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location, but the Committee has done none of its work on the assumption this would

I would like to quote a portion of a letter the Committee received acknowledging receipt of a request for funds for the feasibility study.

... I was encouraged to hear of your plans for the conservation of Acton Town Hall, and wish to commend your Committee for the very active role it has played in this matter. Clearly, there exists a sizeable amount of public support in the community for the retention and refurbishing of this heritage structure, and I will be glad to relay this information to my Board of Direc-

> A.B.R. Lawrence, Chairman, The Ontario Heritage Foundation

It would appear that at this level of Government the work of the Committee is neither misunderstood por unappreciated.

George Elliott

Why make haste?

Ontario

Dear Sir:

I am not opposed to the adoption of the metric system for use in international trade, but I fail to understand our desperate haste to metricate the measurement of everything in sight.

We export farm produce, but not the farm, so why must acres be abandoned in favor of "hectares"?

The metrication of highway distances and speed limits is even more ridiculous. This is a matter of purely North American concern. Our neighbors in the United States have rejected the idea at the present time, but this fact has been overlooked, and its implications for this province, and for Canada, ignored.

We are adding another deterrent to the American tourist trade which is of considerable importance to our economy.

It would have been more sensible to have started by abandoning counting things by the dozen, and adopting tens and hundreds instead. This would have been true "Metrication" and of obvious benefit to all.

Alas! That would surely be too simple for the bureaucratic idealogues whose unfettered enthusiasm has deluged us in confusion and expense. Let these same enthusiasts consider that we also share other U.S. standards - for example pipe sizes' and so on, and act in concert with our principal trading partner in making

Meantime, stop the foolishness and let our various and too numerous levels of government deal with our real problems before inventing new ones which are a nuisance to all, and a benefit to none.

Yours sincerely, W. K. Petric.

Congratulations from MP

August 31, 1977

The Acton Free Press 59 Willow North Acton, Ontario

Dear Sirs: I was very pleased to read that the Acton Free Press had been awarded the Blue Ribbon Award in the Canadian Community Newspapers Association competition.

Congratulations to all the members of your staff deserving of this award and for making the Acton Free Press the newspaper that it is.

Yours sincerely Dr. Frank A. Philbrook Member of Parliament

Same old problems

R.R. 2, Rockwood, Ont. August 30, 1977

Dear Sir:

If there is one cabinet minister in Ontario who has proven his incompetency beyond a shadow of a doubt, that cabinet minister has got to be Environment Minister George

Having held three cabinet portfolios, one of them twice, Mr. Kerr has managed to blow each responsibility. During his first stint as the Minister of the Environment in the early seventies, conservationists and environmentalists urged him to do something about solid waste, non-returnables, etc. (we still have non-returnables and every community in Ontario has a garbage

problem). When Mr. Kerr was the Solicitor General we had the infamous motel raid where innocent people suffered the indignities of body searches. Mr. Kerr's initial reaction favored this action. Mr. Kerr's short stint as Minister of Colleges and Universities was unproductive. He may have been out of

Today, with Mr. Kerr as Minister of the Environment we still have a garbage problem. Rivers, lakes and streams in many areas are polluted beyond belief, in fact Ontario is an environmental disaster. Now Mr. Kerr, in allowing the Darlington (Newcastle) nuclear plant to go ahead without Environmental Assessment Hearings, just endorses his incompetency.

The Environmental Assessment Act is a provision to ensure no environmental disaster occurs. To by-pass the Act is criminal. Mr. Kerr may be popular at the polls. I can only assume he is either a good actor, or the affluency of his constituents won't allow them to support the alter-

· William A. Johnson

Thanks for prize

Thank you for the prize money, for the Back to School contest. Chris Wood.

No limit on delegations

A suggestion to limit the down to defeat last Tuesday night at Halton Hills council meeting.

Most councillors did not want the public restricted to a certain number, but favored a time limit on each.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said council spends so much time on delegations they don't get down to the nitty-gritty of town business. He pointed out each delegation is limited to . 15 minutes at the region.

Councillor Russ Miller suggested the adjournment hour be changed from 10.45 p.m. until 11.15 p.m., without a special motion to continue. He pointed out the council meeting can be continued the next night, according to the procedural bylaw.

Councillor Mike Armstrong claimed if the delegations were directed to the proper committee in the first place, the number of delegations at council would be cut sharply.

Councillor Roy Booth agreed, saying. because people say they want to speak to council is not enough, administrator should direct

No ploughing

Mayor Tom Hill is not interested in ploughing, and made no bones about it, when invited to participate in the mayors' ploughing match in Frontenac County, October 1.

'No way I'm going to plough, I can do better at the Georgetown Fall Fair, that's on the same day," he growled.

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them to the proper comnumber of delegations at any mittee.

Miller said he would not want to see them refused if

> council, but said he would favor a time limit. Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson agreed, saying municipality government is one of the few governments

people can reach. Councillor Walter Biehn the fastest way."

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said there had been only three meetings this year that had to be continued two nights, and felt it was not necessary to they insist on coming to limit the number or time of delegations.

Councillor Les Duby said the people as well as council have to be considered. "We are bamboozling the people by misdirecting them. We should solve their problems

Morrow preaches gospel of region

Regional government is working, and has far less duplication than the previous separate muncipalitles, Regional Chairman Ric Morrow told Halton Hills council last Tuesday night. His visit was part of a whirlwind tour of the councils of Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills on the same night.

"I see nothing has changed here", said the former town councillor, "There's more people here in the gallery at 9:45 p.m. than there was at Oakville or Burlington at 7:30

The regional chairman pointed out there had been eight separate councils with eight staffs, now cut to five. He said there were five police forces where there is now one, which he described as, the envy of police departments in many parts of the

He claimed the 100 year old county system had to be overhauled to find effective solutions to modern day problems. Morrow claimed regional planning

benefitted everyone, since formerly municipalities did not have the authority to plan for areas outside their own boundaries. He said through regional government the province is returning step-bystep, many of the planning responsibilities.

Listing functions delegated to the region by the province, Morrow included the mandatory review of decisions of the Committee of Adjustment, Land Division Committee, and the approval of plans of subdivision. He termed the latter a move toward greater self-determination.

Speaking on landfill sites, a subject on which Milton council had given him a rough time, he admitted, Morrow said instead of separate poorly managed garbage dumps, there will be one properly designed and operated landfill site. He said six years and \$250,000 has been spent to locate a suitable site, and forecast over \$1 million dollars will be used to prepare the site and protect the countryside.

He pointed out resource recovery would be impossible with the capital of regional government, since the cost would be prohibitive for any one area municipality. He said the day was closer when the need for landfill will be greatly reduced.

The regional chairman claimed the total assessment base of the entire region has enabled taxpayers to borrow at lower interest rates than would have been possible for separate areas.

He claimed the regional takeover of water and sewers was necessary so that development could not outstrip servicing capacity. He claimed savings on pooled use of equipment, manpower, inventory and water meter repairs.

Pumping stations require backup equipment to ensure quick replacement in case of pump failure, said the chairman, and claimed standardizing by the region will make equipment available in stock and ensure prompt action. He stressed the serious need that existed

to reorganize local government, and criticized the attitude of members whose sole aim is to return to the "Old system" which he claimed was burdened with duplication and an over-abundance of elected

"The problems we face are serious and immediate, and only the hard work of positive committed representatives will permit those solutions to be implemented."

Questioned on the Norval water situation, the Regional Chairman admitted it was the most complicated project he had ever been involved in. He said the Ministry of Environment had asked regional council if they wanted the 64.6 per cent subsidy in a lump sum or in graduated amounts. He said the administration committee indicated they would prefer a lump sum and debenture the rest. He said the money might not be available in '77-'78, but they would be ready to go to tender as soon as the approvals are given. He said



Chairman Ric Morrow

the region might be willing to do the project this year and wait for the funding. He said he hoped Norval water would be installed before the end of his term of

Councillor Pat McKenzie said he couldn't see how the difficulties on Site F landfill site could be resolved before the Halton Hills landfill site, which now also serves Milton, is filled up.

Morrow replied the landfill site in Georgetown might be extended by changing the grade if the C.N.R. allows it. "It's a serious situation on landfill"., He said he was a little disappointed the trucks from Milton could not have been diverted to Oakville to prolong the life of the Halton Hills site. He predicted the trucks would have to be diverted to Oakville if the town

landfill site is filled before Site F is ready. Councillor Russ Miller asked if a resolution from council that Milton's garbage to go to Burlington would have

any effect. "It wouldn't do any harm," replied Morrow. He pointed out it would reduce haulage costs from Halton Hills if the life of this landfill site is prolonged. He suggested the engineer give figures backing this up.

Asked about the workload of the regional chairman. Morrow said it was worse than he expected in the first six months, but said it is a little better now, since some of the major decisions have been made. "Sometime down the road the position may be more closely aligned to that of the former warden. I'm feeling more comfortable and finding a little more spare time."

Main open

Main St. North has been open since Friday although work still continues on the dirt surface.

School buses driving to the Robert Little school were entangled in the detour routes on the first three days of school, with police helping sort out the lines of traffic and lines of school children.

Graders were working on Main N. Tuesday. Parts of the street have

been closed since late in July, with businesses in the area suffering.

Car pushed 13 feet

An estimated total of \$1700 resulted after a two-car collision on Main St. south September 11 at 4.45 p.m., Halton Regional Police say.

Police report one car was parked outside of 18A Main St., when the other vehicle collided with it, pushing it 13

The cars were owned by Cosimo Mercuni, R.R. 4. Acton and Donald John Anderson of Willowdale.

Miss Elizabeth Hulbig, Burlington, has been named the first Co-ordinator of Halton Cheshire Homes Inc.



ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS Georgetown

756 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets have commenced the 1977-78 Season and are welcoming enrolments of students, male and female between the ages of 12 % and 19 years. Air Cadet headquarters is located at the Cedarvale Community Centre, Maple and Main Streets, Georgetown.

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