



Councillor McKenzie reports

Regional Budget for 1976
Prior to the formation of Regional Government in Halton the County Council operated many County Services for which each municipality was assessed their share of the operating costs through municipal taxes. These services included general government, public health, grants to hospitals, social and family services, manor, children's aid, museum and public works (County Roads). All these services have been carried on under Regional Government and Bill 151 added regional police, water, sewers, waste disposal, and regional planning department.

The functions provided under the County Council system were needed and accepted by the majority of residents although costs for public services were constantly rising. All towns except Acton had a local police force and we had been told that, when the town grew beyond 5,000 people, we would be expected to form a local police force rather than hire O.P.P.

As for the water and sewer, I firmly believe that area councils could have operated these services more efficiently and certainly less costly to the taxpayer. Perhaps it can be argued that we needed a regional plan to control development when you consider that Halton is expected to grow from 200,000 people in 1974 to over 500,000 in 1994 but since each area council has an area planning department the duplication of services concern me. To help local citizens see where regional taxes are spent I am enclosing the 1976 budget and 1975 for comparison purposes.

Regional Services that were established under County Council:

DEPARTMENT	1975	1976
Public Health	\$1,462,759	\$1,958,747
Grants to Hospitals	708,701	739,333
Social and Family Services	1,884,159	2,102,576
Halton Manor	2,754,070	3,166,725
Children's Aid	158,698	169,670
Grants to Organizations	65,480	74,500
Museum	91,358	93,353
General Government	913,746	802,353

Note: General government includes buildings, rent, insurance, courier service, auditor, as well as such departments as clerk, treasury, legal, personnel and purchasing.

Public Works (Roads)	1,182,578	1,344,196
Conservation	1,267,404	2,561,123

Note: Conservation includes special projects for Milton, Oakville, and Burlington to the amount of \$1,958,059 which are paid for by the benefiting municipality.

New Responsibilities under Regional Government:

Regional Police	6,145,571	7,457,151
Regional Planning Dept.	296,060	354,829
Sewers:		
Acton	177,877	182,431
Burlington	2,164,319	2,279,706
Georgetown	424,984	344,813
Milton	237,443	295,578
Oakville	1,556,367	1,409,385

Notes:
1. Georgetown had \$100,000 in a reserve fund which is being used this year. This accounts for the reduction in 1976 budget.

2. Acton had a deficit in 1974-75 which was brought about by some major repairs to the local plant. Although the majority of council did not support my resolution I still contend that these were capital costs paid out of the current budgets and should have been covered by lot levies collected in Ward 1.

The Water Budget is before council but since it does not affect municipal taxes it has not been approved to date. It would certainly benefit Halton Hills to have one regional water rate as recommended by staff. The water billing for the Acton area is being moved next year to the office in Georgetown where they have more modern equipment that can handle the billing for both areas. The equipment in the Acton office is beyond repair and the service contract cannot be renewed. The recommendation to regional council which was approved last Wednesday estimated a savings of \$15,000 to the Acton Water Account.

Provision will be made to pay the water bills locally and of course the Area Council will want to have a local office for Fire Chief, Recreation Co-ordinator as well as to provide for the local needs, collection of taxes, etc.

I have a detailed budget for the Regional responsibilities and if anyone wishes to discuss any phase of it in more detail please feel free to contact me.

G. W. "Pat" McKenzie,
Regional Councillor for Ward 1.



LYING PATIENTLY while blood is being extracted from his arm is F. De Haan. Irene Dubinski, clinic assistant, was just one of the many able persons on hand at the Acton blood donor clinic at the Legion on Monday.



CHARLIE AGER gets blood withdrawn from his thumb in the first step of a donation at the Red Cross clinic held at the Legion on Monday. Toronto technician Shelagh Rose takes the blood to determine whether it is suitable.

Red Cross

Successful clinic sees few rejects

Only 31 people were rejected at Monday's Red Cross blood clinic at the Legion, with 215 pints of blood being taken from willing and able donors.

Less rejections

Thirty more pints of blood were taken at this clinic than at the last one, and with less rejections. Henry Kroes, Red Cross convener says this is a sign that people are educating themselves to the fact of when they can and cannot give blood.

Anyone who has a medical history of jaundice or hepatitis, or has had medication within 24 hours, cannot give blood. There are many other reasons for rejection, which can be found out at the clinic, doctor or nurse.

Mr. Kroes attributed part of the increase in donors to volunteers telephoning known previous donors a few days before the clinic to remind them. The next clinic is October 26.

Loan cabinet

A loan cabinet is at present, being set up by the Acton group. Beds, cots, wheelchairs, commodes and crutches will be available for local people to borrow when needed. Mr. Kroes said the equipment is, at present, kept in Georgetown, but plans are being made to have some in Acton. It is allowed by the Red Cross. If a person is ill, or breaks a leg, and needs the equipment for only a few weeks he can borrow all he needs for as long as he needs it.

Mrs. N. Looyenga and Mrs. Marie Hargrave are in charge of the loan cabinet, which by mid-July will be behind Pete's Barber Shop on Mill St.

New Housing Authority replaces OHC in Halton

The new Halton Housing Authority was inaugurated earlier this month under the Ministry of Housing's plan to decentralize assisted housing management to a more local level and expand the local housing authority (LHA) system.

The authority is responsible for all public housing in the Regional Municipality of Halton which was previously under direct management of Ontario Housing Corporation. The housing authority office will be located in Oakville. Duncan Sinclair of Oakville is chairman of the new authority. Other members are Cameron Jackson, Mrs. Olive O'Connell and Garfield Brown of Burlington; George Kee of Hornby; Stephen McKellar of Oakville and Mrs. Dolly Moulden of Georgetown.

The total portfolio under management includes 995 senior citizen and family housing rental units in Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville with another 126 senior citizen units under construction in Oakville. A further 456 senior citizen and family housing rental units are under development in all four municipalities.

Housing Minister John Rhodes commented recently on the ministry's policy of further decentralization of housing management, with the transfer of all OHC direct management portfolios to local housing authorities.

"The system ensures that management will remain sensitive to local needs and priorities by putting it in the hands of local public-spirited citizens, and yet be autonomous to act in the best interests of the whole community," he said.

The new system of expanding local housing authorities to cover broader geographical bases means "we can extend the availability of socially assisted housing to very small communities which might not otherwise become involved."

Reject move

A motion by Milton Councillor Jim Watson that urged Halton Region to put the \$2,000,000 earmarked for new regional headquarters toward a reclamation centre for the region was met with little support Wednesday.

Mr. Watson had threatened to blow regional headquarters up if Masson's ruling was allowed to stand. Speaking to the motion, Mr. Watson said there were already nine plants generating steam or electricity in the province and seven others under consideration.

Mr. Watson's motion was just about discarded without any discussion. Regional Chairman Allan Masson ruled the motion out of order and premature. His ruling was overturned by the majority of council and discussion was allowed.

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Consider system on hit-run cars

Police in Halton, Peel, Hamilton-Wentworth and Guelph may be joining forces to institute a system designed to catch hit and run drivers. Halton Police Commission Glen Magnuson, Georgetown, said Thursday a system to help catch hit and run drivers which originated in Calgary is working successfully in Niagara region.

He explained when police arrive at the scene of an accident officers place stickers on the damaged cars. If a car is brought into a body shop without a sticker the owner is supposed to report it to police and officers then investigate to find out when and where the vehicle was in an accident.

Chief Ken Skerrett said there may be a resolution coming out of the Police Chief's conference in Toronto requesting Queen's Park to institute a province-wide accident sticker program but he wasn't hopeful the convention would get around to this item since the police chiefs are busy protesting abolition of capital punishment.

Failing that, forces between Toronto and Niagara will get together and try to institute a sticker system.

"It would be a waste of time for Halton to do it alone since people could just drive out of the region to get their car fixed. It must be comprehensive in this area. We could have the whole Golden Horseshoe under the system and there could be a system for Toronto and the areas east of Metro," Skerrett explained.

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