drowsky, 171 Bristol St., Guelph, died at St. Joseph's hospital on Feb. 17 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, the former Mary C. Dunn, formerly of Acton, and was predeceased by four brothers and two sisters.

Mr. O'Drowsky was born at Guelph, son of the late Francis O'Drowsky and Margaret O'Sullivan, and spent his entire lifetime at the same home on Bristol St. He was also a lifetime member of the Church of Our Lady. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 57 years and for 40 years was an usher in the church.

He was a retired auto mechanic.

Funeral Mass was in the Church of Our Lady Feb. 20, with Rev. W.J. Ryan officiating. Members of the Knights of Columbus attended.

The Knights of Columbus held a service at the Gilbert McIntyre and Son funeral home.

His hobby was fishing.

## Sweeping statement

Ninety-four dollars can buy a lot of brooms, said Councillor Ern Hyde as he spotted an account for that amount in the fire department bills.

"Have they taken up curling or broomball?" asked Hyde.

"Maybe they really want to clean up," cracked Mayor Tom Hill.

Nobody asked if they planned to fly to the witches convention.

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