

Explain new police communication system

Regional Chairman Allan M. Masson reports a cheque for \$529,549.00 has been received from W. Darcy McKeough, Treasurer of Ontario, representing the balance of the Provincial Government's share of the cost of a new Halton Police communications system.

The total cost of this new system is \$706,065.00, of which \$529,549.00 is the provincial share of the cost. The cheque received this week represents the balance of the provincial grant, \$200,000 of which was received with startup funds at the establishment of regional government in Halton. The balance the Regional Municipality of Halton will have to pay to cover the cost of this system is \$176,516.00.

The new communications system, which will be installed in the Police Headquarters Building in Oakville and will include the latest design of automatic identification and emergency equipment, is expected to be completed and in operation sometime during the year 1977.

The new communications system provides that each officer while on duty will be equipped with a portable radio which will enable him to be in constant contact.

In addition there will be a mobile radio in each police vehicle. The radio will be equipped with five channels, one for each District, one Provincial channel and a

simplex channel.

Each radio will be equipped with automatic identification when activated.

The communications centre will be equipped with three consoles, and four complaint positions. The equipment is designed so that one dispatcher can take over any or all channels, should the necessity arise. The complaint-takers' equipment will be designed to listen and/or talk on the radio channels or use the telephone by interfacing the radio system with the Bell system. The radio consoles will also be equipped with automatic identification and emergency screens which will allow for constant vehicle status.

\$58,000 for homes

Halton Hills will enter the federal-municipal Assisted Home Ownership Program (A.H.O.P.) Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation incentive grant program. It will bring \$58,000 into town coffers soon.

Hill, phase four, in Acton, will bring another \$18,000. "There are no losses for the town. Only benefits," he said.

Light detour

The town's Christmas lights which cross the main streets have been turned on this week, adding a little gaiety to the lives of confused detouring drivers.

He said the McNally apartment development could bring the town \$209,000 under the A.H.O.P. program which would certainly help pay for the estimated \$100,000 worth of road work which will be needed.



PAUL NEILSEN of the Acton Chamber of Commerce presents Y's Men George Wallis and Pat McKenzie with a cheque to help finance the upcoming Santa Claus parade. Old St. Nick is scheduled to make his debut for 1976 on December 11, and workmen are busy finishing up the Mill St. reconstruction for Santa to have a smooth ride down the main street.

Acton High students do parking survey

The town has received a lot of help in studying parking in ward one from Acton High School pupils.

Assistant town planner Ron Burnett presented a parking analysis survey done by urban geography students at Acton High School to Halton Hills planning board on November 23.

Burnett said the grade 12 class had spent three days on the survey and had counted the number of cars on streets, amount of time the same vehicle remained parked in the same spot and the number of spaces on a street.

He described the survey as "very accurate". The study results will be made public after council, accepts it later this month.

Councillor Roy Booth said the town should send a letter to the class thanking them and suggested the town should be looking for more of this same kind of work from Georgetown High School.

Councillor Les Dube said it was a "substantial document" and Councillor Joe Hurst suggested the study be sent to the Halton Hills parking authority and also the engineering department.

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(Continued from Page One) their street. This reconstruction includes replacement of sewers, water, gas mains and cable. In order to accomplish these replacements and improvements, the entire street was torn apart.

"Results from this work appeared as a low in business to local merchants, a time when increased business should materialize because of the forthcoming Christmas season.

"The merchants feel that this timing was certainly detrimental to their livelihood in terms of income, and that surely this problem could have been circumvented and more consideration given to their problems in this matter."

Mr. Coniglio has also contacted Julian Reed M.P.P. about the matter, and Mr. Reed is making enquiries.

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