### New manager is assigned to bank

Being promoted to the new manager has been manager's position of the everywhere from North Bay Bank of Nova Scotia here in to Windsor. He is originally Acton marks the 11th post in from Welland. On March 15, Mr. Devlin transferred to London, Mr.

Chatham.

His first week was spent going to the various buswas sent here to fill Grant inesses in town, getting acq-schultz' shoes, who has been uainted with people.

Devlin's last post was that of He plans to move here in assistant manager in the near future with his wife and two daughters, ages In the past ten years, the three years and nine months.

## Region gives nod to budget

Halton Region will apply to the Ontario Municipal Board for debenture quotas in the amount of \$17,802,770. That figure includes all of the borrowing that will be done to cover costs of capital projects for the region and the four area municipalities.

Under the regional government system, all capital borrowing is done through the region both for regional and area projects.

Of the \$17,802,770 applied for \$13,154,303 is for regional projects,\$2,424,000 for the city of Burlington, \$543,500 for the town of Oakville, \$355,000 for the town of Milton and \$1,147,750 for the town of Halton Hills.

Down from '75 The capital budget of close to \$18,000,000 compares with spending last year of close to \$29,000,000. Treasurer Don Farmer noted the five year forecast 1976-1980 calls for spending of \$77,657,586.

If all of that work is actually done, the region's debt compared to assessment will jump from just over four per cent to a point close to six per cent. Ontario Municipal Board guides suggest that that percentage should not exceed 10 per cent.

There are two projects in the 1976 forecast that are in conflict with OMB guidelines issued earlier. An arts and crafts centre at \$480,000 in

earlier guidelines. Those guides urge municipalities to keep spending on "soft" services, and keep all projections that aren't absolutely necessary to a minimum.

Can afford It While Mr. Farmer anticipated there could be some problem with approvals on those projects, he advised the Administration Committee the overall budget was within the ratepayers' ability to pay.

Councillors reviewing the budget reluctantly approved it. Councillor MacLean Anderson of Oakville said he felt the \$17,802,770 was too "The interest is staggering.

agree soft services have been cut and sometimes they are more important than hard services. I think there

budget chopped only two items from the estimates. One of the two items was \$40,000 towards land acquisition for the third sewage plant in Oakville. That has been a controversial point for several weeks now and has been repeatedly inserted in the budget to be removed by the Administration Committee or Council.

The second cut was booster station in Oakville Burlington and an addition to and the budget was approved the municipal centre in as amended, by Regional Halton Hills at \$660,000 ap- Council at its meeting pear to be in conflict with the Wednesday afternoon.

## Delivery problem being looked into

The problem of Acton par-cels dropped off by bus at bus depots in either Georgetown or Guelph with the intended recipient not knowing where they are, is being looked into by GO transit spokesman

When contacted by this newspaper on Monday Mr. Henry said he was not aware of the problem and was going to look into it immediately. Mr. Henry said one place would have to be chosen for anywhere along highway ? 7 for those wanting rides.

Acton gets its own bus depot. He suggested having every-thing left at a specific place in Georgetown, rather than

anywhere along highway No.

being sought by the Gray

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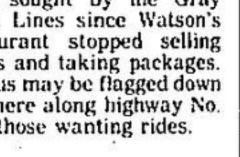
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The buses are run by Gray Coach by GO transit, Mr. A bus depot in Acton is still Coach Lines since Watson's Restaurant stopped selling tickets and taking packages. The bus may be flagged down





RICK DEVLIN is the new manager at the Bank of Nova Scotia. He will soon be moving his family from Chatham to make a home here in Acton.

# are some hard services that we could do without," he said. That seemed to be the general feeling of the committee, but review of the mittee, but review of the landest sharmed only two

works crews

The works department of Halton Hills and Erin Township report very little trouble at all with roads because of flooding and break up resulting from the sudden thaw

However, residents of both townships have different stories to tell, particularly those who reside in the block north of Highway 7 and bounded by Highway 25, Highway 24 and Halton 3.

Fourth Line north of Five Sideroad was barricaded Sunday because of a washout at Ten Sideroad which caused damage to at least one local

at Ten Sideroad which caused damage to at least one local resident's car while Third Line, Halton Hills, south of Churchill was also virtually impassable. Late Tuesday morning road crews were still out bringing roads up to standard.



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### Rescind motion

voted against the hiring at proved it. position. He suggested addi-tional clerical staff to take the Council

Booth claimed one program tion. co-ordinator for the whole

Recreation Director Glen Gray said he and Acton area recreation co-ordinator John Cooper could not do any more, and claimed he was working 50 to 60 hours a week. He said the salaries are not high-priced compared to other areas.

Councillor Ric Morrow termed the actions of council

Halton Hills administration committee made it clear, council approved the position, Monday night, they want council to rescind the motion passed the week before which voted down the hiring of a recreation program coordinator.

"irresponsible". He said council approved the position, because they realized one person could not handle the whole town. He claimed the town had not kept with Mr. Gray. "He had not reason to think the vacancy would not Councillor Roy Booth, who be filled, since council ap-

council meeting, again He sald he was "damned emphasized he was not op-mad Wards three and four posing the person, but the don't have a recreation

Councillor George Maltby paper work off the present said council had passed the staff. He said the job is being motion to hire a recreation done well now, and said in program co-ordinator, and stead of high priced staff, had advertised and inter-clerical help might fill the viewed applicants, and then had reneged on the obliga-

Chairman Les Duby said he town might prove a unifying had never been as embarrforce, instead of having two assed in his life at the council operating in Acton and rejection after Glen Gray had Georgetown areas separ- been authorized to hire and

#### Snow removal

The town will take under consideration concerns expressed in a letter sent to Halton Hills works committee Monday, by A. Reynolds, 67 Roseford Terrace, about the need for snow removal on the sidewalk leading to M. Z. Bennett School, Acton.

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interview applicants. He claimed it was impossible for one co-ordinator to cover the whole town.

"I'm sorry you're dis-gusted," retorted Booth, "but this was a council decision." Morrow pointed out the decision to hire the recreation

co-ordinator was made in December, and suggested there had been ample time to bring it up again, without waiting until all the hiring process had been completed, and the applicant told the position was hers. "It is one of the worst business practices I've ever seen."

The committee passed a recommendation to have council rescind the motion, with only Booth opposing.

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