

# May limit homes one bag a week

Halton residents could find themselves restricted to having only one bag of garbage per week collected during the municipal pickups. That is one of the major recommendations in a nine point program to reduce solid waste in the region. The proposal was advanced by Oakville Councillor Terry Mannell and it won the support of the region's public works committee Wednesday. It will go before Regional Council today.

The initiative for the plan came from Councillor Mannell, who is not a works committee member. In fact he has been a harsh critic of the committee's dealings in the contentious landfill matter. It was only through his quick talking and persistence that the committee even agreed to deal with his plan—even though it was recorded as an agenda item.

The comprehensive plan includes nine steps. The region would:

Endorse a ban on non-returnables;  
Request area municipalities to require separation of glass and tin for separate pickup from householders, such material to be marketed by the region;

Request area municipalities to co-operate in reducing household collections to one bag per week by Jan. 1, 1978 and that a joint education and instruction campaign be prepared;  
Undertake research to reduce industrial and commercial waste with regional incentive to promote reduction, recycling or re-use and challenge commerce through local Chambers of Commerce with a suitable incentive program.

Develop a suitable sliding scale of rates for municipal waste received at regional sites in order to encourage reduction;  
Adopt a policy of its own operations methods which will reduce waste and energy consumption and maximize the use of recycled materials wherever practical;

Have the staff develop a program in co-operation with area municipalities, senior levels of government and appropriate outside agencies to implement the most effective program of solid waste reduction possible and practical;  
Advertise its desire to obtain proposals from the private sector for practical, economic solutions to the problem of solid waste, including management, marketing, recycling and/or conversion.

When Mr. Mannell appeared at the meeting he was told quite simply that the committee wouldn't listen to the idea.

Chairman Jack Raftis said, "We made a decision. We're not going to deal with landfill or resource recovery at the committee level. If you want, you can take it to council and hammer me there."

Committee member Vern

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur also supported the idea. She suggested the councils should work to make it fashionable to have just one bag of garbage per week. "If people look up and down the street and see they just have one bag, they'll try harder. There are every so many things that can be done," she said.

Councillor Mannell said he agreed that much of what was being recommended was fringing on area responsibilities, but he noted that the region had to show the leadership.

Area councils will be asked to respond to the idea of separating garbage at the household and restricting garbage to one bag per week. Halton Hills Councillor Ernie Sykes suggested the program would lead to the sale of more household compost bins—or larger garbage bags.

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Connell supported chairman Raftis. "I'm sick and tired of sitting here for three hours and going through it all over again at council."

"This is all area stuff. The less they collect, the less they pay," Mr. Raftis said. "We can't sluff this off. We're in it with both feet," committee member Bill Mason suggested.

"We're not in collection," Raftis said. "The upper tier has to show the leadership," Mason contended.

"We shouldn't even deal with this, we said we wouldn't," Raftis continued. Related The committee finally agreed to discuss the matter. Mason said it had agreed to no longer discuss landfill sites in Committee, but members had not discussed refusing to discuss related issues.

Mr. Mannell told the committee there is interest in resource recovery in the business world. "These are the guys that can make a buck on it."

He pointed out that private business could move more quickly than governments on the problem. He said he could foresee a situation where refuse-derived fuel could be sold to heat subdivisions.

Councillor Mason supported Mannell and urged fellow committee members to view the matter with an open mind.

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IT'LL BE WORSE before it's better... that's Mill St. The sidewalks were sliced through and excavation began this week for new gas lines. Paving will follow before long.

## Works dept. getting tire repair machine

Halton Hills works committee agreed at last week's meeting with engineer Robert Austin's suggestion that time and money would be saved if the town bought a tire repair machine.

The new machine, called a tire bead breaker, will cost \$1,595 and Austin told the committee on October 12 the

time spent by a works employee using the machine repairing tires will be insignificant to the amount of work time which is lost when tires blow and a machine can't be used.

He suggested the town will also save money because new tires won't have to be purchased as often.

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# Fire chiefs fail in by-law bid

Fire chiefs Ken Bulkema and Mick Holmes failed to get to first base in their attempt to persuade Halton Hills Council's administration committee that the town needs a fire safety by-law, last Tuesday night.

Bulkema had written the committee to say that work on the fire safety by-law was at a point where legal advice is required to interpret and apply provisions of the provincial statutes. Existing by-laws, he explained, are in effect in Ward 1 based on the National Fire Code in 1963 and in Wards 3 and 4 a 1½ page document dated 1938 dealing with open air fires.

He suggested a proposed fire safety by-law would consolidate existing by-laws into one for the entire Town of Halton Hills.

Councillor Roy Booth noted the proposed by-law is more a preventive by-law, than specifically firefighting. He wondered who would administer it.

When Bulkema replied that the fire department could do it, Booth suggested they would need more than one full time person to do that.

"Fire safety is definitely needed," emphasized Booth. "I went along with hiring a fire safety officer, but I can't see that we need all this paper."

Councillor Ric Morrow wondered why the National Fire Code of Canada isn't good enough if council adopted that.

"How would things change if we had a fire safety by-law?" asked Morrow. "I don't foresee the need of a great document to do the job. I'm not sold on it, Ken."

Bulkema admitted it's seldom he fails to get co-operation when he makes recommendations to property owners.

Speaking from his experience in Ward 1 (Acton), Chief Holmes said everybody usually falls in line, because if something is suggested for their good, they go along with it. However, he added that there needs to be something with some teeth in it.

Councillor Booth recommended that work on the proposed by-law cease until the time there is a proven need for it.

## UNICEF boxes swimathon set

Again this year a swimathon is being planned, with the proceeds for UNICEF. The Y's Men's club is sponsoring the swimathon which will be held on Saturday, October 30.

In expectation of council's recommendation that Hallowe'en be observed on the Saturday, the 30th, rather than the 31st, boxes will be given out to school children for collections either date.

The children who wish to aid UNICEF will take the boxes with them when they make the traditional Hallowe'en door-to-door calls.

## Official plan

# Public response pleases planners

Halton Regional planners are pleased with the response they are getting to the public participation program being held in connection with the official plan.

Planner Rasheed Mohammed said work is still continuing and he is happy with the response. The program is being run without the assistance of professional consultants or public participation experts.

Mr. Mohammed said the response is greater than what other regions have experienced. He said Toronto had spent \$40,000 and had two full time planners on the program and Peel had three full time people on the program

but both received poor response.

Improve it Mr. Mohammed told the committee that he and other staffers were examining the public participation program and seeking ways to improve it.

"We are still getting responses. One thing we do know is the more we talk the more response we get."

Council vetoed plans for professional public participation people early in the program, forcing committee and staff to develop a program that could be done with existing staffers and on a very limited budget.

## Police get more money

Halton policemen will get an 8.6 per cent pay raise for 1976 instead of the 8.3 per cent

wage hike they expected to receive when they tentatively settled their contract with Halton Police Commission in late August.

## Apple days

Uniformed Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be selling apples in a two-day blitz of the town, starting Friday.

The downtown will be covered Friday, and then the next day they'll be knocking on doors.

Thursday, after receiving word back from the Anti-Inflation Board, Halton Police Association and the commission reached a final agreement.

Police were entitled to an 8.6 per cent raise instead of the 8.3 per cent which was agreed upon.

The Police Association asked the commission to spread the .03 per cent over the 233 officers effected by the new 1976 contract

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