

Elect new executive

Five new members were elected to the Executive Council of the Halton Lung Association at the annual meeting May 13.

Mrs. J. V. Baker, Georgetown, Mrs. G. Gaudet, Oakville, and Leonard Bailey, G. C. Muller and G. E. Pattison of Burlington, are the new members.

Re-elected to the executive council were Mrs. Pamela Sturgess, Georgetown, Dr. J. H. Chamberlain, George-

town, H. H. Hinton, Acton, Mrs. Lorene Sanford, Limehouse, Mrs. Horace Blyth, Nassagaweya, Miss Dorothy Craig, Milton, Dr. I. A. Hunter, J. M. Ledwith and J. W. Ostler and Mrs. C. W. Howe, of Milton, Miss Marion Wilson, Mrs. C. W. McKim, R. D. Gowland, Ms. Hilda Clark, and Ewart Carberry, of Oakville, Mrs. F. C. Alcock, Dr. R. W. T. Haddon, Dr. D. G. Hodde, C. McFadden, and J. H. Simpson.

Christmas seals up despite strike

Despite the mail strike last year, the Christmas Seal campaign topped the previous year by a few dollars, John Ostler, President of the Halton TB and RD Association, now Halton Lung Association, told members and guests at the annual meeting in Hillcrest United Church, May 13.

This year \$70,298 was raised, while the previous year \$70,269 was the total.

Mr. Ostler praised the work of Christmas Seal chairman C. L. McFadden the staff and volunteers who packaged and delivered the seals by car to the regional post offices.

He stressed this amount is an all-time high for the district, at a time when nationally the campaign was down 8.7 percent.

The chairman briefly summed up the lengthy reports, pointing out Program Co-ordinator Joyce Armour is responsible for the smoking withdrawal clinics, where an 80 percent success rate has been attained.

Physical conditioning programs for children with asthma operated for the first time in Georgetown last year, as well as in Oakville and Burlington, where adults programs are also carried on, said the report.

He said the Pulmonary Function Testing, by technician Sheila Brown is well received by industry. The report showed 2,159 persons

screened with 143 found to have abnormal tests. This is 6.6 percent of the total.

The report also suggested a testing wagon could aid the program, as well as serving as a transport for respiratory out patients.

Mrs. Ostler said social worker Mary Kennedy combines visits to people with chest problems with alleviating social problems.

Chairman Ostler introduced the head table guests, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McFadden Halton Region councillor Terry Mannell and his wife, Oakville mayor Harry Barret and Mrs. Barret, Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Hodde, and Mrs. Barbara Snow, Councillor Terry Mannell, and Mayor Harry Barret brought greetings and good wishes from Halton Regional Council and the town of Oakville respectively. Mrs. Barbara Snow standing in for her husband the Hon. Jim Snow, Minister of Transportation and Communications, wished the Association continued success.

E. C. Foster, a member of the Executive council, said he was one of the original members of the Association and of those present only Executive Secretary Mrs. Jessie Lunau could match his 25 years service.

In recognition of her long dedicated service Mr. Foster presented Mrs. Lunau with a silver rose bowl, with an arrangement of pink roses in it.



DR. J. H. CHAMBERLAIN, M. O. H. AND H. H. (Bert) Hinton, members of the Executive Council Halton Lung Association, look at photographs of Guest speaker Dr. D. G. Hodde, when he travelled by dogsled to cover his practice in Labrador.



MRS. PAM STURGESS, a member of the Executive Council, Halton Lung Association and Mrs. Barbara Snow, find pictures of Dr. D. G. Hodde, swathed in furred parka on his dogsled in Labrador, a fascinating study.

Landfill costs

'Man this is out of control'

"Man this is out of control," Halton Hills councillor Ric Morrow told Halton Regional Council as he complained bitterly about the money the region is spending to operate landfill sites in the region.

He said the Town of Georgetown ran a landfill site for \$25,000 a year the year before regional government was implemented. Now it costs \$100,000 a year to run the Halton Hills landfill site in Georgetown. That site handles refuse from Milton as well as Halton Hills now.

Mr. Morrow objected to increasing rates from \$3 to \$4 per ton to dump refuse in regional sites.

"I don't want it approved now or ever. I've seen a system go from one where there was no charge to one that is phenomenally inefficient.

Out of control

"Man this is out of control. You seem to think that by raising rates by one third you can solve all of the problems. People are getting mad and I don't blame them. We're spending five or six times

what we did two or three years ago."

His comments drew support from Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur who claimed costs in the Nassagaweya site jumped from \$7,000 to \$25,000 and then finally the site was closed. "It was priced out of the range where it was possible for us to have it."

Public works Chairman Jack Rafis said the rates were being set at a level that would allow the sites to come close to being self sustaining.

He claimed that the region

had found some sites not being properly operated once the region took over.

M.O.E. Standards

He reminded Mayor MacArthur that the region had to meet standards set down by the Ministry of the Environment and it was those standards that had spelled doom for the Nassagaweya site.

You think an increase of \$3 to \$4 per ton is hard to swallow, wait until a year from now when we develop a regional site."

Rafis started to chuckle and point his finger across the room at Mrs. MacArthur.

"I don't mind Anne saying this but anyone as informed as she is and getting away with this BS is smarter than I am. I don't mind it, it's damn good politics, damn good politics," he chuckled.

Region drops capital levy

In what was described by many as an anti-region move, Halton Regional Council voted to discontinue charging capital levies at the regional level.

What that in effect does, is leave the area municipalities with the full responsibility for collecting fees from developers, to offset the costs of development in that area.

Until now the region has levied \$600 for each urban home being erected. That fee was put towards the cost of water and sewer installations. The area municipalities charge levies of their own against the homes for costs they incur because of development. With the region dropping its \$600 fee, area municipalities may have to review their fees to make up the difference.

Lost control

The argument came down to largely a matter of who should control how the regional projects are financed.

Councillors arguing in favor of dropping the fees claimed that all of the projects were charged back to the areas anyway and it was just a ploy to make the regional mill rate lower than it really is.

They argue that by having only one levy a lot of book-keeping can be avoided. Oakville Mayor Harry Barret said the current system of two levies is duplication in its

greatest form. "The area council has the burden to pay for the services so it should have the freedom to say how it is paid for."

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur supported the Oakville Mayor. "We are responsible people. We have spent money on water, sewer and canalization work. We have no debt for our pollution control plant. We're the people who pay the bill and we should look after the money."

Public Works Chairman Jack Rafis said the region must have its own capital levy fee. He pointed out all of the projects were planned and carried out at the regional level and the financing of those projects should be controlled at that level.

Planning Committee Chairman Mary Munro said the council action put the region in an untenable position. She said that action would increase the need for debenturing and increase costs to the ratepayer.

Councillor Ric Morrow was one of the councillors most critical of the move. "It's backward, regressive and narrow-minded. I'm astounded to think the motion ever got out of committee. It shows that some people don't have one iota of understanding of the financial problems this region will face over the next five years.

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New short name

Halton TB and RD now Halton Lung Assoc.

An old familiar name the Halton TB and RD association disappeared, and the new name, Halton Lung Association, took its place, after a vote by members at the annual meeting of the Association May 13.

Not a wisp of cigarette smoke hung in the air of Hillcrest Church Hall, as guest speaker Dr. D. G. Hodde, a member of the Executive Council of the Halton Lung Association, told of his 44 years as a doctor in the Grenfell Hospital in Harrington Harbour, Labrador. For his long dedicated work he was honored last month with the

Order of Canada.

He said he was attracted to the work by hearing of Dr. Grenfell's work in the north, and intended to stay only a year or two, when he first went to Labrador.

"I guess it was the challenge that kept me there all these years. Especially the improvising was a challenge, when you haven't got the equipment you make do". He told of using a tool bought in Woolworth's during an emergency. He said he travelled by dogsled, and covered 300 to 400 miles around the area, trying to cover 25 villages

once each winter and twice each summer.

He recalled operating on "a red hot appendix" in a dark hut, using a kerosene lamp and two flashlights, with the husky dogs peering in through the only small window.

In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Hodde became a mechanic, carpenter, architect and hospital accountant, through necessity. "To top it off they made me a judge too."

He described his life's work as "satisfying", and said the people in the area are extremely hospitable.

He said tuberculosis was a serious problem in Quebec, Labrador and Newfoundland

when he went there and continued to be a problem even though the mortality rate in Ontario had dropped considerably.

Dr. Hodde remembers thinking drugs would be useless against TB, when he first heard of their introduction. "We had become so used to thinking fresh air, rest and good food were the only treatments we jeered at chemotherapy."

He reminded the Halton Lung Association members other chest diseases such as asthma and emphysema are now their target, and said there is a lot of work to do in these areas.

Herbert (Bert) Hinton of Acton thanked the speaker.

Report due

Halton Region's Public Works Committee will consider a report investigating the feasibility of a resource recovery plant for Halton Region late this month or early next month.

M. M. Dillon, Environmental Consultants, have been studying the matter for several months now. The consultants reported earlier on a study that indicates the pros and cons of four possible landfill sites in the region.

Information kits have been assembled and sent to 200 people, groups and organizations who have indicated an interest in the matter.

Idea views

Citizen groups in the region have taken an active role in submitting views on what should happen in the resource recovery field.

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