

## Works committee tours Halton Hills

Halton Hills works committee members spent over three hours Thursday inspecting various problems around the town on the annual spring works tour. Councillor Mike Armstrong, Peter Pomeroy, Marilyn Serjeantson, Russ Miller, George Maltby, Les Duby, Pat McKenzie, Walter Biehn, engineer Robert Austin, deputy engineer Ted Baling and works superintendent Frank Morette all went on the tour.

In Georgetown the committee looked at McIntyre Crescent, Dale Gate, James Street, Lorne Street and Draper Street which are all slated for reconstruction. Armstrong Avenue and Prince Charles Drive were also inspected since there have been requests for reconstruction of those streets.

The Temple Road-Dufferin Street area was looked over because of drainage and erosion problems. A house on Maple Avenue near Delrex Boulevard was also viewed. The committee made its annual visit to Metcalfe Court ravine to see how work designed to solve erosion problems is coming along.

Market Street was looked at since there have been requests for sidewalks and the Princess Anne Drive and Mary Street area was also viewed. Parents want safety precautions taken for children crossing in the area to Park School.

Another Georgetown stop was Hillside Drive where there have been numerous complaints about heavy traf-

fic to the Medical Centre entrance.

The committee members talked to residents on Prince Street, Glen Williams about drainage and dust problems. The Ninth Line north of Glen Williams was inspected following requests for road surfacing from residents.

A building lot on 22 Sideroad, west of Highway 25, where an entrance permit has been requested was examined as was the intersection of the Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad where there is poor visibility.

Tenth Line and Regional Road 13, 22 Sideroad and the Eighth Line and Sixth Line and 17 Sideroad, which are all slated for road work this year were inspected along with slope erosion at a home on John Street in Stewarttown.

In Acton the committee inspected the Churchill Road South Orville Road intersection where residents want a three way stop sign and Churchill Road North which will be reconstructed this year was also viewed.

Wallace Street was looked over as was Main Street North which will be reconstructed this year.

The committee inspected Pioneer Cemetery which the Acton Fair Board would like to use for parking.

Kingham Hill subdivision where there have been complaints about the overnight parking ban and drainage problems was viewed.

The committee will discuss everything seen on the tour and consider remedies for various problems at its meeting next Monday night.



SCOTT MITCHELL caught the fish in the school creek and is giving it to JoAnne Robbins for a present. The fish is still alive.

## Police tower at Speyside

Despite objections from the trustee representing the area, Halton Board of Education went ahead Thursday with a decision to rent a part of Speyside School property for a police communications tower.

Halton Regional Police have been looking over the Speyside area for some time for a spot to locate a communications tower for North Halton.

The board authorized signing of a 20 year lease for which police will pay \$2,000 a year rent. The rental fee will be renegotiated every five years.

Police must also guarantee the board that the tower won't

cause any interference with radio and television reception at the school.

Acton-Esqueving trustee Bert Hinton said the tower would be no benefit to the school and expressed concern about children playing around the structure. He said there were many other locations where the police could put the tower.

Hinton also told board area residents "resist" the idea of a tower in the area and suggested it would be a "blight" on the school site.

Noting there are hydro towers throughout the rural areas, Trustee Bill Lawson said "there are an awful lot of blights on the landscape."

He said the land where the tower will be located isn't used by school children and the fence keeping them off the land now will certainly remain after the tower is up.

Lawson said the rent revenue would be a benefit to every ratepayer in Halton.

Trustee Ivan Armstrong noted he lived five years beside an OPP communications tower and it caused a lot of radio and television interference. He said this is a common complaint from people who live near these kinds of towers. He added the federal government doesn't do anything about the complaints.

Armstrong described the

## Board hands out \$110,601 in grants

A small group of Halton teachers, including four in the north area, will receive \$110,601 in grants for short and long term projects, Halton Board of Education decided Thursday.

Peter Gardiner and Wendy Harrison, Stewarttown school, will receive \$2,272.98 to complete the geometry section of a non-graded math program at the school. The work will be done this summer.

Brenda Dolling and Alison Winter, Palermo School, will receive \$2,300 to study sex stereotyping in education.

Other approved projects include development of programs dealing with mythology, a physics course for students who aren't mathematically inclined, a study of driver education, development of a course called "Canada—A Land of Diversity" and another called "Canada: Our Multicultural Heritage" and lesson planning for classes in basic map and globe skills for students in grades 4-7.

The board will also spend another \$20,000 for program councils, workshops and seminars.

The Educational Development and Leave Plan committee spent \$399 while reviewing the 20 applications for long and short leaves for projects and approved 14.

The board had set aside \$139,000 in the budget for the projects and programs councils and spent every cent of the fund.

Superintendent of Instruction John Bolch said applications for grants were down this year since none were given out last year because of budget restraints. He noted efforts have been made to improve the way information resulting from the studies and projects is disseminated through the education system in Halton.

Trustee Don Long said he thought the board was spending a lot of money on projects which should be carried out by the large consultative staff. Trustee Bert Hinton also said he didn't support the grants and voted against

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# Budget presentation baffles

Halton Region's \$34,000,000 operating budget is so confusing that even the councillors who are responsible for approving the budget can't understand it.

Regional Council's Community Services Committee will ask council to set up an ad hoc committee to tell staff how council wants the budget presented. If approved that committee will be formed immediately after the budget for this year is approved.

The committee became completely baffled during a discussion of the budget for the Halton Centennial Manor at a meeting Friday.

Manor Administrator Stan Allen was working from one set of figures but those figures did not correspond with the figures in the budget book prepared by the regional treasury department.

Deputy Treasurer Jim McQueen appeared caught off guard and said he had never seen the figures Mr. Allen had and had no knowledge of them.

The committee was forced to recess while the staff members left to sort the figures out.

That is just one isolated instance but every committee has struggled to understand the new budget format and many councillors acknowledge not being able to understand the presentation.

Traditionally the itemized budgets show total expenditures for the preceding year as well as a total estimate for the current year.

But this year council adopted new guidelines, and with the new guidelines came a new format. Under the new format each department apporitions a cost of running its department to other departments. That figure is returned as its recoveries and expenses are subtracted from the gross cost of running a department.

Several councillors have attacked Treasurer Don Farmer and some have accused him of disguising actual increases.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon, an accountant by trade, told the treasurer that elected officials could not follow through the budget and determine where the figures come from.

He was angry because Mr. Farmer chose to show a reduced figure instead of the total cost of running a department.

Oakville Councillor Laurie Mannell told the Public Works Committee there was

no way he could make any sense from the budget.

Some departments actually show a decrease in the net cost even though actual expenditures are up by thousands of dollars.

Regional Chairman Ite Morrow was upset because of the budget format and promised councillors they'd never see another budget presented in the same format.

Milton Councillor Jim Kerr made the motion to have a committee formed to suggest a new format.

Assuming council endorses Kerr's motion for a committee to study the budget format councillors will have an easier time of it at next year's budget sessions.

In the meantime they'll have to struggle along as they wade through hundreds of pages of budget documents.

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## Buy signs

Metal warning signs will be purchased by the Acton Hydro Commission to be placed at the substations and transformers around town.

The signs are warning the public of the dangers which lie within the hydro's property.

Commissioner Les Duby explained that if someone who was breaking into a company, was being chased by the security guard, and the intruder was injured or killed due to contact with a substation, the company would still be open to being sued, even though the person was on the property illegally.

Superintendent Doug Mason pointed out the hydro commission is liable for any accidents even though it is illegal for people to be near the equipment, if proper warning signs are not posted.

## Town says thank you

The Acton Hydro Electric Commission has received a letter of appreciation from Halton Hills fire chief Mick Holmes for allowing their employees who are also members of the volunteer fire department, to leave their posts in the event of fires.

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