

**Regional council**

# Vote on salary cut is set for April 7

Halton Regional Council is scheduled to vote on a by-law that would authorize 10 per cent cuts in councillors' salaries at a meeting April 7.

are called for one meeting and are on the agenda at the next. About six weeks after the resolution was passed, the by-law 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 councillors as possible be in attendance 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 the time as well.

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



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.

Both councillors have supported 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 councillors.

At that time council was split right down the middle. A motion to set the salary at \$9,000 was defeated but after a short recess and a lot of lobbying, a second motion setting the salary at \$8,500 was passed. The matter was contentious then and caused bad feelings among 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.



SIX NEW MEMBERS were welcomed into the Y's Men's Club on March 23. Front row, Jim Rivett, Lyle Preuter and Larry Douglas, back row, Brian Weber, Ralph Hall and Ken Hurren are now members.

## Region will try again to select architects

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

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 committee's suggestion.

Some councillors 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 competition to all interested

firms. But this time the politicians will decide who will be on the short list and who is not, and then proceed to conduct interviews. All interested architects are invited to make presentations to the committee.

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 each councillor. The idea was that councillors would cast their ballots and the firm with the most votes would be recommended as the firm for the job.

Administration committee members poo-poo'd that idea as a poor way of handling the situation and several said

they had refused to send in the ballots.

**Controversial topic**  
The building of the headquarters 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 indefinitely.

Although the decision to build has now been made and that debate is history, the actual design and construction of the building looms in the future and is sure to present its problems.

### 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 short-handed.

Dr. Chamberlain told the committee the Health Unit is working short-handed in both immunization and inspection staffs.

Extra work  
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 was unfortunate.

## Talking to our Gold Medal Banker about home furnishings meant a lot to us.

Come into Acton's Action Bank and talk to your Gold Medal Banker.

Earl Steckley, Manager, and his colleagues will welcome you.

Good things happen with a Gold Medal Banker. Let's talk.

The First Canadian Bank  
Bank of Montreal

## Pits and Quarries

What do you think about gravel pits and stone quarries? How should the industry be regulated to protect the local environment and yet provide a steady supply at an acceptable cost to taxpayers and consumers?

Come and talk with members of the Ontario Mineral Aggregate Working Party appointed to develop policy recommendations on this vital subject.

Place: Caledon Municipal Offices, Highway #10, Caledon  
Time: Monday, April 12, 2:00-9:00 p.m.

• Displays • Maps • Slide Show

We are all part of the problem - become part of the solution!

Ministry of Natural Resources  
Ontario  
Hon. Leo Bernier  
Minister  
Dr. J. K. Reynolds  
Deputy Minister

# GRAND OPENING

THURS., FRI., SAT. ★ APRIL 1, 2, 3

<p>Summer PURSES from \$300</p> <p>Men's Pre-washed BLUE JEANS \$11.98</p> <p>Ladies' 3 Pc. SAFARI SUITS</p> <p>Inflatable 1 &amp; 2 Man BOATS from \$18.95</p> <p>Ladies' Assorted Styles SPRING SLACKS</p> <p>Junior Skirt &amp; Top VELARO SET \$4.99</p> <p>Boys' and Men's Plain &amp; Colored UNDERWEAR Tops &amp; Bottoms \$5.99</p> <p>American EXERCISER</p> <p>Assorted STATIONERY</p> <p>Children's Leather SANDALS \$1.25 pr.</p> <p>NOVELTY RADIOS</p> <p>Short Sleeve SHIRTS from \$4.99</p> <p>CLOCK RADIOS</p> <p>Vel DISHWASHING LIQUID 77¢</p>	<p>AM/FM CASSETTE RECORDERS</p> <p>Ladies' BRA &amp; PANTIE SETS \$1.99</p> <p>HEALTH and BEAUTY AIDS</p> <p>Ladies' BLOUSES \$1.69 \$3.49</p> <p>STEREO SPEAKERS</p> <p>Ladies' SWEATERS \$2.50 to \$5.98</p> <p>Boys' BLUE JEANS</p> <p>Children's RUNNING SHOES \$2.99</p> <p>STEREO COMPONENT SETS</p> <p>Men's DRESS SLACKS</p> <p>Adult's RUNNING SHOES \$3.99 pr.</p> <p>TAPE DECKS</p> <p>Large Variety of CHILDREN'S WEAR</p> <p>Men's WORK SOCKS and GLOVES</p>
--	---

Free Electric Bicycle Reflector with Purchase of Children's Clothing

Free Sweetheart Rose to First 100 Customers

Open 6 Days a Week - Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. - Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Something for every member of the family!"

# Family BARGAIN CENTRE

No. 7 Highway 1 Mile West of Acton 853-2380

