

**OUR READERS WRITE:**

**Will push for compensation**

Acton Free Press  
Acton,  
Ontario  
Dear Sir:

June 9, 1976

It would appear that the Opposition Parties have fallen out over the question of the routing of the Bradley-Georgetown Hydro Corridor. Each seems to be accusing the other of deceit and political chicanery. The whole question of the direction and placement of this transmission corridor is a matter of deep and vital concern to a great many residents of my Riding. The ultimate disposition of the problem is far too import-

ant to be exploited for some short-term political gain.

While I fully understand and appreciate the deep concern and problems caused by this Hydro Corridor I can only repeat my earlier statements—that I will assure all affected property holders that I will do my utmost to guarantee that they receive the fullest compensation. Not only for loss of actual land but for any depreciation in property values, as well as any other harmful side effects.

Yours sincerely,  
Jack Johnson, M.P.P.,  
Wellington-Dufferin-Peel

**Do we need Social Council?**

John Hatherley and Howard Kirkby are looking for answers from residents of North Halton on questions relating to social service in this area. The two university students have been hired by the North Halton Contact Centre to carry out the survey.

They will contact interest groups and members of the public with the following questions:

Do you feel there is a lack of publicity with regard to what social services are available in North Halton, and how to contact them?

Do you think the general public should have direct input into the decision-making process with respect to such programs as local and regional social and physical planning, education, and health and welfare services?

How would you rate the following services with regard to effectiveness (good, fair or poor): (a) health ser-

vices such as medical doctors, hospital treatment, public health care. (b) social services such as day care, family assistance, crisis centres, facilities or programs for the aged and handicapped. (c) education, pre-school, elementary, secondary. (d) municipal services. (e) recreation facilities and programs. (f) other services such as service clubs and associations, public transportation, churches, telephone, legal and business facilities.

Do you think North Halton should have a council which would pursue the objectives outlined in this article?

If such a council were formed would there be any other objectives that you think should be undertaken?

Would you be interested in actively participating in such a program?

The students would prefer that responses be submitted in writing, either through the mail or personally delivered

to the Halton Region Health Unit at 155 King St. Milton. Anonymity of contributors will be ensured by sending responses unsigned but indicating the municipality of the sender. While verbal replies are welcome, the researchers are not always available at the Health Unit to receive them.

A steering committee for the project was formed May 5 when members of the North Halton community met to investigate and seek solutions to the needs here.

The committee will decide, as a result of the survey, if a community development council should be formed. The council would act as an assessment body with regard to the establishment of new community social service projects.

through the Halton Region Health Unit in Milton, 878-7245, or through the North Halton Contact Centre in Georgetown, 877-1211.



ANN McDONALD with Tinker, a wild Mallard which thinks she is its mother.

**Pet of the week**

Tinker, a wild Mallard, follows Ann McDonald wherever she goes.

Ann was walking along the shore of the lake two weeks ago when she heard a peeping; she discovered one baby duckling unable to get out of its shell, its mother and the rest of the newborn family gone.

She got her mother and they released the duck. They feel sure it would have died.

They took it home and set it on a hot water bottle, under a lamp and now the duck has adopted Ann as its mother.

Tinker still lives with the McDonald family at 28 Church, but may head back to its relatives at the lake soon.

Ann has a book on duck and goose raising and is interested in understanding wild-fowl.

She feeds Tinker water and oatmeal, but it also loves a

weird range of foods including watermelon, mosquitos, ice cream, worms and coffee. Ann helpfully catches it mosquitos. She takes it to the lake for swims and carries it in a carton while it is still young.

Tinker fits right in with the family and curls up with the cat.

When pictured, perky Tinker was 14 days old.

**Two cars in collision**

Halton Regional Police estimate \$800 damages to a car driven by William Greer, 94 Kingham Dr. at 4:47, June 8.

Mr. Greer's car was in collision with a vehicle driven by Joseph Myers, 211 Kingham Dr., on Mill St. Police say there was no damage to the second vehicle.

**Well at Speyside could help costs**

If the town of Halton Hills built an additional well at Speyside school, it could save thousands of dollars in the future for outdoor skating rinks.

That was Pam Sheldon's reasoning at the Acton and Esquesing Recreation Advisory Committee meeting June 9.

Glen Gray, Halton Hills recreation director, released figures for the cost of the outdoor rinks this past winter, amounting to \$11,000 for rinks in Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing. The initial flooding costs were \$3300, Mr. Gray said.

**Volunteers**

Mrs. Sheldon stayed by a recommendation to council the community last winter that various communities should maintain their own

rinks and the town just do the initial work. She said in the Speyside area, there were a lot of men who have volunteered their time and equipment to the making and maintaining of outdoor rinks at the school. The only problem is, however, that the well from which the water would come is not adequate for hundreds of gallons to be used for the rink.

Mrs. Sheldon said if the town put in another well, the area men would gladly do the work; thus over a few years saving the town thousands of dollars on labor and equipment costs.

Mr. Gray suggested trucking the water into the area for the initial flooding and asked if the school's well had enough pressure to maintain the rink. Both Mrs. Sheldon and Ron Mitchell, another

member of the committee, agreed it would not. Mr. Gray pointed out that the Halton Board of Education would have to pay half of

the costs for the well. "People do not realize how much money is spent on piddly little things", he said as the subject was closed.

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**Police force to study future space needs**

Halton Regional Police Force is to study its present and future administration needs to see if space should be reserved at the Halton region headquarters being planned.

Regional Chairman Allan Masson told the Police Commission, Thursday, the region wants to know if the force wants space at regional headquarters.

Commission chairman Glenn Magnuson suggested after two years the force should evaluate its present administration headquarters with respect to cost, convenience and efficiency. Police headquarters are located in the old Oakville police station, beside the municipal building on Trafalgar Road.

He said the study might indicate there is no need for

the force to move its headquarters to the regional headquarters when it is built, but sometime in the future such a move might be necessary.

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UNIVERSITY STUDENTS John Hatherley and Howard Kirkby are conducting a survey of North Halton this summer. Hired by the North Halton Contact Centre, they are funded by a federal government grant to determine if North Halton needs a program of community development. They are looking for public and organization input to a questionnaire.

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