

# There's a job that should be done

## Marks defends Council efforts

Terry Mannell's assumptions and opinions about the Human Services Council's efforts (as reported in last week's paper) have been proven incorrect by the independent research that evaluated the council's activities, says Council chairman Peter Marks.

At the last meeting of Halton Regional Council, Mannell claimed the Human Services Council's efforts were unsuccessful and a waste of \$70,000.

In an interview this week, Marks elaborated on the report in last week's paper.

The Human Services Council spent approximately \$70,000 over two years, 80 per cent of it from provincial grants and 20 per cent regional funds.

What was the purpose of establishing the Council in Halton and how did it work?

Volunteered Chairman Marks said between 40 and 50 residents

from all over Halton volunteered between five to 40 hours a month to try to find solutions to the serious problems of excessive, rising costs of social, health, educational and correctional services in this region and the additional concern for the quality of care being provided by more than 100 associations and regional council.

"The Human Services Council attempted to accomplish these goals by reducing overlapping and duplication of services, promoting preventative planning and reducing fragmentation," he said. The Council worked to effect changes that would provide more effective services at reduced per capita costs, he explained.

"I have a great deal of respect of Terry's ability as a councillor. However his assumptions and opinions on this issue have been proven incorrect by the independent research that evaluated the Council's activities. In fact the opposite is true, both in

## Some sidewalks will be plowed

Sidewalks will be plowed in 10 locations throughout the town this winter. Halton Hills works committee decided at a meeting on October 12.

Engineer Robert Austin told the committee that when storms hit this winter the town will give top priority to clearing off the streets and then will get to work on sidewalks.

In Acton, Mill Street sidewalk will be plowed from Main Street to Eastern Avenue and the west side of Main Street will be cleaned from Kingham Road to Elizabeth Drive. In addition the sidewalk on the east side of the Main Street from Church Street to School Lane will be plowed.

It will be a mistake if the concept of the Halton Human Services Council is not carried on in some way. At least that is the feeling of some members of the now defunct council.

Halton Director of Nursing Dorothy Craig told the Region's Administration Committee there is still a job of co-ordination that should be done.

During the meeting Wednesday she challenged members of the committee to get involved in the human services field.

"There's no way that services will ever be coordinated without a body such as the Human Services Council. I feel badly to think that the only organization that may be able to do it hasn't had the support it needs and deserves," she told the committee.

18 months Outside the meeting Miss Craig told this newspaper

She explained the frustrations of a person who may go to many agencies for help, only to find that the piece he or she needs to find is either in Peel or Hamilton.

Won't accept Dave Coons, chairman of the Administration Committee said he recognized the challenge but pointed out members of regional council had more on their plate than they can handle.

He suggested the Human Services Council concept may be premature. "It might have to wait until the time is right."

## Commissioners deny liability for fallen cables

Acton Hydro Commission denies any liability in an incident which involved hydro cables falling and damaging a car.

Secretary-treasurer Audrey Urquhart told the commission the office had received a bill for \$163 from CIAG insurance. She told council that last Labor Day weekend an unidentified truck was travelling down Church St. when it pulled down some hydro cables from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Norton. The cables fell onto a car travelling behind the truck and caused the damage.

She explained that the insurance company was attempting to be reimbursed by the commission.

Ted Tyler Sr. pointed out that all cables in Acton are

## Parked car is damaged

Halton Regional Police report \$100 damages to a car owned by Donald Dredge, Campbellville, after it was struck while parked, by a pickup truck driven by John Tomlinson, R.R. 1, Rockwood on October 15 at 12.45 a.m. on Willow St. There was no damage to the pickup truck.



DEL HOWSE shows a dainty ceramic figurine, one of the many ceramic exhibits at her booth at Georgetown Arts and Craft sale at the Riviera Club, Norval, Saturday. Large crowds attended.

## Suggest fee increase for reclaiming dogs

Dog owners could be paying as much as \$50 to retrieve Rover from the dog pound. Joe Curley, representing George Herrington of the Halton Hills Animal Control, attended last Tuesday's Finance and Personnel meeting and asked the committee members to revise the reclaim cost when a dog has been impounded.

"People will look at \$10 (present rate for retrieving dogs) and think nothing, but if they see \$50, they will spend \$8 for a dog tag rather than the \$50 to get the animal back," Mr. Curley reasons.

Councillor Harry Levy pointed out the increased rates are not aimed to collect money for the offense, but to get more owners to purchase tags. He said he was in favor of the hike.

Mr. Herrington said owners will pay the \$8 for the license to save \$50, but would not spend it to save \$10.

Committee members expressed concern over the reactions of farmers to the hike. Mr. Curley explained that the farmers would be glad to see something like this to save their livestock.

"Dog owners do not care where their dog is, if it doesn't have a tag on it," he claimed. Mr. Curley continued to say if it is tagged, the owner will be more responsible.

Dogs running loose, killing or maiming livestock is a problem to the town as much as to the livestock owner, Doug Pritchard, clerk treasurer pointed out.

He explained that with the present system, if a cow or sheep is injured by a loose canine, the town has to pay for it.

It was suggested a new

In Georgetown the south side of Guelph Street sidewalk will be plowed off from Main Street to Maple Avenue and the north side of Guelph Street will be cleaned off from Mill Street to Maple Avenue.

Both sides of Maple Avenue will be plowed with the north side being cleaned from Parkview to Guelph Street and from Main Street to Guelph Street on the other side.

The east side of Main Street from Kennedy Street to Guelph Street and the west side between Moore Park Crescent and Guelph Street will also be plowed.

Ewing Street was also added to the list of streets where sidewalks will be cleared after Councillor Ern Hyde suggested it was necessary because the sidewalk is a problem every winter.

Austin said the sidewalks on the list to be plowed were on a priority basis only and where time permitted other sidewalks might also be plowed. He added the streets on the list being plowed were ones used by children to get to school or else were heavily travelled by pedestrians.

The engineer explained downtown sidewalks aren't plowed since the merchants are responsible for those but added the town does truck the snow away.

The committee also decided not to buy any new equipment for sidewalk snow plowing and make do with the snowblowers and front end loaders used in past years.

Austin said the police have been contacted and will attempt to enforce by-laws preventing people from dumping snow on sidewalks.

In past winters the town has had problems with businesses, especially on Guelph Street, cleaning out their parking lots and putting the snow on the sidewalks Austin noted.

Change in staff titles Next year the position of pool supervisor will be eliminated and the new positions of pool manager and supervisor of aquatics be instituted.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said both these jobs now are in Grade 10 salary level, so with the change the supervisor of aquatics will be moved up to Grade 11 and the pool manager moved back to Grade 9 level.

The recreation director said it had all been discussed "in camera" and all staff members were aware of the change.

Council felt since it was a personnel matter it should not be discussed further in public.

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