

**OUR READERS WRITE:**

11 Cobblehill Rd.  
Halton Hills (Acton)  
Jan. 13th, 1977.

The Editor,  
Acton Free Press  
Dear Sir,  
On Thursday, January 13th, at approximately 5:45 p.m. during the snowstorm, my car skidded into a ditch. This happened about one mile south of Acton on Highway 25. Fortunately, neither my wife nor I were injured.  
I'm shocked and somewhat dismayed that not one of the 8-10 cars, especially the one following directly behind us, stopped to see if we needed any kind of assistance.  
We are relative newcomers to this town and we hope that this attitude is not a typical one. If so, we are both sorely disappointed.  
Yours sincerely,  
Trevor Frost.



**THE NEW HALTON COUNCIL** posed for an official group photo following the inaugural meeting. They are in the front row seated, Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid, Chairman Ric Morrow and Regional Clerk Garfield Brown. Second row: Mary Munro, Tom Sutherland, Jack Raffits, Ben Ciprietti, Laurie Mannell, Roy Booth, Russ Miller, Archie Donaghey, Tom Hill and Mac Anderson. Back row: David Coons, Walter Mulkewich, Gord Reade, Pat McLaughlin, Ron Planche, Jim Kerr, Don Carter, Don Gordon, Pat McKenzie, Harry Barrett, Carl Eriksen, Jim Watson and Vern Connell.

## Appointments town boards

Halton Hills council made appointments to various boards, at last week's meeting of council.

**Library Board**  
Mrs. Ruth Wilson, R.R. 5, Milton, was appointed to Halton Hills Library Board for a three year term. She has been a member for the past three years.  
She was the only council appointee whose term had expired. The other two council appointees are Mrs. Evelyn Beattie, and Norm Elliot. Councillor Walter Biehn was appointed as the mayor's designate.  
Library boards are appointed by local council, the Halton Separate School Board and Halton Board of Education.  
Also on the board are Joan Lister, Dick Howitt, and George Lee. Halton Board of Education appointees, and Cathy Perigo and Ben Boyle, Halton Separate School Board appointees.

**Parking Authority**  
Robert Gougeon was reappointed to Halton Hills Parking Authority for a three year term. Also on the Authority are Henry Helfant, and Paul Nielsen.

**Committee of Adjustment**  
Roy Hill, 2 Chipper Court, Georgetown, and J. B. Lindsay, 78 Nelson Ct. Acton, were reappointed to the Committee of Adjustment. Also on the committee are Denny Charles, Bill Smith, Vic Brislaw, Glenna Douglas, and Wilfrid Leslie.

**Recreation Advisory Committee**  
Carol McMurray, Brian Lewis, J. C. Wilde, John Roe, Mary McEwen, Stuart Robbins and Clare Riepma were reappointed to Ward Three and Four Recreation Advisory Committee. In this case they were only asked to stay in office until March 1, 1977. In the interim the positions will be advertised, and they can reapply as can any other interested citizens.

**Hospital Board**  
Councillors Pat Patterson and Roy Booth were appointed to Georgetown Hospital Board, as town representatives, and Mayor Tom Hill was recommended as the region's member on the hospital board.  
Councillor Russell Miller was reappointed to Ballinacree Community Centre Board.  
**Land Division Committee**  
Council recommended the re-appointment of Desmond Morrow to the Land Division Committee. Halton Regional Council makes the appointment, upon the recommendation of the local municipality. The other Halton Hills member on the committee is William Coats, Acton, whose term has one more year to run.

**C.V.C.A.**  
The two appointments to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority were made after a series of ballots, a rare occurrence in council appointments. The final ballot saw Mayor Tom Hill, and Councillor Les Duby appointed.  
Halton Hills council recommended Reford Gardhouse as a member of Sheridan Board of Governors. Each of the four municipalities in Halton will recommend a name, and one will be chosen from the four nominees.

## Board appointments made, did not advertise

Halton Hills council has departed from its policy of previous years, and made citizen appointments to boards without advertising. Appointments were made at the first regular meeting last week.

Council Roy Booth termed the failure to advertise the vacancies in December, as "a goof by the council of which I was a member."

He said he would do all in his power to see vacancies would be advertised well before the end of 1977, for the next year. He pointed out appointments are supposed to take effect January 1.

Councillor Les Duby pointed out it is not mandatory to advertise. He said if someone is doing a good job and wants to stay on, the vacancy should not be advertised. "If they want to be relieved, okay then advertise."

Councillor Mike Armstrong strongly favored advertising all vacancies. He said new people had no way of serving on boards if the same people were kept on all the time.

Duby claimed people doing a good job could be ousted by advertising. "That happened to four guys in the recent election," retorted Armstrong.

Councillor Walter Biehn said he opposed advertising all vacancies, since people doing a good job have to be turned out. He said if someone is not doing a good job, it's up to council to replace them. "If they are doing a good job what's the point in replacing them?"

Armstrong pointed out the person already serving on a board, whose term has expired, is notified, and they, too, can reapply in answer to the advertisement. "We can't leave them there indefinitely, as if they own the job."

Councillor Ric Morrow said he was a strong supporter of advertising and said he fought hard to have the system started in Georgetown. He claimed a lack of interest in municipal affairs develops when new people have no chance to sit on boards. "I oppose this policy change."

Councillor Pete Pomeroy said he was being asked to vote on people he did not know, and whose qualifications he did not know. He suggested the terms of office be changed so they don't expire until January 31, to give time for the new council to advertise.

Armstrong said if there was a resume in front of them as advertising would bring about, councillors can make a fair judgement.

Booth said Pomeroy's point was well taken, and said it pointed up the need for advertising at the end of November or the beginning of December. He said the people whose term is up should be notified so they too, can reapply.

## License renewals down

License renewals in Acton are running well behind the provincial average so far this year. "Renewals are down more than 50 per cent says Edwin Watson, in charge of the licensing bureau here in Acton.

Only 247 of 5,000 licences have been renewed yet in Watson's Music Store, or only one half of one percent. Mr. Watson says that "usually we do 400 a month in the first months." Licence renewals went on sale on December 1, 1976, which means that in a normal year there would have been about 650 done by now.

Watson's will be open on February 14, 21, and 28, all Mondays, to take care of the inevitable last minute rush. The crunch can be considerably lessened if people come into the store fully prepared. "If they have their JLD cards filled out it saves an awful lot of time," according to Mr. Watson.

**Provincial trends**  
Province wide, fewer than 187,000 permits were issued during the first month of sales as compared with 204,000 for the same period in 1975. It is estimated that 3,056,023 passenger car renewal stickers will be issued for the 1977 issuing year.

The annual fees for automobiles are \$40 for eight cylinders; \$32 for six cylinders; and \$23 for four cylinders or fewer. These are the same figures as last year.

To complete the renewal process, motorists are required to present a Motor Vehicle Permit, proof of insurance and the appropriate fee. Proof of insurance forms are available at all MTC offices, licence renewal offices and liquor store outlets throughout Ontario.

Uninsured motorists are required to pay \$100 into the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund this year, an increase of \$40.

## Council-staff seminar today

Newly elected chairman Ric Morrow wasted little time in getting on with the job as regional chairman.

Mr. Morrow met with reporters near the end of a reception at the inaugural meeting and then dined with Halton's Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid that evening.

The CAC said he felt the meeting then had helped them come to grips and help understand each other. "I think we'll enjoy working together. Ric is young. He has a lot of ideas. I look forward to the opportunity to bounce ideas off one another," he said.

Mr. Reid wouldn't comment on what seemed to be a desire by the new chairman to keep the power of the region under close scrutiny.

**New approach**  
But he did say that it is reasonable to expect a different approach by a person appointed by the province and given a bill, as opposed to one elected by council. He said the fact Morrow was elected would give him a greater political sensitivity, but he still has the bill to follow.

As Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Reid is the staff member who works most closely with the chairman.

A meeting of council has been scheduled today (Wednesday) to pass five by-laws. The by-laws deal with capital expenditure and have to be processed prior to the end of the month. Money being spent is allocated under the 1977 budget.

Following the meeting a council-staff seminar will be held at Halton Centennial Manor in Milton.

Mr. Reid said the seminar is entitled "Halton Region, Past and Present" and is designed to help new members become oriented and help new and old members get to know one another.

**Games day**  
The Acton Junior Farmers will be holding a day of Zone Winter Games on January 29. The various events will be held in the Georgetown area. They are bowling, volleyball, curling and basketball.

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