# Region action called blackmail

countercharges Regional Halton chambers like a tennis ball in a hot match Wednesday.

During the meeting councillors listened to volumes of conflicting stories concerning the controversial Pilutti townhouse development in Georgetown. Regional Public Works officials were set to rip out a six foot section of a watermain to the townhouses recently until Councillor Ric Morrow intervened and managed to call off the workers. Had the water been cut off, 25 families would have been without water service.

Before the meeting was over Mr. Pilutti was to be accused of illegally hooking up to municipal services, the region was accused of acting without full knowledge of the situation and a former Halton Hills engineer was accused for approving substandard services for the development.

The workers were ordered to rip up the main following a meeting of Halton Region's Public Works Committee Sept. 22.

During that meeting the committee was told that Mr. Pilutti had illegally hooked up to the municipal water supply. What the committee wasn't told was that there was already one family living in the development.

Morrow blasted senior works officials for issuing the order and then leaving for a convention in Las Vegas.

He traced the history of the development back to 1974. He said Halton Hills council considered the plan of development and was asked to handle the public works aspect of the agreement, as the region did not yet have sufficient engineering staff to handle it.

for 18

It is costing Halton Board of

Education \$21,886.90 a month

to pay 18 teachers, three of

whom are only part-time

teachers, not to teach regular

Instruction, John Boich re-

vealed the staggering figures

Last month Halton Board of

regular teachers from

schools throughout the region

and placed them in a special

pool to do supply teaching and work on special programs at

different schools. The plan

was to leave them in the pool

until each could be placed in a

full time teaching position

once there had been enough

resignations or maternity

leaves or leaves of absence to

Boich said as of the end of

September the pool of 25

teachers had been trimmed

back to 18 and expects that

everyone in the pool will be

placed in a full-time position

The creation of the special

pool was caused by the hiring

of too many teachers for the

number of elementary pupils

registered in classes in

Halton. The board could not

"We are recouping as much

of the money we are paying these people by having them

supply teach. By having them

supply teach we don't have to

**EVERY MONDAY** 

money we would

lay off the extra teachers.

by the end of December.

create 25 openings:

in an interview this week.

Education removed

Superintendent

classes.

occupancy until the Ministry of the Environment approved of the plan. He claimed the ministry still hasn't given that approval.

Needed Moore said the six inch water supply was necessary to provide adequate protec-

Director at the time of the agreement was Peter Morris. Morris apparently sanctioned the development on the basis of a four inch main.

Since then there has been a change in staff at Halton Hills. No one has disputed the need for a six inch main and it appears that not requiring it was an oversight of the Halton Hills engineer's part.

The problem is complicated by the fact that Pilutti had already signed the development agreement and set his prices before the region made the demand for the six inch

Some councillors suggested that either the developer would have to absorb the cost or Halton Hills would have to

the \$10,000 but argued that it was most unreasonable for the region to insist on additional monies after the agreement had been reached.

Decision on the matter was deferred, pending a staff report. Both Halton Hills and the regional staff will attempt to sort out the myriad of contradictions and allega-

Meanwhile over 25 families are reported to be living in

He said Halton Hills Council set the price of the

\$21,000 amonth pay

teachers," Boich noted.

normally use for supply

He said he expects the

board can recoup as much as

"half or more" of the money

it is paying out in full time

wages to the extra teachers

by using them as supply

ism as has been expected.

below policy.

Even with 25 teachers

There are supposed to be

24.5 pupils per teacher, but

removed from the regular

teaching staff, the board still

the agreement precluded any homes at that time and claims because of that the homes sold for \$32,500 instead of the \$42,000 that might be expected under the current market.

Lots of time Morrow said the region had had lots of time to ask the developer for any services deemed necessary. But the Halton Hills Works region did not suggest the agreement worked out by Halton Hills Council and Mr. Pilutti wasn't sufficient, until the builder asked for a permit to hook up to the sewer and

> water lines. At that point the builder denied permission because the region deemed it necessary to replace a four inch line with a six inch line.

> By this time Mr. Pilutti had all of his costs calculated and his prices set. He refused to pay any of the cost to increase the size of the main.

Morrow supported Pilutti and accused the region of the houses was done in line. The cost runs just over blackmailing the developer, contravention to the agree-"Faced with those conditions, ment Pilutti did sign. He said Monday, December 6.

I would have done the same thing," he said.

Rip it up "We would have ripped your line up too," Public Works committee member Bill Mason said.

"I'm so sick and tired of Burlington people saying what has to be done in Georgetown, and never leaving their ivory towers. They ignored Councillor Sykes when he said they had their facts wrong."

"No one knew there were people living there," Mason

"Take it back to Halton Hills and straighten it out there," Regional Public Works Chairman Jack Raftis shouted. Regional Works Director

illegally hooked up to both water and sewer services. He said the occupancy of

Bob Moore said Pilutti had

events all at once.

11 a.m. Dec 6

Polls will open in each of

Halton Hills 64 polling

divisions at 11 a.m. and close

at 8 p.m. on election day,

Polls open

HEADS UP, HEELS DOWN. Over the practice

jump go Lynn Carr of Acton and Harmittan

before their classes at the Erin Fair horse show

this weekend. Entries were heavy in the annual

"three ring circus," featuring draft horses:

roadsters and carriage horses; and jumping

a good idea. Halton has been explained.

they haven't been spelled out

"I generally think it will be Irying for some time to move in the direction of standardized tests for all students in the region," Mrs. Alexander She said she hopes the tests

won't cover every possible aspect of a course and won't be used province wide since then Halton would have to be teaching pupils exactly the same things as they are taught in places like Thunder Bay, Ottawa and Windsor for proper comparisons of one area with another to be made. Halton," Mrs. Alexander Mrs. Alexander expressed the hope even with uniform On the subject of more unitesting there will still be some

# Core high school program Councillor Morrow said he Councillor Morrow said he didn't know who should pay pleases Halton educators Toughening up of high core curriculum and there Queen's Park's plans since

school curriculum, announced recently by Minister Halton educators.

chairman Judy Alexander by persuation. Most students said in an interview this week are already taking English, she is "very pleased" with math, science and Canadian Wells' announcement and suggested "it will reinforce public confidence" in high school programs.

pool teachers

Boich noted the board has had been returned to the

been encouraging teachers to classroom on a regular basis

reduce the amount of ab- at all during 1976-77 school

senteeism, so the use of year, it would cost the board

supply teachers could be cut \$218,869 in wages. But with an

out to be as much absentee- working regularly, then that

found its pupil teacher ratio in mid-September were 1,028

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back, so there might not turn extra 16 to 20 teachers not.

courses, high school students will be forced to take certain

the ratio is presently 24.2

brought the pupil teacher

ratio down to 24.5, another 16

to 20 teachers would have had

to be chopped from the

figure would have soared

Boich concluded, while the

over the \$300,000 a year mark.

number of students in classes

pupils below projections, that

figure was trimmed to 975 by

the end of the month.

If none of the 25 teachers

regular teaching rolls.

.Boich noted if the board had

pupils per teacher.

of cafeteria style selection of

will be more uniform testing. With respect to cure cur- vet of Education Torn Wells, has riculum Mrs. Alexander said,

been greeted favorably by "In Halton it will just give a legal basis to what principals Halton Board of Education and parents have been doing studies." The fact all four subject

areas will now be compulsory for grade nine and 10 pupils Wells has said after years reflects a recognition on the part of educators that a child of 13 doesn't have as much ability to make wise course choices as one who is 17 or 18. "I don't expect to see many

> form testing she admitted she doesn't know much about

sad faces about this move in

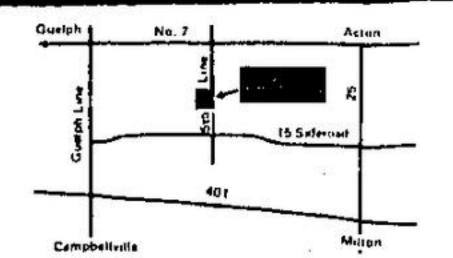
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By Heather Mount

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Dillon. There were 15 present. The meeting was opened by the president, Sheena Clegg. Cathy Cuthbert resigned as the club's press reporter and Heather Mount took over. Members were divided into groups and assigned a topic. Topics were fruit salad,



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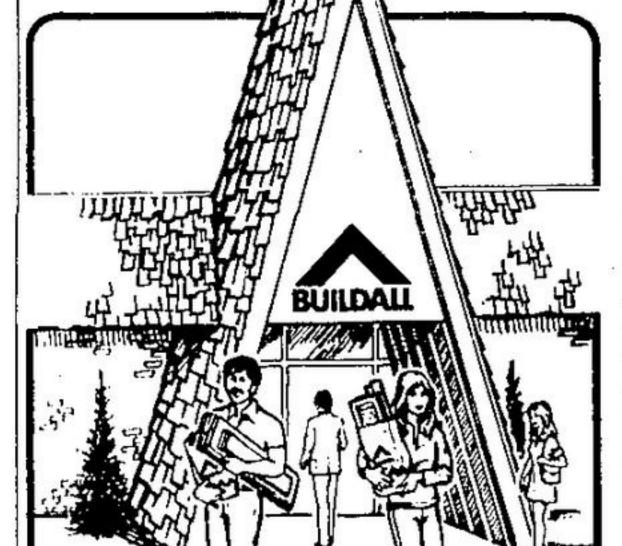
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