Council could choose new home today

A comprehensive report investigating the pros and cons of 15 different proposals for a regional headquarter site is stated to go before Halton Regional Council today.

Several weeks ago Council rejected the site and building committee recommendation favoring a Milton home for regional headquarters Council at the same meeting rejected a plea from Cakville to have the headquarters established on the Atkins site at Bronte Provincial Park in Oakville.

Most of the Burlington caucus which accounts for nine of the 24 person council voted against both sites and requested a more in depth look at lease back and rental

opportunities be undertaken. The most recent report compiled by a panel of staff members examines a wide variety of arrangements and a wide wide variety of sites. But several councillors have acknowledged the fact that the final decision will be a political one.

Of the multitude of proposals the staff panel considered, half a dozen are recommended for further serious consideration by the council.

The Milton site at Derry Rd. and Highway 25 (formerly the Willmott farm) still ranks high in the eyes of the staff panel

"The consensus of the staff panel was that together with the Derry Rd. and Bronte Park area sites, both of which should still be seriously considered, the Lush, Reimer-Centennial and Hamilton Group proposals are valid alternatives from which council should choose," the report says.

The report to be discussed today was commissioned by Chairman Allan Masson after the site and building committee disbanded in frustration. That committee met during most of 1974 and during 1975 until their recommendations were turned

Services charges granted increase

Increased costs to the Acton Hydro Commission have resulted in service charges being raised.

At the September 11 meeting of the commission, office manager Audrey Urquhart explained to the group that the cost of sending someone out after hours to reconnect hydro which has been shut off due to non-payments of hills was more than what the person had to pay.

She continued to say that a special man had to be on call to make such service visits. plus the regular man on call. She explained that hydro is cut off early in the day in the case of deliquent payers so that the person involved has all day to get the money and notify the office before five o'clock. Mrs. Urquhart explained that they do not cut off the juice if there is any evidence that no bhe is home.

Raise costs At this past Thursday evening's meeting, the group passed a resolution to raise all service charge costs in order to alleviate overtime costs for themselves.

As of December 1, the cutoff of service, due to non-payment of bills during regular office hours will be \$10. Reconnecting of the service, after all arrears have been paid, during regular office hours has also been increased to \$10. Reconnecting of hydro service, after regular office hours, after all arrears have been paid, is up to \$15.

At least 48 hours notice must be given to the hydro office for turn-offs or turn-ons due to the consumers moving from one location to another. No power will be connected until a contract and deposit has been paid, where it is applicable.

A notice with the above costs and announcements will. be enclosed in bills after the arrears notice has been

M. Sc. degree for Bill Sanford



Bill Sanford

William E. Sanford received his M.Sc. Chemistry at the University of Guelph on Friday, Oct. 3.

His thesis was awarded the merit rating Distinction.

The morning convocation for conferring advanced degrees included the installation of Donald Forster as the new president of the University.

Bill attended Limehouse Public School, Acton District High School and Guelph Collegiate, and received his Bachelor degree at the University of Guelph. He is working as a research assistant in the Chemistry department at the university. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford live in Limehouse.

Attending convocation were his wife Kathy, his mother Mrs. E. Sanford, grandmother Mrs. W. Mitchell, Kathy's mother Mrs. P. Kenny, and Miss Pearl Scott.

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What's doing in the North Halton Area!

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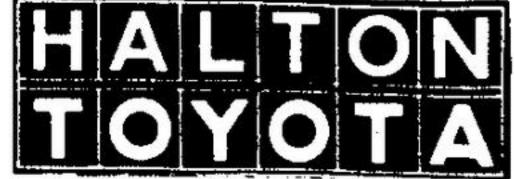
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Parents protest "obscene" book

A shouting match erupted and forced Director of Education Emmerson Lavender to read a form of the 'riot act' to calm the meeting

The disruption broke out during the board's question period when parents deman-ded Superintendent of Program John Boich read aloud a question from Oakville resident Terry Hansford.

three excerpts from a book chairman Judy Alexander Goodin denied the charge. and she said Bolch wouldn't be allowed to read the letter aloud. The passages from the that parents could ask for the book, which is the diary of a rationale behind the use of a teenage girl who becomes hooked on hard drugs and eventually dies, contained explicit descriptions of sexual activities. Copies of the letter had been given to all trustees, administrators and the press before the question period.

When Mrs. Alexander said the material was offensive and couldn't be read aloud by Boich the crowd of angry parents demanded "why can't it be read aloud. Our children are reading it so why can't Bolch." Mrs. Alexander said that if it was really necessary for the passages to be read aloud then the questioner was free to do so. She noted all trustees knew what was contained in the passages.

Trustee Bill Priestner said he had read the paragraphs with some 'chagrin' although the passages might have been taken out of context. He suggested department heads and principals should be requested to give reasons why the book is being used.

"If their rationale is not sa-

tisfactory then we should get rid of it," Priestner stated. "Go Ask Alice" is one of a number of books on a supplementary list for use in Enggroup of parents claim the book is being used in seven Halton schools right now, in-cluding Milton High School. One of the 20 angry parents warned during an interview outside the board meeting room after their presentation the book could be used by

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highway No. 7. They were

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people trapped.

the year.

Firefighters are called

to firehall three times

Acton Volunteer Fire- afternoon sent the volunteers

fighters went to three fires to the Sixth Line Nassaga-

retires from post The Acton Hydro Commi-sion is looking for a new duties will include both indoor ssion is looking for a new and outdoor work, keeping up caretaker on the retirement of Herb Ritchie after eight the surrounding grounds.

Mr. Ritchie's retirement

On Saturday, the men were

summoned to a car on the

townline. The owner, Bob

O'Rourke of Acton, was cut-

ting the old vehicle up with a

torch when it started on fire.

to the hall on Sunday but did

not have to go to the barn fire

at R. R. 1 Campbellville. The

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would also be an assistant for A car accident on Monday

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The firefighters were called

becomes effective October 31.

HERB RITCHIE is retiring from the Acton

Hydro Commission staff at the end of this month.

He has been caretaker at the Alice St. office for

Hydro caretaker

eight and a half years.

and a half years of service.

was officially revealed at the

Commission's Thursday

evening meeting. Audrey

Urquhart, office manager, told the members present Mr.

Ritchie's age and said that he

felt he no longer could work

Ted Tyler Sr., acting chair-

man if Wilf McEachern's ab-

sence, had nothing but praise

for the retiring gentleman

and said they were very lucky to have him working for them over the years. The rest of the

group agreed Mr. Ritchie was

a fine man and had a good

A replacement for Mr. · Ritchie was discussed. It was

decided not to hire a janitor-

ial service to work for a few

hours during the evening, as

the Commissioners felt a full

a full time caretaker who Leiberthal.

In Line for Promotion?

time person was needed.

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Mr. Ritchie's resignation

Amid constant interrupbetween parents and trustees tions by the parents Boich during Thursday's Halton told the board that if any pa-Board of Education meeting rent or student finds material offensive then alternative material can be substituted for the pupil. He said it was is 'obscene'.

board policy and agreed with Priestner that department heads and principals should be asked why the book is on the supplementary list and being used.

One of the spectators charged that he had given The letter, which included Goodin a book used in Halton schools "which is even worse, called "Go Ask Alice", were over two months ago and ruled offensive by board nothing was done about it."

Boich reminded everyone book and demand that their child not read the book. Hansford's letter had stat-

ed that he thought it was a legitlmate concern of a parent to be worried about such "disgusting material being foisted upon my children under the guise of English literature." He wondered what rights parents have over the materials used in schools.

His question noted that if Bolch didn't read the excerpts aloud then it meant he too found it offensive and wondered in this case "what this book is doing in my son's In his written question to

the board Hansford stated that if Bolch found the material offensive then it meant the "book constitutes a gross violation of Section 229. Bill 72, of the Education Act which states in part that: 'It is the duty of a teacher to inculcate by precept and example, respect for religion and the principles of Judeo-Christian morality and the highest regard truth. . . and all other vir-

As the parents continued to shout at trustees demanding why the book was in schools and challenging the board to evict them when they attacked board policy, Georgetown Trustee Ernie Bodnar suggested the room be

Lavender then read a portion of the Education Act dealing with causing a distur-bance at a board meeting and other schools as well later in warned the parents they were subject to a \$100 fine if convicted for this offence.

> Mrs. Alexander said the parents had legitimate questions and that the questions would be answered by letter by the board. She said it was regrettable that so much of the 15 minute question period had been wasted in "useless

Outside the board meeting room the parents milled about complaining about the use of the book and arguing with various trustees who ventured into the corridor. The parents charged the book

One unhappy parent said that the book did have some redeeming qualities in that it showed how a normally decent person could ruin their life with drugs and sexual promisculty but thought the book was more sulted to university students than it

was for high school pupils. The parents vowed they would return to the next board meeting if they didn't get a satisfactory answer in the meantime.

Lavender said following the meeting it would probably take a week to 10 days to answer all the parents questions but noted the subject won't be shunted aside or treated lightly.

Mrs. Alexander is reported to have said after the meeting that the board might ask for an explanation of why the book is being used and why it was chosen but would under no circumstances interfere with the judgement of professionals in the education field and order the book removed from the schools.

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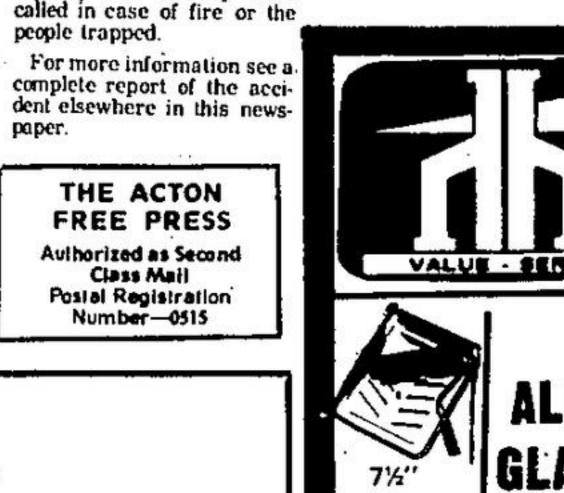
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