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

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 Raftis. 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 rescind-

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett reminded Chairman Allan Masson that he had ruled a matter out of order earlier because council had already dealt with the matter.

When Masson ruled the resolution in order, his ruling was challenged but the ruling was upheld by council and debate continued.

Oakville Councillor Carl Eriksen objected to the fact that the backup information had not been circulated until 5.45 p.m., at the end of the budget debate. "There's no time to digest

it," he complained. Several councillors wished to deal with the report on the spot and defeat it, while a hard core pushed to have the

concept accepted. Treasurer Don Farmer noted the shift would decrease sharp tax increases in Acton and Milton particularly.

Because of extraordinary sewer charges in Acton this year, the regional levy will be chargeback system has to go increased by something in the sometime, but most are not

order of \$60 while the increase on a \$7,500 assessment in Milton is expected to be about \$45. The average increase on property valued at \$7,500 is about \$24.

In spite of predictions that spreading costs for sewer and water across the region would ease budget problems in the north, the northern representatives voted largely against

Burlington Councillor Jack Raftis said sewers were the only item still charged back to the benefitting municipal-

Raftis said the north had a great deal to gain from the scheme and he was surprised the north did not support it. Northern representatives have continually opposed the concept because they are outvoted at the region and they feel that if the costs were shared across the region, it would be more difficult to have area projects approved.

Planning Chairman Mary Munro told the council that if councillors knew their areas were going to share in costs of projects, they would take more interest in the requests for service, rather than just opposing approvals for local municipalities and charging the work back. She saw that

as an advantage. She told council regional government should be dissolved if equalized assessment was turned down.

"I'll go one step further. How can you justify five chief planners, five treasurers, five clerks and five engineering departments in the region?

She claimed council had never accepted the responsibility that goes with regional

The debate was like several that have gone before it. Most councillors agree that the

New Orleans in '75 Las Vegas in '76?

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

Some favored tabling the Last year the region's motion because of unanswerpublic works committee ed questions. Some asked authorized all eight members who'll pick up outstanding deand some staffers to attend bentures for sewage plants Works Annual Congress and Oakville has the most to Equipment Show in New lose by going along with the

yet ready to support the

Many councillors feel that

equalized assessment is the

very essence of regional

equalized assessment con-

cept. It has the best assess-

ment ratio in the region and

consequently is best able to

pay its bills. Reports indicate Oakville would in fact be sub-

sidizing work in other areas

and sewers.

of the region.

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 Halton Regional Council their ambitions to live high off the public purse.

> and chairman Jack Raftis 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, the International Public 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

targe chunk of the \$1,500 back.

Waterfalls Park

Just when they will be

Councillor Roy Booth told

He termed it a 'real hard-

ship' and asked where would

they go and who will pay for

the move. "If we say, kick them out, we should at least

Councillor Dick Howitt said

an application by Mr.

Prucyk, owner of Waterfalls Park to the OMB was with-

drawn, and an agreement

reached between the town

solicitor and Mr. Prucyk's

advise them about it."

gardens as they usually do at , agreement.

forced to move is the question

that remains unanswered.

this time.

May evict families

from mobile homes

year-round in mobile homes never was any doubt the

in Waterfalls are going to trailers would be moved out,

have to find another place to but agreed the people should

go ahead and plant their landlord has entered into this

budgeted for councillors' conventions and seminars.

Oakvine Councillor Bill When the storm subsided 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 Even at that, if the trip is gone to these things and paid approved that'll gobble up a for them myself," Mason shot

be given time to relocate.

Councillor George Maltby

said the lown is not evicting

them, the landlord is, He said

Motor vehicle accidents are

responsible for the greatest

number of accidental injuries

and deaths in Canada.

F. Toth wins towing bid

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

Frank Toth Motors was recently awarded the contract for towing by the Halton Re-

Lindberg.

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 Twelve families now living solicitor. He claimed there must be impounded or locked in a building.

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

Two cars most of the people were in an Halton Hills council Monday illegal situation since they night he had calls from the were not supposed to be damaged people asking if they were there. He said in any rental going to be evicted. They situation people can be asked wanted to know if they should to leave. He maintained their

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

Booth said all the people knew is what was in the Millon OPP said Gordon James Gibbs of R.R. 4, Acton Booth said there is no place in Halton Hills a trailer can was southbound on Highway 25 in a 1969 Ford, when he lost be located, and pointed out control and drove off onto the most of the people work in 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.



Members fill PR function

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

Works Committee Chairman Jack Raftis 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 being too expensive.

Canoeists at

The second part of a wilder- Lake to learn the basics of

program sponsored by the demonstration, included in

will be held Saturday at Fairy to transport a canoe, as well as how to lift, portage and

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This part, dealing with can-paddle canoes.

Fairy Lake

ness camping and canoeing

Halton Hills Public Libraries

oeing techniques, was origin-

ally scheduled for Monday night but members of the

group who met for the first

session in Georgetown felt

there was not enough time in

the evening for the demon-

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

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

canoeing through a practical

the demonstration will be how

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The second letter "e" in the

word electric is missing from the front of the Acton Hydro

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Marg Thornton manager new insurance office

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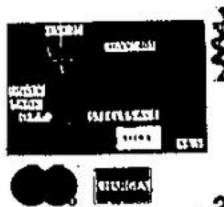


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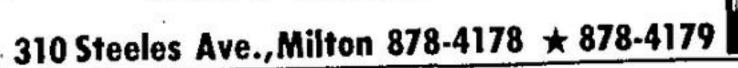




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