

Public works junket

# Equalized assessment decision is delayed

An effort to have equalized assessment for water and sewer work in the region was shelved, pending the tabling of yet another report on the subject it was decided Monday at the end of the five hour sitting of Halton regional council.

The decision has been discussed a number of times in the past but this time a proper notice of motion had been advanced to the regional council by Burlington Councillors Mary Munro and Jack Hafitis.

Once the motion was read, Oakville Councillors pulled out all the stops and headed council into one of its most unusual procedural wrangles.

Oakville Councillor Mac Anderson said the motion was out of order and couldn't be considered until the previous resolution rejecting equalized assessment had been rescinded.

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yet ready to support the change.

Many councillors feel that equalized assessment is the very essence of regional government.

Some favored tabling the motion because of unanswered questions. Some asked who'll pick up outstanding debentures for sewage plants and sewers.

Oakville has the most to lose by going along with the equalized assessment concept. It has the best assessment ratio in the region and consequently is best able to pay its bills. Reports indicate Oakville would in fact be subsidizing work in other areas of the region.

Wednesday's meeting of Halton Regional Council promises to feature a repeat performance of what became known as the "great debate on the New Orleans junket."

Last year the region's public works committee authorized all eight members and some staffers to attend the International Public Works Annual Congress and Equipment Show in New Orleans.

When that committee report reached council, it drew the wrath of many councillors. The recommendation was defeated and the public works chairman and committee members

were soundly chastised for their ambitions to live high off the public purse.

When the storm subsided and chairman Jack Hafitis had been shot down on subsequent requests to send fewer members to the conference, council finally agreed to send one councillor.

It's that time of year again, but this time the group will be meeting in Las Vegas and the committee wants to send three elected people.

The recommendation passed at the committee limits the cost to the region to \$369 for air fare and registration. That leaves the delegates on their own for food and fun money.

Even at that, if the trip is approved that'll gobble up a large chunk of the \$1,500

budgeted for councillors' conventions and seminars.

Oakville Councillor Bill Mason suggested the trip sounded too much like hoopla—"we'll all get together and have some fun." Mason wondered if spending that much money on that trip would prevent the smaller trips the committee had talked about to visit waste disposal sites and other facilities of interest to the committee.

When Mason suggested limiting the regional cost to \$300 per person, Halton Hills Councillor Ernie Sykes said, "Aw, come on, don't be a cheapskate."

"I'm not a cheapskate, I've gone to these things and paid for them myself," Mason shot back.



A VISIT to the fire station was an exciting experience for afternoon students of the Honey Pot Nursery School last week. The students ages 3-5 were under the supervision of teachers Mary Forester and Lynda Lindberg.

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MARJ THORNTON is the manager of the new CIAG offices in Acton.

## Marg Thornton manager new insurance office

A long time Acton resident, well as take payments. The main reason for the office is to answer questions and inquiries.

Prior to her job with CIAG, Mrs. Thornton was employed by Building Products and the Bank of Montreal. Although she has no previous insurance training she went through an intensive two week course learning the basics before the office was opened.

## Waterfalls Park

### May evict families from mobile homes

Twelve families now living year-round in mobile homes in Waterfalls are going to have to find another place to live.

Just when they will be forced to move is the question that remains unanswered.

Councillor Roy Booth told Halton Hills council Monday night he had calls from the people asking if they were going to be evicted. They wanted to know if they should go ahead and plant their gardens as they usually do at this time.

He termed it a "real hardship" and asked where would they go and who will pay for the move. "If we say, kick them out, we should at least advise them about it."

Councillor Dick Howitt said an application by Mr. Prueyk, owner of Waterfalls Park to the OMB was withdrawn, and an agreement reached between the town solicitor and Mr. Prueyk's

solicitor. He claimed there never was any doubt the trailers would be moved out, but agreed the people should be given time to relocate.

Councillor George Malby said the town is not evicting them, the landlord is. He said most of the people were in an illegal situation since they were not supposed to be there. He said in any rental situation people can be asked to leave. He maintained their landlord has entered into this agreement.

Booth said all the people knew is what was in the paper.

Booth said there is no place in Halton Hills a trailer can be located, and pointed out most of the people work in town.

Motor vehicle accidents are responsible for the greatest number of accidental injuries and deaths in Canada.

## F. Toth wins towing bid

Frank Toth Motors was recently awarded the contract for towing by the Halton Region.

The contract is for towing of vehicles required by the Halton Regional Police. According to purchasing agent Roy Higgins it provides for towing of light or heavy vehicles, vehicles involved in collisions and vehicles which must be impounded or locked in a building.

Toth Motors won the contract over one other Acton firm, Les' B.P. owned by Les Pelitis.

## Two cars damaged

Two Halton Hills residents were involved in separate car accidents Saturday on OPP-patrolled highways, but no one was injured.

Milton OPP said Gordon James Gibbs of R.R. 4, Acton was southbound on Highway 25 in a 1969 Ford, when he lost control and drove off onto the west shoulder one mile south of 15 Sideroad.

Police said the car then veered across the highway and ended up in a ditch on the east side. Damage was estimated at \$250.

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## Members fill PR function

Halton Region's Public Works Department is being besieged by requests for speakers to go to schools and community groups and talk about resource recovery.

Works Committee Chairman Jack Hafitis said he had accepted many of the speaking engagements himself, but they had become too time-consuming and he now refers calls to the staff.

Engineer Jack Corbett said several requests had been received but the staff did not have the time to accommodate all of the requests. He

explained a lot of interest in the subject had been created in recent months.

Ask ministry Mr. Corbett said he was trying to see if the Ministry of the Environment had people who could go out and accept speaking engagements.

The committee suggested Mr. Corbett pursue that route but agreed committee members should take turns speaking, if the ministry is not available. The idea of paying consultants to take on the job was discarded as being too expensive.

## Canoeists at Fairy Lake

The second part of a wilderness camping and canoeing program sponsored by the Halton Hills Public Libraries will be held Saturday at Fairy Lake in Acton.

This part, dealing with canoeing techniques, was originally scheduled for Monday night but members of the group who met for the first session in Georgetown fell there was not enough time in the evening for the demonstration.

The group of about 40 will gather at 1 p.m. at Fairy

Lake to learn the basics of canoeing through a practical demonstration. Included in the demonstration will be how to transport a canoe, as well as how to lift, portage and paddle canoes.

Missing "E" The second letter "e" in the word electric is missing from the front of the Acton Hydro Electric building on Alice Street.

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