

Budget accord reached between CAS and province

Halton Children's Aid Society (CAS) has finally reached an agreement on its 1977 budget with the provincial ministry of community and social services. Bryan Clarke, president of the board of directors of CAS announced the agreement at a press conference Monday.

The settlement, which was finalized Oct. 1, means the agency will drop its request for a budgetary hearing before the province's child welfare review committee, which had been scheduled for later this month.

Mr. Clarke said the province has confirmed an

immediate 25 per cent budgetary increase which will let the CAS eliminate a current \$50,000 bank overdraft. The overdraft was taken in August to allow the CAS to continue to provide services.

As well, the ministry committed \$92,000 as an advance on a supplementary budget to cover cost of foster home care and institutional care, and a further \$40,000 for staffing costs. Because of an increased case load, two social workers had been hired.

As a result of the negotia-

tions, a part-time clerical position will be phased out by the end of this year, Mr. Clarke said.

Originally, Halton CAS requested a budget of \$1,589,616, a 60 per cent increase over the previous year. Halton regional council pared the amount to a 39 per cent increase, then the province reduced it again to 25 per cent or \$1,239,945.

Mr. Clarke called the requested increase a make-up budget and said the province will need to spend more money on children's services.

"There's a need for pressure to be put on the Ontario government to repriorize how much money will be given to children's services," he said. "I'm prepared to see more pot holes and a few less lines painted on roads."

In reaching a settlement, the province is allowing the society to adjust salaries within the overall budget according to agency needs. Details of the settlement have been presented to CAS staff and they are satisfied with the agreement reached, Mr. Clarke said.

Mr. Clarke was not happy, however, with the process of negotiation. "Steps must be taken to streamline negotiations between the societies and the ministry," he said. "The existing procedures are time wasting and cost taxpayers inordinate amounts of money."

The ministry's evaluation of CAS performance is based on professional opinion, making it subject to wide variation, Mr. Clarke said. "It's about time a management information system was introduced to give the individual societies some benchmarks to evaluate their own performances," he said. He called for the establishment of a list of expectations mutually developed by the

ministry and Ontario Children's Aid Societies.

Mr. Clarke said he was relieved delivery of existing services is assured for the rest of this year but added the society can't offer the range of services that is needed. He said there was a commitment from the ministry that services already on board will be maintained for 1978.

Within the next two weeks Halton CAS will be required to present its projected 1978 operating figures to the region. The projections must be submitted to the ministry by mid-November.

When negotiations with the province concerning this year's budget appeared to reach an impasse CAS asked Oakville MPP James Snow to intervene. Mr. Snow's involvement set the scene for the agency's meeting with Social Services Minister Keith Norton, which later led to the resolution of the budget problem, Mr. Clarke said.



THE SHARPNESS OF students senses of smell and taste were tested by Acton firm in Georgetown High School last week. Bio-Environmental Services tested 14 volunteers for a research project. Above Cindy Kruger, left, Jennie Thompson and Heather Clarke sniff from vials containing different scents. The students are to be retested next year.

Acton firm tests kids

An Acton environmental firm tested several Georgetown high school students as part of a research project. Bio-Environmental Ser-

vices on Commerce Court carried out the tests on 14 students, at the school. David Casson, head of Bio-Environmental Services, said

the tests were carried out for a private company. The students committed themselves to retesting next year. The taste and smell abilities of the students were tested.

Cabinet OKs Erin gravel pits

Gravel pits around Erin village will be dug again since the contents of a cabinet order were revealed. Two large gravel mines will be set up near here.

Citizens groups, who opposed the gravel companies' interests for years, are not finished yet. The Concerned Citizens Association is checking with lawyers to see

if the order can be overturned. The properties for the pits are zoned to permit extraction of sand and gravel. The land was zoned agricultural. Conditions in the orders do not allow mining close to the village or within 1,000 feet of the Erin-Belfountain Road.

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Halton Hills works department superintendent Frank Morette and town clerk Doug Pritchard said Tuesday they have no knowledge of claims relating to storm damage.

The region's deputy treasurer John Young said his department is processing 76 claims—all from Oakville and Burlington.

The claims stem from the September 24 storm when about two and a half inches (59.9 mm) fell in one day. According to Environment Canada there has not been such a wet September in 15 years.

There have been no written claims sent to us from the north, Young said yesterday. He added, however, there have been many phone inquiries. Callers are asked to write down their claims, and forward them to the region, he said.

About 150 claims are being worked on in Peel Region. In Burlington and Oakville some sewage systems backed up. One Oakville resident is considering court action against the region because of storm damage more than a year ago. Fakir Salle of Stewart Street had four inches of water in his basement following a September 76 storm.

This year he had about five inches of the wet stuff to contend with.

Homemaking program

By Nancy Schmidt Home Economist

The 4-H Homemaking program for the fall is now underway. Leaders from the Region of Halton attended a two day Training School for the current project "A World of Food in Canada."

The clubs which will be participating in the project are Ashgrove, Ballinacred, Campbellville, Dublin, Dublin North, Georgetown 1, Georgetown 11, Hornby South, Hornby North, Limehouse, Milton, Nassagaweya, Norval, Palermo South and Scotch Block.

If you are 12 to 26 years of age and wish to participate in this project, simply contact the leaders of the club nearest you. Or contact Mrs. Nancy Schmidt at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food office, 3 Elizabeth St. S., Brampton, 451-5474.

This fall the Home Economics Branch is offering the course "Needlepoint for Beginners" to any interested ladies' organizations in Halton Region.

In this project you will learn different needlepoint stitches as well as how to adapt designs to make articles such as tote bags, pillows, wall hangings etc. Techniques for blocking, framing and finishing will also be taught.

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Lose land split bid

An application for a land severance by a Limehouse couple was turned down by Regional Land Division Committee last week.

Hugo and Jeanette DeWinter, Lot 27 on the Fifth Line just north of Limehouse, applied to the committee for a conveyance. The couple wished to retain part of the lot with the house. The parcel to be separated has a pond. The property was acquired a couple of years ago.

Many of the reports from agencies recommended denial of the DeWinter bid because a new house on the lot would contribute to urbanization of the rural area. The land division committee agreed with the reports.

Visitors

Many out of province license plates were spotted in town during the holiday weekend. Travellers took advantage of the long weekend. Several were from Quebec, but many hailed from New York State.

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