

# Works committee lets weather solve flooding

Weather will have the final word concerning the drainage problems of 63 townhouse units in Kingham Hill, Acton. Members of Halton Condominium Corporation Number 24 took their complaints to Halton Hills works committee Monday.

The committee passed a general recommendation to council which would direct the town engineer to contact the developer and D.M. Consultants "in regard to the situation at hand and see if there is some kind of way to be done to reduce the present problem until such time as landscaping is complete."

The townhouse ratepayers, about 100, claim that flooding in their homes is the result of construction of some semi-detached homes which abut the townhouse property for 270 feet.

Three days after the town engineer, Robert Austin, had met the developer, "I've met the

developer and he'll go in and do it as soon as he can," Mr. Austin told the meeting. If there's a flash flood and no frost, we can just gouge a hole in the ground, he said. If there's frost, we can't do it, he added.

According to Acton lawyer Ron Henry, who represents the ratepayers, flooding was going on while the committee talked about the problem.

Mr. Henry came to the meeting for two things: to find out what the town could do about the immediate problem of flooding and to find some way of preventing further occurrences.

"We do think the town has some responsibility to the people to see it doesn't happen again," Mr. Henry said.

"I met the developer Friday. To try to do anything now equipment-wise, would make it worse," engineer Austin told the meeting.

Committee's attention focused on the sub-division agreement between the town

and the developer of the semi-detached homes as it is the instrument through which some points may be redressed.

Approved swale  
Mr. Austin confirmed that the sub-division agreement contains provision for an approved swale, a slight depression or valley, a lot grading plan and a retaining wall.

"I saw it, and the developer has shown good intent to supply a swale," councillor Les Dudy said. "We should address ourselves to the future and present," he added.

The engineer, who repeated that he by no means was blaming the developer for all the problem, said that it was quite obvious that the landscaping wasn't completed.

"We've brought it to the attention of the developer, the concerns of the people," Mr. Austin said. "When the sub-division is completed, there'll be a defined swale with a sodded drainage course, he said.

Mr. Henry traced the source of the problem back to May of last year. The drainage problem came to a head on March 4, Mr. Henry said, when there was considerable rainfall.

Councillors Pat McKenzie and Marilyn Serjeantson and committee chairman Mike Armstrong pressed for an answer for the immediate problem.

Hardship  
"There's hardship there that we should address ourselves to. If I were living there, I wouldn't be happy," councillor McKenzie said.

"These people will just have to wait for weather," Mr. Henry said. "We can only hope for drought-like conditions for April before they can get at it," he said.

The committee met in camera after considering all its other business to again take up the question of what the town may do about the flooding, but no recommendation resulted from it.

A delegation from the townhouse residents attended a council meeting last week when they were redirected to the Monday night works committee gathering.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE president Louis Charlebois (centre), along with Chamber Directors Kevin Conroy (left) and Marlene Steckley peruse their new business directory and map of Acton. The directory will be mailed to each household to be kept for future reference.

# Health budget up 7.5 per cent

Halton Region's Board of Health budget of \$2,248,000 was approved by the Region's Community and Social Services Committee at a meeting last week.

A general health department budget of \$1,683,072 had already been approved last year, but the committee was asked to vote on new programs including family planning (\$31,000), home care (\$16,425), and North Halton mental health care (\$104,200).

The recommendations must now go to the provincial ministry. The province pays 75 per cent of the general health budget, and 100 per cent of the cost of the new programs. Halton region's share of the total cost for 1977 will be \$435,229, up from last year's \$389,974.

The general budget rise is 7.5 per cent.

An expenditure of \$9,149 was also approved for the abatement spraying of mosquitoes, started last year. Of this, the province pays 75 per cent of the material costs, but the municipalities must provide labor.

Included in the budget is \$11,000 to change seven

Registered Nursing positions to Public Health Nursing positions. PHN's are paid about \$2,000 a year more than RN's.

Registered nurses are graduates of community college programs, while public health nurses are university graduates or the equivalent.

The Regional Health Department has 34 PHN's now, and 18 RN's. Seven of these 18 would be changed by attrition, and not by out-right firing of the seven nurses.

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# Region police all Milton

Beginning April 1, Halton Regional Police Force will assume the policing responsibility of the entire region of Halton, excluding the provincial highways. This means they will take over from the O.P.P. the policing of nearby Nassagaweya township north part of the town of Milton.

From the Rockwood and Guelph exchange, Nassagaweya area residents can call the regional police by dialing 853-2111. This number gives a toll-free call to police headquarters.

The people in the Campbellville and Acton exchanges call 878-5511 to reach the police. Calls are switched back to the local precincts. The police may be reached 24 hours a day.

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# To call police

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Campbellville and Acton exchange 878-5511

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# Windland rep is "no show"

Even though Windland Associates Engineering Company is most anxious to fill in portions of Fairy Lake, Mike Brodigan, a representative of the firm, failed to show up at last week's Credit Valley Conservation Authority executive meeting.

"We've turned him down twice, this is the third time around," grumbled Authority Chairman Grant Clarkson.

Owning property south of

Elizabeth Drive, Brodigan and company wish to cut and fill the north-easterly section of the lake in order to provide more building room.

# Water up 60%

Broken down to the various urban service areas Acton's share of the \$115,000 would be about \$8,100; Georgetown's share would be \$13,300; Milton's share would be about \$11,800; Burlington's share would be about \$43,200 and Oakville's share would be about \$38,000.

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# Sewer on if developer pays

A developer can install storm sewers on Main Street South for a proposed three acre subdivision if he's willing to pick up the total tab, according to the town's works committee.

Halton Hills works committee agreed Monday with engineer Robert Austin's recommendation that Grey-stone Manor Estates not be allowed to construct a storm sewer system unless it is prepared to accept all costs related to the installation including those incurred by the town and the Ministry of Transportation and Communication (MTC).

Ransom Street  
The proposed subdivision would be built on the west side of Main Street South on the north side of Ransom Street.

Mr. Austin, who has already taken up the subject of storm sewers with the MTC, also said that no commitment can be made for the street next year.

John Barden, D.M. Consultants, two weeks ago told the works committee that the plan for the subdivision can be registered until the drainage problem is fixed.

Beardmore and Co has experienced the problem for years, Mr. Barden said. He said that an expensive and large pipe is needed to take care of the water.

# Beardmore lot

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to

- Constitute the New Federal Riding of Halton
- Approve the New Constitution
- Elect the Officers and Delegates

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PRESENT HALTON P.C. ASSOCIATION TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, SHORTENING THE NOTICE FOR A NOMINATING CONVENTION TO MINIMUM OF FIVE DAYS

on

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH, at the Wyldewood Golf & Country Club, 6198 Trafalgar Road (1/2 mile north of Britannia Road) Milton, beginning at 8:00 p.m.**

The meeting will vote on the report of the Founding Committee which was appointed in November, 1976 to make recommendations on the new Riding Association.

Only paid-up '77 members of the Halton Federal P.C. Association will be eligible to vote on the items of business listed above.

**GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING**  
**JOHN CROSBIE, M.P. - ST. JOHN'S WEST**

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## SPRING PROGRAMS REGISTRATION

Friday, April 1, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Saturday, April 2, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

AT THE "Y" BUILDING, 42 MILL STREET EAST, ACTON

**GOLF:** Learn golf or improve your game.  
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Monday 9 p.m. - 10 p.m. April 11 - May 30  
Cost: Members \$5.00 Non-members \$8.00

**CROCHET & MACRAME LEVEL 1:** Basic knots and instruction.  
Tuesday 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. April 12 - May 31  
Cost: Members \$10.00 Non-members \$13.00

**OPEN BASKETBALL FOR MEN:** Relax and have fun.  
Tuesday 7 p.m. April 12 - May 31  
Cost: Members \$5.00 Non-members \$8.00

**50 PLUS YOGA:** For those over fifty.  
Wednesday 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. April 13 - June 1  
Cost: Member \$10.00 Non-member \$13.00

**EVENING YOGA:** Evening relaxation.  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. April 13 - June 1  
Cost: Member \$10.00 Non-member \$13.00

**CROCHET & MACRAME LEVEL 2:** For those who know the basics.  
Thursday 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. April 14 - June 2  
Cost: Member \$10.00 Non-member \$13.00

**FLOOR HOCKEY:** Fun and exercise.  
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