

Equalized charges illegal — Ric Morrow

Halton Hills councillor Ric Morrow says the town's decision last week to equalize sewer charges throughout the town is illegal.

Last week council decided to equalize the sewer assessment charges in Acton and Georgetown, adding \$6.75 to

the average Georgetown ratepayers 1976 tax bill, and slicing \$8.38 from the average Acton homeowner's taxes.

The plan would see the average taxpayer in each urban area pay \$42.90 for sewerage costs this year. Without equalized assessment Acton

residents would pay \$67.91 for sewerage service and Georgetown residents only \$33.37. Morrow was opposed to equalized assessment but a slim majority of councillors believed it was just another necessary step in making Halton Hills one town.

Morrow told this newspaper Tuesday that after talking to both the regional treasurer and regional solicitor he has learned Halton Hills' equalized assessment plans are illegal. The move is illegal due to requirements in Bill 151, provincial legislation which set

else use money collected from lot levies to bring the Acton rate down.

The day after the mill rate was set, Morrow indicated to this newspaper he had doubts about the legality of the move and said he would investigate.



PAINTING A REPLICA of Holly Hobbie on the sidewalk in front of Acton high school is Lesley Carter, a grade ten student. Art students, in conjunction with Art Fever, had a sidewalk coloring contest on Friday. Bright shades of chalk were used for a great variety of drawings. Susan Mellor and Dan Warren were named to have the best work by judges, principal Dean Fink and director of education L. M. Lavender.

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Transfer Acton billing to Georgetown office

The Halton Region public works committee voted last week to transfer the Acton water billing function to its Georgetown office and save the Acton water area \$15,000 a year.

The change is to be instituted as soon as possible.

Presently, the Town of Hal-

ton Hills handles the Acton water billing on the region's behalf.

The public works committee was told by staffers that the saving would come from having business machines at the Georgetown office operating at a greater capacity.

The office staff increase of

one part-time person for the Georgetown office is to be offset cost-wise by the resignation of a Halton Hills employee who was involved in the billing.

No operating costs

Halton Hills Councillor Garnet McKenzie said he wanted to ensure Acton doesn't end up paying one-third of the rent or other operating costs of the Georgetown water office because of the change, and the committee told regional staffers to make certain that doesn't happen.

Councillor McKenzie is not a member of the public works committee, but was replacing Councillor Ernie Sykes from the Georgetown area of Halton Hills who is in Great Britain.

The only other person on the staff is Mrs. Lorna Clark. Neither of them have been officially informed of the billing change.

Presently water bills, taxes and parking tickets may be paid here. Dog and bike licenses are sold. The major task in the office, however, has been water billing.

Because of this the region pays over half the cost of the office.

New equipment

The new equipment in the Georgetown office will easily handle all the billing of the town with the addition of a part-time person. In contrast the Acton office equipment is becoming old and the service contract cannot be renewed.

Monday night at the Halton Hills works committee meeting councillor Dick Howitt reported on the region's decision.

The committee of the whole will decide what to do in the town office, with a deadline of January 1977.

Acton office

Mrs. Donna Mavor is leaving the Acton office; she has resigned since her husband has been transferred to Minnesota for a year.

Up pool rates to cut deficit

An increase in membership and swimming lesson costs at both Acton and Georgetown indoor pools could cut a projected deficit at Acton from \$16,253 to a deficit of \$12,406 and at Georgetown from \$8,857 to \$4,186.

Starting in September rates will go up if Halton Hills council goes along with the increased rates recommended by administration committee.

The single admission rate was upped to 35 cents earlier this year. Membership for children would go from \$13 to \$18, students would stay the same at \$18, adults would decrease \$2 from \$20 to \$18, the adult sauna rate would stay the same, a family would go from \$55 to \$60 and a family with sauna use from \$60 to \$70.

Red Cross water safety lesson for one person will increase from \$10 to \$12, for two persons from \$18 to \$22 and three or more in a family will go from \$24 to \$30.

In the tadpole and parent and tot lessons one member of a family will pay \$10, up from \$7, two members of a family will pay \$15, up from \$12, and three members of a family will pay \$20, up from \$18.

Synchronized swimming will increase \$2 as will spring board diving.

Scuba diving will go from \$75 to \$85.

Non-residents of Halton Hills will pay an additional \$2 on all rates.

"The proposed rates are still the best bargain in town," commented Recreation Director Glen Gray. He said the proposed rate increases were in line with the policy with the review of all town rates.

Councillor George Maltby pointed out the rates are in line with the policy of trying to break even in operating costs.

The Recreation Director said it is either a moderate increase now or a drastic increase later to reach the eventual goal.

Maltby said it seemed "the more population the less the

Sgt. here

Sgt. Dick Hilton, who now heads the Acton detachment of Halton Regional Police, officially began his new duties here Monday, June 14. He had been here for a couple of days previous to that, looking over the town and the neighboring district covered by the men of this office.

Ann Pickering named new rec. co-ordinator

replacing John Cooper, who left last week for a similar job with the city of Brampton. She will begin her new post on June 21.

The new co-ordinator came to Halton Hills in March of 1975 when she started with the swimming pool.

Council decides

Cars make homes police will evict

Halton Hills works committee will ask police to evict three young people from the Acton homes they are borrowing and then have the homes removed too.

It was revealed Monday by Councillor Joe Hurst that three young people have taken up residence and are sleeping in three cars which have been left in the Knox Presbyterian Church parking

Inch hail stones pound area Sun.

It wasn't the end of the world—as predicted by a woman from B. C.—but it certainly was a bad storm. Rumbblings of thunder for several hours on Sunday culminated in a rattling hail-storm.

Hailstones measured an inch across, claims one family who put some of them in their freezer to prove it.

The noise of the hail, thun-

der, lightning and rain combined with darkness made the storm an unusual one.

Plants and crops were battered but no serious damage has been reported. Power did not fail.

A bolt of lightning struck Mimosa church during a meeting but there was no fire and no one was injured.

Other areas were hit much worse than Acton.

Employers needed

Community Services Centre co-ordinator Judy McIn is disappointed that she has not heard from more prospective employers of students.

She has a list of plenty of willing students, but has heard from few people who would provide part-time work for them.

People who can hire students are asked to contact the Community Services Centre in the Y at 853-3310.

Maltby says

Too little prime time for public tennis

There is not enough prime time for the public at Acton tennis courts, Councillor George Maltby contended at Halton Hills administration committee, this week.

He said in looking over the recreation department brochure he noticed all the Georgetown courts offered prime time to the public. He said 7 a.m. until noon is not prime time.

"Surely every Thursday, Friday and Saturday should

not be scheduled for the club," he commented.

Recreation Director Glen Gray said it would be ironed out next year, but due to the lateness of the formation of Halton Hills Tennis Association, which oversees all courts in the town, the times had not been as carefully considered as they might have been.

He said next year the proposals would be submitted in January or February.

lot, which also serves as a municipal parking lot.

Hurst noted town policy says there is to be no overnight parking but wonders if the police can't enforce this clearly it isn't spelled out because it isn't spelled out clearly enough in the parking by-law. He said an agreement between the town and the church that there is to be no overnight parking may not be enough for the police to legally act on.

Engineer Robert Austin noted one of the cars doesn't even have wheels since it is up on blocks.

The police will be asked to have the cars removed.

Vagrants?

Councillors Dick Howitt and Mike Armstrong both thought the police could throw the young people out of the cars on the basis they are vagrants.

Hurst said he knows the police are aware the three cars have been left there but isn't sure they have been turned into sleeping quarters.

Local One of the Ontario Public Health Nurses Association union, Halton, was the first formed in Ontario back in 1966 she observed.

Public health nurses strike region lock-out to follow

Halton's Public Health Unit nurses will find themselves locked-out when they try to return to the job following their one week strike which began Monday.

Health Unit nurses throughout Halton joined over 1,000 colleagues across Ontario in the one week strike which was called to force Queen's Park to come up with legislation binding them to compulsory arbitration.

However when their strike is finished they will find the region isn't going to let them work again until a contract settlement has been reached.

"The Board of Health has said all along if the nurses precipitated a work stoppage there will be no more work for them until a collective agreement is reached in affect they will be locked-out," Halton region Director of Personnel Dennis Camm said this week.

Chairman of the nurses' negotiating team, Loveday Tuck, said in an interview that the nurses have gone on strike in the hopes of forcing the provincial government to enact compulsory arbitration for them.

"We would like arbitration so we can settle our contracts without strikes. The thrust of this strike is against the provincial government. The hospital nurses have arbitration and we don't. We simple don't like strikes any more than anyone else," she said.

In addition, striking public health nurses are protesting lock-outs which have been imposed at two of the 26 health units in Ontario.

"Lock-outs are not the way to settle contract disputes," she said.

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The nurses are picketing health units, municipal buildings and regional headquarters this week.

Mr. Camm said all of the region's health units will continue during the strike and subsequent lock-out as best as possible with limited staff but admitted some services will have to be curtailed.

OK arena sides

Plexiglass will be installed on the sides of Acton arena.

The administration committee of council Thursday night recommended acceptance of a bid which will do both sides but not the ends.

The department, had received two prices for installation of the plexiglass, the lowest from Crystaplex Plastics Ltd. for \$3,812.80.

Observed councillor Lee Doby: "Nobody should be disappointed the ends won't be done because we didn't expect anything to be done."

The plexiglass will be installed above the boards for a height of three feet, for protection.

With Georgetown Memorial arena closing for the summer, Acton arena will be using roller skates from Georgetown for the program here. Some of the money in the budget not needed now for skates will be used for the plexiglass.

Also studded tires and rims budgetted for the arena ice-surfacing machine will not be needed since it will not be used for roads and parks after all.

These savings cover the cost of the sides.

There are 47 public health unit nurses involved in the strike in Halton.

In Acton

The two public health nurses for the Acton area have joined in picketing in Georgetown and at other public health offices. In Acton, the two, Shirley McKay and Val Walters, handed out fact sheets about their strike at schools and on the streets Tuesday.

Their offices in the schools are closed and their appointments through the Community Services Centre cancelled.

Students with emergencies at the school will be looked after in other ways. Some teachers have had first aid training, including those at the high school involved in the Outers Club.



Father's Day, Sunday?

... and me with no present.

Pandy lives with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson at R.R. 1, Guelph.

Area people win \$10,000 in lottery

Mr. and Mrs. C. Wellwood weren't even watching television the night they won \$10,000 in the Wintario draw.

The R. R. 3 residents had company last Thursday evening and forgot about the draw being made. It was not until they compared one of their tickets with numbers in a newspaper that they realized

they were winners.

The ticket was one of four the Wellwoods had on the June 10 draw. They were purchased in Toronto.

The couple had bought Wintario and Olympic lottery tickets before, but until now, never had any luck. They plan to continue buying tickets.

Former resident \$10,000 richer

"Terrific".

That's all Mrs. Pat Patterson of 218 Bell St., Milton could say when she found out she had won \$10,000 in the May 27 Wintario lottery.

Mrs. Patterson, wife of Halton Regional Police Sgt.

Bill Patterson of the Milton Precinct, said "we didn't blow it, we've invested it."

It was her first Wintario win. The lucky ticket was purchased at Stedman's Store, Milton.

Formerly from Acton, Mrs. Patterson is well known here. Her parents Sylvester and Myrtle Sargent, three brothers and three sisters still live in this area.



Little Stomper

Stompin' Tom Connors and his wife, Lena, who live near Ballinacree, Monday celebrated the birth of their first child—a seven-pound, two-ounce boy.

The country and western singer's son was born at the Guelph General Hospital. Mrs. Connors said "it's our first child and, of course, we are very happy."

Ann Pickering named new rec. co-ordinator

Ann Pickering, Acton indoor pool supervisor, has been promoted to the position of recreation co-ordinator for wards one and two, Halton Hills general administration committee revealed Thursday evening.

Miss Pickering will be

NEWLY-APPOINTED recreation co-ordinator for wards one and two is Ann Pickering, former pool supervisor.



SIGNING IN support of striking nurses are two district women (centre) Carol Wragg and Marg Barnstable, both of R. R. 2, Acton. The district's two public health nurses were handing out fact

sheets and explaining their position to passers-by on Mill St. Tuesday. On the left is Val Walters, on the right Shirley McKay.