

Is United Way the right way?

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Another meeting will be held October 4, after the exact figures spent here are dug out of the files.

Terry Baines and Peter Marks, Georgetown and Acton members of the United Way boundary study will be asked to attend the October 4 meeting.

Represented at the meeting were the Georgetown and District Red Cross, Georgetown "Y", Local Council of Women, North Halton Mentally Retarded Association, Acton C.N.I.B., Acton Red Cross, Georgetown and Acton Rotary Club, Cancer Society, Arthritis Society, Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Heart Fund.

Mr. O'Connor explained the Oakville United Way is an umbrella organization that raises funds for 21 agencies, of which 11 provide services on a regional basis, including Georgetown. He said until now Oakville had never gone beyond its boundaries in fundraising, but in the past few years services to the regional agencies have increased, "not drastically but in creased."

The 11 Georgetown agencies served by United Way are Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Community Youth Programs Inc., Family Services Bureau, Grace House, Halton Consumer Credit Counselling Service, Halton Helping Hands, Hearing Handicapped Board, John Howard Society, March of Dimes, Multiple Sclerosis Society and Victorian Order of Nurses.

O'Connor stated, "I understand how you feel, you see the United Way as a large organization coming in raising money that might other-

wise be yours." He admitted there had not been enough consultation with the local agencies, but pointed out services are being provided in the north, and suggested it seemed reasonable for the Georgetown people to contribute to these services. "This was simply a pilot project among industry to see if they would allow payroll deductions."

He said the letter, signed by Ric Chandler, which raised the ire of local agencies, simply asked for a discussion with industries and did not solicit funds. "If they don't want us in their plant, O.K."

"My message to you is simply the services are being provided and must be funded," he added.

O'Connor said they were totally open for suggestions, and were hoping for some combination effort that wouldn't step on anyone's toes. He said there is a study being conducted by a United Way on the realignment of boundaries. He said the result may be a recommendation for a Halton Regional United Way. He said the Georgetown representative on the study is Terry Baines, and the Acton representative is Peter Marks.

Mary Simpson asked how these regional agencies were intended to be funded when they were first set up.

O'Connor said he didn't know about the initial stages, except for Halton Helping Hands that were first based in Oakville and Burlington, but began servicing the north. He said in order to receive provincial grants they had to raise a portion in the north. He said a service club undertook to finance them in 1975 but could not fulfill their whole obligation.



ALL PULLING together are the members of the service team which will assist Venturer, Rover, Scout, Cub and Beaver groups in training leaders this year. Front to back are Terry Colter, ADC (Cubs) Georgetown; Elaine Hannah, Service Team (Cubs) Limehouse; Steve Witcher, ADC (Rovers) Georgetown; Steve Thompson, Service Team (Cubs) Acton; Harold Saville, ADC (Venturers) Acton; Murray Harrison, District Commissioner North Halton District, Acton; Brian McCourt, ADC (Scouts) Georgetown; John Olivier, Service Team (training) Georgetown. Not in the picture, Andrea Sharples ADC (Beavers) Acton, Betty Gough, Service Team (Beavers) Acton; Bob Barber, Service Team (Scouts) Georgetown; Brian Evans Service Team (Scouts) Norval.

Press for release

Halton Region's Administration Committee will request area Public Utility Commissions to release and make public the controversial Lamb report which deals with restructuring public utility commissions in Halton.

The report commissioned by the commissions more than a year ago has been in the hands of the commissions for several months, but the contents have never been made public.

It was only through constant and continued questioning that even regional councillors finally got to see summaries of the report.

During Wednesday's Administration Committee meeting, Councillor Carl Eriksen pressed to have the report released and made public.

Confidential Because the report was made available to the com-

mitted by Burlington Mayor Harrington as a confidential document, the committee decided to ask permission to have it released, rather than releasing it at that meeting.

Break windows

Two cases of wilful damage are being investigated by Halton Regional Police, both concerning broken car windows.

Constable R. Davidson reported hearing a bang outside of the Willow St. precinct on September 18. When he investigated, he found the windshield of a cruiser had been smashed by a brick. No suspects have been found to date, police say.

Sauko Stanar, a bar tender in a local hotel, reported that between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., on Sept. 17, the right front window of his vehicle was smashed by person or persons unknown.

Councillor Eriksen argued that the report should not be confidential in the first place because it doesn't deal with real estate, personnel or legal matters.

One way Councillor Jim Watson quipped that marking a document confidential doesn't mean anything anyway. He claimed Milton Council prints things on which it wants wide press coverage on pink paper and marks it "confidential."

Halton police study towing tenders

Halton Regional Police are studying the methods used to tender towing contracts and possible alternatives to tendering.

Towing contracts were awarded for a second time this year during the summer and since then the Halton Police Commission has been deluged with complaints.

The contracts were originally tendered last winter were scrapped and then retendered. The police have received a number of complaints from unsuccessful bidders.

Recently Police Commission received and filed yet another complaint about the towing tenders, this one from M. Durant Enterprises, Milton who sent a letter to the police through his lawyer Allan Nichols.

Yearly dinner for winners

Any Halton Hills residents, group or team gaining provincial, national or international recognition will be honored by the town at a yearly banquet, if council goes along with an administration committee recommendation.

A certificate of achievement and a pin with the town coat of arms will be presented, either at a council meeting or at the dinner.

The committee was asked to come up with a policy when the recreation department suggested some form of recognition for the Royalties fastball team, which won the Ontario championship.

Councillor George Malby pointed out this would exclude groups or individuals whose particular interest had no competition at those levels.

Fair: 14,000

Total attendance at this year's fair is estimated at a near record-breaking 14,000, now that the paper work is done.

Secretary-treasurer John Rowe says overall paid park attendance was 9,516. Estimating at least a child a person, admitted free, and others entering free, he bumped this figure for Saturday by 4,426.

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New parking laws coming

It won't be long now before Halton Hills has a parking by-law.

Monday, Halton Hills works committee received a copy of a comprehensive parking by-law incorporating all aspects of the old Georgetown, Acton and Esqueping by-laws.

It was decided the committee members will carefully examine the by-law and at the next meeting of the committee propose all deletions or additions they would like to see.

It was also noted at the same meeting that some of the committee's recent parking concerns, such as parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas, will have to be enforced through the zoning by-law.

\$706,000 system for police

Halton Regional Police will spend \$706,000 on a communications system, the region's administration committee learned Wednesday.

The police commission considered buying the system in 1974 at a cost of approximately \$430,000 but decided against it at that time.

Commissioner Harry Barrett told the committee that the purchase is a mandatory requirement of the Ontario Police Commission and is needed in the region.

75 per cent

The equipment is expected to alleviate blind spots that now occur in the communications system and it will allow police officers in the Regional Department to communicate with other police forces as well.

The province pays 75 per cent of the cost of the system.

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