

Councillor Pat McKenzie reports

Revised Official Plan for Halton Hills in 1976

Recently you have read in the Free Press the concerns of the local merchants and their need for off-street parking as Public Works prepares to re-build Mill Street. Since capital forecasts are some five years in advance you will realize that this project was initiated by the former town council of Acton. It has already been agreed that Main Street North from the town library will be done when No. 7 Highway is rebuilt.

These are only part of the new Plan that will be recommended for the former Town of Acton in which the people may wish to be involved. The Planning Committee expect to complete the new plan in 1976. Presently our sewage per day and a new water reservoir for Acton is included in the 5-year capital forecast.

Differences

The new plan will have an urban and rural policy areas with special provisions to accommodate differences in the two urban communities. The Planning Staff hope to complete the revised plan for

the former Town of Acton in March with Esquering and Georgetown's plan in early summer. There will be public meetings and interested citizens will be invited to make constructive recommendations to update and improve their findings.

—To what size should this urban area be allowed to grow?

—Where should the growth take place?

—Should "off-street" parking be borne entirely by the commercial assessment?

—Should part of the land on Main Street North be rezoned to residential?

Start now

There will be many policy recommendations that groups of citizens will want to consider. It is not too early to start thinking and discussing what you would like to see in the new official plans that will control the future of our town.

Certainly our Planning Director, Mr. Mario Venditti, and his staff will welcome your constructive suggestions when the proposed plan is published.

G. W. McKenzie



FOUR GENERATIONS gathered proudly for the baptism Sunday of two-month-old Matthew Bailey. His parents, seated in front, are Rick and Liz Bailey, Elmore Dr. His grandparents, seated on both sides of the chesterfield, are James and Dorothy Bailey, Mimico, and Ellen and Joseph Thompson, Bramalea. The baby is held by his great-grandparents, Lily and Bill Martin of Malton.

Sewage dumper is overweight

Halton Hills Works Committee took no action on a problem for Blue Spruce Enterprises which has been caught hauling 80,000 pounds of sewage sludge on class B roads. Vehicles and cargo areas supposed to weight more than 20,000 pounds on class B roads.

The committee discussed the item briefly but decided it won't deal with it until the firm asks for an exemption in writing.

Councillor Dick Howitt said the trucks leave sewage all over 10 Sideroad and are dumping it in an old sand pit. In the summer the sludge is spread over farm fields. Howitt said he has been receiving many complaints from residents.

The firm is dumping four truck loads of 6,600 gallons of sludge each day and collects it from municipalities, the region, and septic tanks, engineer Robert Austin said.

Town delays fixing grader

Halton Hills works committee has decided to let the 1960 grader the town owns sit for awhile to see how the other three perform this year. Recently, engineer Robert Austin said repairs were needed for both the 1960 and 1964 graders and works committee decided to have the 1964 machine repaired and get estimates for the cost of fixing the older grader.

Monday, Austin told works committee that it would cost a minimum of \$10,000 to put a new engine, tires and other parts on the 1960 grader and when mechanics take a really close look at it the bill could go as high as \$19,000.

At the same time the town could get a used grader for as little as \$20,000 but it would be an unknown quantity and could be costly to maintain.

Austin noted the 1960 grader worked 325 hours last year, mostly on snow removal, and the town can get by with just three graders.

He suggested the oldest grader be left unrepaired until next fall and see how the other machines work in the meantime. If they don't require a lot of repairs there

could be some money left over to fix the 1960 machine.

The committee went along with his idea of parking the grader and waiting until later this year to see if there is money to fix it.

At the same meeting the committee decided a number of old halton trucks, dump trucks, tractors and other old unused equipment will be sold.

Break in at arena

Police are investigating a break-in at Acton community centre Feb. 18. A drawer in a filing cabinet was jimmied open and about \$8 in cash taken.

Immersed in education

Lord Elgin High School in Burlington has launched an experimental program of "total immersion education" in which the student studies only one subject in an intensive, continuous program lasting about four weeks.

\$111,000 grants go to 19 groups

Support grants totalling \$111,000 will be handed out to 19 groups and organizations in Halton if regional council goes along with administration committee recommendations. The committee increased the grants by \$9,044 over last year's total.

The committee spent over three hours last Wednesday evening through the 27 requests for \$292,943 and were able to trim \$181,943 from the applications.

The Royal Botanical Gardens received the biggest grant, \$24,000, the same amount received last year, but councillors chopped \$53,057 from their request.

Other big grants included \$12,300 for the Oakville Association for the Mentally Retarded, \$11,400 for the Burlington Association for the Mentally Retarded and \$10,000 for the Credit Valley Association for Handicapped Children.

Halton Helping Hands was awarded \$8,500 and the Halton Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses \$8,000. Grants totalling \$6,000 went to the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded and to various agricultural groups in the region.

The new Acton Community Services Centre received \$4,000 while the Federation of Agriculture and Burlington Youth Residences got \$3,000 each.

while the Salvation Army got \$2,500.

Halton Recovery House, The Multiple Sclerosis Society and Guelph OPP active week

During the week of Feb. 16 to Feb. 22 Guelph detachment of the O.P.P. investigated 125 general occurrences including seven break and entry, four thefts, 17 liquor violations and four insurance violations.

Theft at L.C.B.O. store

A break and enter at the L.C.B.O. store in Erin on Feb. 19 resulted in a theft of liquor and beer with a value of \$135. The break-in is under investigation by the Guelph detachment O.P.P.

Anonymous of Oakville and Burlington were also advised to approach their local councils for the \$2,000 they want.

Mental Health Ontario won't get the \$500 asked for, and the Ontario Forestry Association and Toronto Brigantine won't get any money either. The committee upheld a previous council decision not to give McMaster University a grant of \$10,000.

The committee's recommendation will be reviewed by council and a number could be either lowered, upped or rejected, one councillor predicted.

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Summer school in North?

A survey will be taken of students at Georgetown, Milton and Acton High Schools this spring to see if there are enough students interested in summer courses to warrant classes in North Halton.

In the past it has been difficult to find enough students who either want to take extra courses or repeat a subject to economically have summer school operating in North Halton. Last year students from Georgetown, Acton and Milton were bused to high schools in Oakville and Burlington.

Georgetown last summer as well as an auto servicing program for 15 pupils. In Milton 20 students took driver education.

A remedial math course was held in Georgetown for 63 students and 52 pupils were enrolled in a remedial reading program.

Nominations on March 17

The Halton-Burlington Progressive-Conservative nomination is scheduled for the Ernest Drury school in Milton on Wednesday, March 17 at 8 p.m.

Two prospective candidates have declared themselves to the riding executive, George Kee of Milton and George Gray of Georgetown.

The executive points out that those people holding 1975 Halton-Burlington memberships may renew them at the door the night of the meeting, and others must purchase memberships 15 days in advance, by Tuesday, March 2.

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A car driven by Mary Jane Wingfield, R.R.3, Georgetown received damages to its front grill fender after it was in collision with a vehicle driven by Robert Lindsay, Limehouse. Halton Regional Police say the Lindsay vehicle was facing south on the Fifth Line when it reversed into the Wingfield car, which was directly behind it.

Window

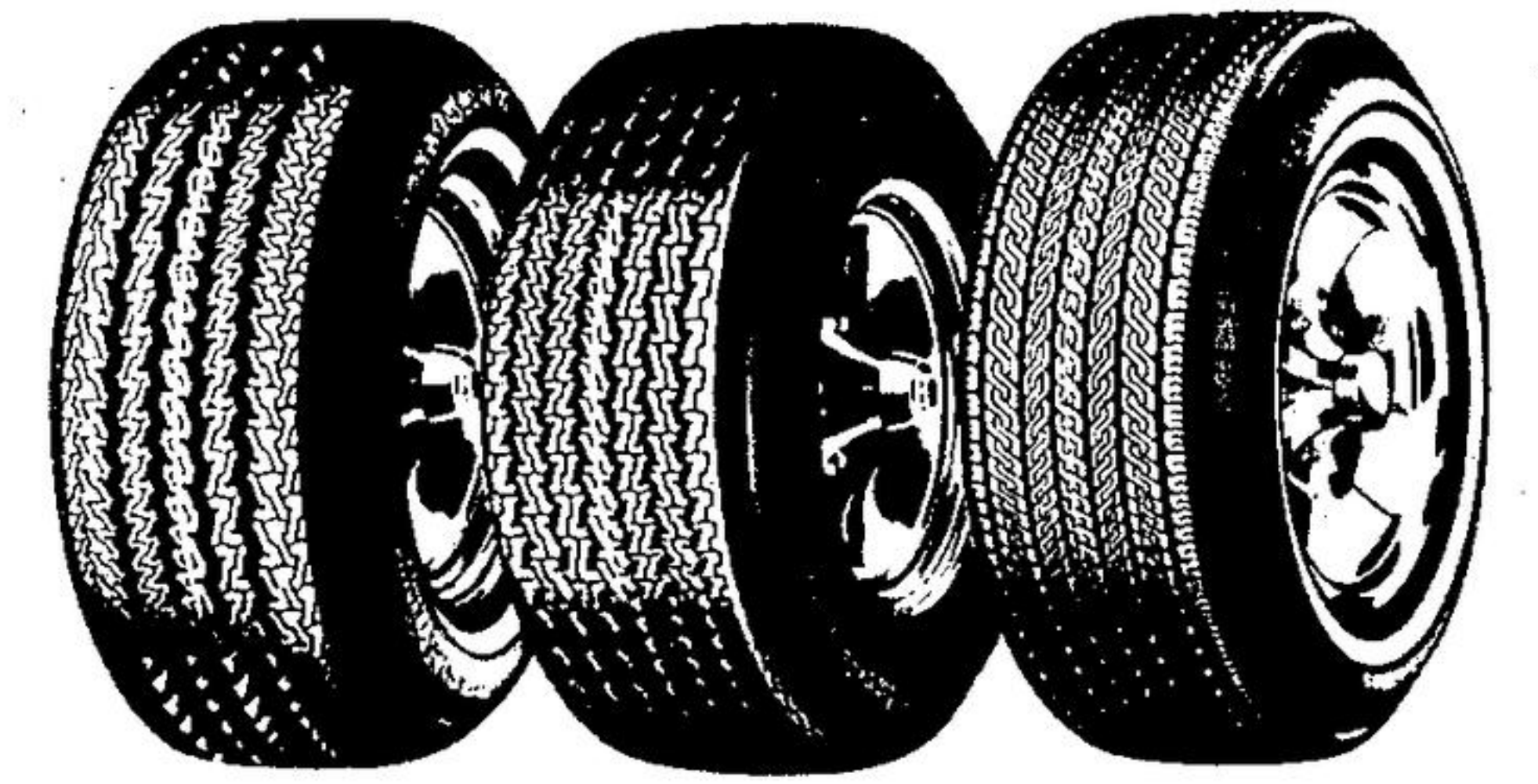
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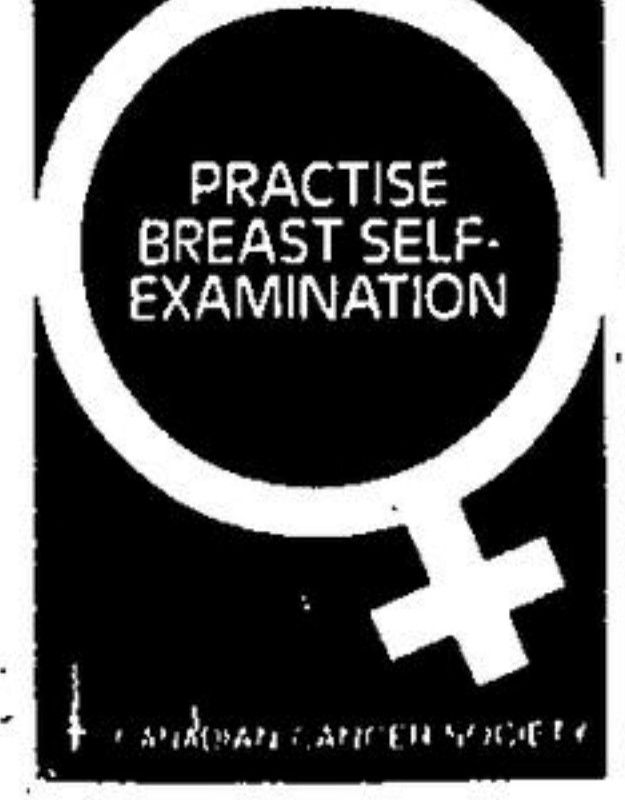
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