

## McKenzie on Bill 151 review committee

Acton Councillor Pat McKenzie was named Monday night by his colleagues on Halton Hills council to represent the town on a special regional committee studying Bill 151 and regional government in Halton.

The committee will look at Bill 151, provincial legislation which brought regional government to Halton, for possible changes. He also will examine duplication of services at the local and regional levels.

McKenzie said he was concerned about a move afoot around the region which would see one tier government come to Halton.

Armstrong said the same move has been afoot at Queen's Park for the last five years, too.

Mayor Tom Hill suggested

McKenzie attend a meeting of the special committee and report back to Halton Hills council with respect to the direction the committee was headed.

Councillor Ernie Sykes said Halton Hills council should give McKenzie directions on council's stance on various topics the special committee might look at.

Councillor Ern Hyde said the special committee's work was very important and Halton Hills must make its feelings felt.

"I would hope this committee would eventually lead us into a better form of government and eliminate regional council. I said for many years county council was excess baggage and the region is the same, only more so," he said.



**WHEEL FELL OFF** a hay wagon pulled by a tractor heading south on Highway 25 at Cobblehill Rd. last Wednesday morning blocking the lane. Traffic going south had to precariously make its way around the wagon pulled by a tractor. The axle ripped the road for several feet as the driver tried to pull over the shoulder. The wagon was left at a slant, making it appear as if the hay would fall off.

## Wintario grant for microfilming

\$5,839 in Wintario grant money comes to the Halton Hills public libraries for the microfilming of newspapers and the purchase of audio-visual equipment.

Grant applications submitted by the library in the spring were approved in a letter received Monday, Aug. 9 from the Minister of Culture and Recreation, Robert Welch.

\$1,144 in grant money will be matched by library funds for the purchase of a new 16 mm projector, record cabinets, filmstrip projector, paperback book racks and projector cabinet.

The remaining \$4,695 will be used to microfilm the back files of the Acton Free Press and the Georgetown Herald, thus preserving an essential resource in both towns' histories. The reels of the Acton Free Press microfilm will be available for use at the Acton Library and those of the Herald will be held at the Georgetown Library.

**Appeal**  
The library and the Esqueping Historical Society are appealing for the loan of Herald issues dated before 1918 which may be held privately. The Herald's own files were destroyed by fire in 1918. Issues loaned to the library for the purpose of microfilming will be handled

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by experts and returned to their owners intact.

Anyone holding or having knowledge of the existence of issues dated before 1918 should contact Mrs. Cornwell, chief librarian, Halton Hills Public Libraries, 877-2681.

**Other grants**  
Other Wintario grants announced the past week include up to \$20,750 for the purchase and renovation of a building to be used as the Campbellville community centre; \$6,437 to Milton Library for the purchase of Canadian books, films, typewriter and office equipment; and \$2,982 to Georgetown Minor Soccer Association for purchase of soccer equipment.

## Planner — council disagree on Sixth Line development

Halton Hills Planning Board disagreed with the planning department Tuesday night, on its recommendation that 41 estate homes on the Sixth Line should be considered premature.

They voted, instead, to have the plan reconsidered at the next meeting two weeks later.

The plan, originally proposed in June, 1975, called for 41 estate homes on two to three acre lots, running back from the Sixth Line almost over to the Seventh.

An artificial lake, where a small gravel pit is now, connected by walkways to a one and half acre parkette in the centre of the property is part of the plan. The existing farm lane would have a boulevard of trees in the centre, and all the trees would be retained, according to the plan.

Councillor Ric Morrow questioned the "premature" recommendation by the planners. He reminded council water lines must be brought to the administration building on the Seventh Line, and pointed out bringing the water through from Princess Anne Drive to the building would mean the lines coming through this development.

"This way we could recoup some of the costs with people along the way to pay for it, but if we come up the Seventh Line from Maple Avenue we'll have to pay the whole \$7,000 cost for this one building."

Morrow contended residents of the Sixth Line were having water problems and may welcome municipal water. He said council should be discussing water line costs with the developer of the Sixth Line estate homes, and the Region, to see if an agreement could be reached.

The planner said the town has to be careful the urban area of Georgetown never extends as far as this development. In addition he said the Niagara Escarpment Commission have objected to any development until they have completed their master plan.

Morrow pointed out the dragstrip development had been approved, and the 14 lots by Marywood Meadows, and wondered why this was

premature. "We could be saving a bundle by sharing the costs of this water line, and receiving revenue after it's in."

Councillor Harry Levy said the plan was premature because the Official Plan has not been completed. "We would be approving things not planned for."

Al Pilutti, owner of the land, said the water was not critical to him. He said a reservoir can be constructed on the property, and pumped to the homes.

He said that area couldn't become part of urban Georgetown, since sewage services wouldn't be there for 50 years. "Besides I think the residents of the area would object to any development of a higher density than estate homes."

He said eventually water would have to be piped out there sometime and suggested this was the time when there was an opportunity of defraying some of the costs.

"Premature is like saying infinity to a developer."

Mr. Pilutti claimed an amendment to the Official Plan takes at least a year, and asked the discussion be held over for two weeks, since so many councillors were absent.

Planning board agreed to reconsider the matter at the next meeting.

### Grant for forest

A grant of \$20,300 has been awarded to the Halton Region Conservation Authority for the "Forest Conservation Area."

Located in various parts of Halton Hills, Milton and Puslinch Township, the 1,100 acres of forest were originally

### Acton sewer project

## Halton Hills will decide who pays

Two Halton Hills Councillors found themselves arguing against one another during a regional council meeting Wednesday.

The dispute was over the proper way to assess costs for a sewer project in Acton. Councillor Ric Morrow of Georgetown argued vehemently that the entire \$15,000 should be assessed against Acton.

Regional Treasurer Don Farmer recommended the cost be shared over the entire Town of Halton Hills. Acton area Councillor Pat McKenzie said the cost should be shared.

He defended the treasurer's

contention that the funds be taken from Halton Hills capital levies account. Mr. Morrow argued the project was not a capital project but rather of an emergency nature. Other councillors submitted it was both.

**Worked out**  
Mr. Morrow suggested that in earlier situations of the same kind, the treasurer had simply billed the town and the cost sharing was worked out at the area level.

Pressing for approval of the recommendation, Mr. McKenzie said he saw no need for it to go back to the area level.

"I know very well why you don't want it to go back to the area council. On a similar case Halton Hills Council voted 10-3 against this policy," Mr. Morrow said. The matter was referred back to the area level.

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## Two weekend fires keep firefighters busy

A burning limb over hydro wires at the height of Friday's rain storm sent Acton volunteer firefighters out to the fifth sideroad of Erin, between the fourth and fifth lines, according to firefighter Doug Mason.

A nearby neighbor had

spotted smoke coming from the branch and put in the call.

Faulty wiring is blamed for a bread truck fire in town on Saturday. Mr. Mason said the truck, on Main St. South near Agnes St., received little damage.

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