#### Regional council

## Vote on salary cut is set for April 7

scheduled to vote on a by-law that would authorize 10 percent cuts in councillors' sal-

aries at a meeting April 7. A few months ago council passed a resolution calling for the preparation of the by-law. The by-law has been a long time coming. Usually by-laws

Halton Regional Council is are called for one meeting and are on the agenda at the

> About six weeks after the resolution was passed, the bylaw appeared on the agenda but a vote on that matter was deferred until April 7, at the request of Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur.

Full attendance The mayor indicated it was important that everyone be aware the vote was being called and that as many coun-

tendance for the vote. Council has been split on the question right from the time it was called. Councillor

MacLean Anderson of Oakville has said he won't be able to attend April 7 and he said Halton Hills Councillor Ric Morrow will be on vacation at cillors as possible be in atthe time as well. Both councillors have sup-

ported salary cuts. The motion to have salaries reduced was introduced by Oakville Councillor Bill Mason, who said the move was necessary to set an example during a year of spending restraint at

the region.

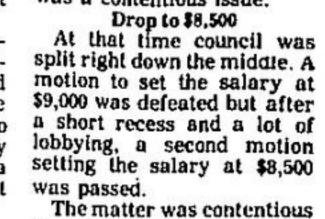
Another away An opponent of the salary cut, Paul Preston is also expected to be absent from that meeting and his absence would partially offset the absence of the other two coun-

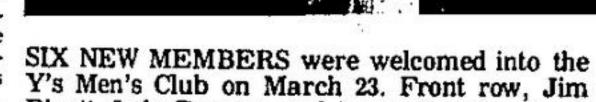
cillors. According to Regional Deputy Clerk John Byrne, there is no provision in the procedural by-law to allow proxy voting. Members must be in their seats to vote.

Councillors set their stipend at \$8,500 soon after they were elected in 1973. At that time the matter of salaries

then and caused bad feelings almong some members. Councillor Jim Watson of Milton is one councillor who supported the salary and opposed the current cuts. He has frequently made remarks to councillors who felt the salary was too high. He has suggested often during the course of a meeting that anyone who felt the stipend was too high should not accept it, but donate it to the region.

was a contentious issue. Drop to \$8,500 At that time council was split right down the middle. A





row, Brian Weber, Ralph Hall and Ken Hurren are now members.



EASTER SEALS were placed in envelopes ready for mailing the next day. Rotarians held an envelope stuffing bee after their meeting last Tuesday; pictured are John Arnold, Gary Dawkins, Dave Manes and. Bruce Cargill.

# Region will try again to select architects

Architects who felt they firms should be included on a short list of architects being considered for the task of designing the Halton Regional Government headquarters will have another oppor-

Earlier a committee of senior regional staffers had compiled a short list of architectural firms which the committee felt should be considered in the final selection. When that initial report

went to council it was debated at length and finally rejected, as councillors weren't prepared to accept the staff com-mittee's suggestion. Some counciflors felt some

architects who had been included didn't deserve to be, and others argued that some who were excluded were really very competent and should be included on the short list.

That meeting ended without council coming to any form of agreement. During the meeting last week the administration committee agreed to open the com-petition to all interested

#### Health Unit

A hiring freeze enacted by Halton Regional Council has left Halton Health Unit employees feeling like second class citizens, according to Medical Officer of Health Dr. J. H. Chamberlain.

He told the Region's administration committee that his staff needed relief from the freeze that was applied a few months ago.

He reported a number of resignations and explained those resignations had left the staff shorthanded.

Dr. Chamberlain told the committee the Health Unit is working shorthanded in both immunization and inspection

With summer coming up and the additional work concerning swimming pools and septic tank inspections, the staff would be hard put to keep pace with the work load, the committee was told.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett told the committee it

they had refused to send in But this time the politicians the hallots.
will decide who will be on the Contro

Controversial topic
The building of the headshort list and who is not, and then proceed to conduct interviews. All interested ar-chitects are invited to make presentations to the com-Council will vote on that

recommendation April 7. In an effort to prod councillors into breaking the stalemate and making a decision, Regional Chairman Allan Masson sent ballots to that councillors would cast ing should their ballots and the firm with definitely.

Administration committee actual design and conmembers poo-poo'd that idea struction of the building as a poor way of handling the looms in the future and is sure situation and several said to present its problems.

quarters has been a controversial subject from day one. The choice of a site took the better part of two years and even after that, several councillors opposed making any budgetary provision for

That faction argued that the economy was in a poor state and the future of regional government was uncertain. Members of that group argued that the building should be deferred in-

the most votes would be Although the decision to recommended as the firm for build has now been made and that debate is history, the

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