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 between 40 and 50 residents 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 Council attempted to accomplish these goals by reducing overlapping and duplication of services, promoting preventative planning and reducing fragmentation," said. The Council worked to effect changes that would provide more effective services at reduced per in thousands of dollars per capita costs, he explained.

"I have a great deal of respect of Terry's ability as a salaries, etc." 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

and the improved level of care to be implemented as a direct result of our work.

"All documents have been reviewd by all regional councillors and provincial ministries that outline the numerous positive contributions made by the volunteers on the Human Services

"If for example the pilot of Multi-Service Centres, that the Council promoted, was implemented in other towns in Halton region, the elimination of numerous office complexes that are used by many different agencies could result year in saved office rent, receptionist overhead,

Only Acton Marks declares that Multi-Service Centre idea would provide co-ordination of many human services for each town by having only one building for all agencies

from all over Halton volun- thousands of dollars to be instead of one building for teered between five to 40 saved by Halton taxpayers each of up to 12 to 15 agencles operating in each town, which is now the case, except for Acton where a Community Services Centre operates in the YMCA building.

approach provides for a high quality of care by eliminating duplication of agency workers on the same cases," he says. Learn from mistakes

Human Services Council has made some mistakes in our first year's operations-this we expected and we learned from our mistakes, Marks stated. "These mistakes were clearly overshadowed by the benefits of the project that when analyzed for cost and human benefits prove that the \$70,000 invested has and will be returned to the Halton and provincial taxpayers many

times over" he says. The evaluation report of the Council was presented to Regional Council and outlined accomplishments and alter-

There's a job that should be done

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

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

be done.

as the Human Services that the only organization the committee.

Craig told this newspaper plained.

Secretary-treasurer

Church St. when it pulled

She explained that the

Ted Tyler Sr. pointed out

insurance company was

attempting to be reimbursed

by the commission.

Commissioners deny

that after 18 months of working together, some of the people on the council feel the job still has to be done. "The research is done.

We've got all the backup material but we don't have the body to implement the recommendations.

the District Health Council can do this, but health can't work in Isolation. It has to be tied in with other human services.

"For example health and "There's no way that ser- education working together vices will ever be co- can make a lot of things ordinated without a body such happen. When you have a teacher looking at a problem Council. I feel badly to think 'one way, a health person looking at the problem one that may be able to do it way, and a psychiatrist hasn't had the support it looking at a problem one way. needs and deserves," she told it can be difficult to solve. If all three work together and have input you can tackle the Outside the meeting Miss problem," Miss Craig ex-

money from him.

commissioner's decision.

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

Won't accept

Dave Coons, chairman of "Some people seem to think 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 walt until the time is

The committee recommended that funds remaining with the Human Services Council should not be transferred to the District Health Council to be used by the Human Services Council. Miss Craig and the Council had recommended doing just that, so the work could be continued.

Parked car liability for fallen cables

Acton Hydro Commission two feet above the legal Halton Regional Police denies any liability in an inci- requirements of 13 feet, six report \$100 damages to a car dent which involved hydro inches, thus exonerating owned by Donald Dredge, cables falling and damaging them from all liability. He Campbellville, after it was suggested the truck driver be struck while parked, by a tracked down to get the pickup truck driven by John Tomlinson, R.R. 1, Rockwood Mrs. Urquhart said she on October 15 at 12.45 a.m. on would write the insurance Willow St. There was no company and tell them the damage to the pickup truck.

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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 Qub, Norval, Saturday. Large crowds attended.

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 side-

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

In Georgetown the south Audrey Urguhart told the side of Guelph Street side- commission the office had walk will be plowed off from received a bill for \$163 from Main Street to Maple Avenue CIAG insurance. She told and the north side of Guelph council that last Labor Day Street will be cleaned off weekend an unidentified from Mill Street to Maple truck was travelling down Both sides of Maple Avenue down some hydro cables from

will be plowed with the north the home of Mr. and Mrs. side being cleaned from Stan Norton, The cables fell Parkview to Guelph Street onto a car travelling behind and from Main Street to the truck and caused the Guelph Street on the other damage.

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

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 bustnesses, especially on Guelph Street, cleaning out their parking lots and putting the snow on the sidewalks Austin

Change in staff titles Royal Canadian Legion

Next year the position of pool supervisor will be ellminated 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

Council felt since it was a personnel matter it should not be discussed further in and no damage to the other.

will be plowed. 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 spresent 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.

the dog owner is known, that person will have to reimburse. Mr. Curley suggested if the accused dog was caught, and

the owner came for it, the Dog Control officers would not have to hand over the animal until the farmer was reimbursed. He said this method would be better for the farmer, as the town only pays a certain percentage o the loss, whereas the dor

owner would have to pay the system be devised, where, if full value of the beast. Councillor Ernie Sykes

inquired whether or not the dog owner could get the money back for the dog tag if the canine is destroyed. Mr. Pritchard said all funds were non-transferable. "I guess that's a dead issue

then," Sykes joked.

The committee recommended the contract agreement changes be sent to council to make the final decision.

Pastor Das Sydney offi-

ciated the funeral from

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Earl Waller, Jerry Par-

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Acton, and James McDonald,

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Mill St., was the scene of

the October 12 accident when

cars driven by Kim Vander

Eycken, R.R. 4, Acton and

John Galt, 56 Main St., were

in collision, Halton Regional

Police say there was an

estimated \$50 in damages to

the Vander Eycken vehicle

Two vehicles

attended.

Home on October 6.

(Kinmount)

Police report.

Cemetery.

Obituary

Hazel Cripps liked painting and nature Hazel Cripps age 65 died at sion Circle Ladies' Auxiliary.

Guelph General Hospital on October 3 after a lengthy ill-Mrs. Cripps, nee Tarzwell,

was exceptionally talented in painting and handicrafts. She also enjoyed nature. Mrs. Cripps is survived by

her husband, Henry Irwin Cripps of Church Street, brother John A. Tarzwell of Ottawa and daughter Sandra Ann Blackmore of Burnt River, Ontario. There are also four grand-

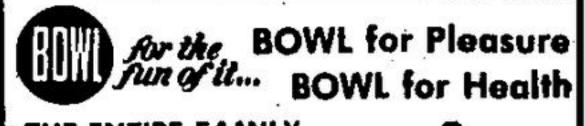
children. Mrs. Cripps' parents were Hugh Robert Tarzwell and Margret Tarzwell (Ball). She was born in Manitoba on January 11, 1911.

Mrs. Cripps attended public school in town. The Cripps were married at Georgetown on December 18,

1948. They used to live at 119 Mill Street East. Mrs. Cripps was active in

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It was suggested a new pallbearers.









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