

Councillors reviewing names for rural roads

All Halton Hills councillors are being urged to review the Region's plans to name certain rural roads and offer comments.

Monday, Halton Hills works committee received a report from the Region outlining suggested names for a number of regional roads. The town is being urged to name its parts of the same roads identically and comment on name selections. Committee decided all

councillors should have the opportunity to comment in writing.

The possibility of giving address numbers on all roads with names was also discussed. Engineer Robert Austin noted this would be a costly, time-consuming project but if rural roads were named it would eventually have to be done.

It was noted by a number of committee members that names are less confusing

than the lot and concession number system presently used in rural Halton Hills.

An offshoot of Trafalgar Road would be renamed Hornby Road while Five Sideroad would be Campbellville Road if region recommendations are accepted.

The Region has suggested 17 Sideroad be renamed Maple Avenue and the Ninth Line be named Mountainview Road from the Wellington Boundary to Steeles Avenue.

Regional Road 23 from Mountainview Road to Peel would become River Drive and Regional Roads 13 and 23 from Main Street, through Glen Williams to Peel, would become Wildwood Road.

Ashgrove Road would be the new name for 10 Sideroad and Ballinac Road the name for the Wellington-Halton Hills boundary road. 15 Sideroad would be known as Esquesing Road.

Committee to study VP's

The question of tenure or non-renewable term appointments for Halton vice-principals will be settled by a special Halton Board of Education committee.

Thursday, trustees approved a special committee set up to study the question and report back by December 15.

Early this year trustees approved an administration plan which would see all future vice-principal appointments for three year terms because of shrinking career advancement possibilities. After the three year term a vice-principal would return to teaching. Tenured vice-principals would retain their position.

Since the plan was approved there have been numerous complaints about it from principals, vice-principals, teachers and some trustees.

Recently, a call by Trustee Elaine Rhem which would have seen all principals, including those currently tenured, placed on renewable three year appointments was tabled by the board.

For the second time this month, Trustee Florence Meares tried to re-open the subject by having it studied by a special committee. She was successful on the second try.

She said Halton's vice-principals are ones who have worked in two or three different schools but this will be impossible with three year terms.

Trustee Don Long said a committee is needed to tie together all existing information about the vice-principal question.

Hydro increase in offing for 1978

Acton Hydro is planning a rate increase effective either March 1 or in June or July.

At the Acton Hydro Electric Commission monthly meeting Thursday morning, secretary-treasurer Audrey Urquhart explained Ontario Hydro had given the commission three alternatives concerning a rate increase.

The first suggestion was that reduced rates could be given as of January or March 1. This would mean that whatever Ontario Hydro establishes for operating expenses (the regular rate hike) the final figure would be less a percentage of the excess revenue Ontario Hydro made. The Anti-Inflation Board made Ontario Hydro roll back their increase because of high profits made this year.

The second alternative is to wait until June or July to have an increase, but it would not be less the percentage of excess revenue.

The third suggestion made was to give each customer a credit on their bills for a few months. The commission agreed this was ruled out because of the amount of work it would involve for the local office staff. All agreed an increase was necessary.

Ontario Hydro will be raising their rates only

marginally for rural residents for 1978. They apparently made a substantial profit in 1977, partly due to the selling of power to the United States during last winter's blackouts.

Chairman Wilf McEachern said if the Acton rates were not raised the same time as the rural rates, the town people would wonder why their increase was more. "They would not realize they had extra monies at the present rate," he said. During the last increase, the local commission had absorbed nine per cent of Ontario Hydro's hike of 33.3 per cent. Local rates were raised 24 per cent.

Mrs. Urquhart pointed out if the increase was as of March 1, it would affect bills for January and February use. This hike would be for less than one in June or July, but also take in more months.

Because exact figures are not known at this time, Bob McArthur suggested getting projections from Ontario Hydro and discussing the increase at their next meeting.

In the meantime, the commission is seeking a budget of \$72,510 for next year. A resolution was sent to Ontario Hydro requesting approval for the budget.

Larger water pipe is installed in fire hall

Construction is underway to run a two inch water pipe into the renovated fire hall, says fire chief Mick Holmes.

The chief had asked Halton Hills council for the larger pipe, from a one inch, to speed up the process of filling up the water tanks on the fire trucks. He explained that until now, the firefighters have had to use ordinary water pressure to fill the

tanks, taking hours for the process if the tank is almost empty.

He said the men were wasting precious time, when they should be returning to their jobs after a fire call.

Drain problem

Bert Hinton would like the town to fix up a drain which has been covered up because of sidewalk work downtown. The drain is in the alley between Sweetman's Shoe store and the Bank of Montreal.

Engineer Robert Austin said he didn't think anything was needed but will look into the problem and report back to committee. He said the four inch opening can be replaced.

Fair holds fee line

Contrary to a report in a local daily, the Fall Fair Board has no intention of doubling its admission fee, board secretary John Rowe said in a monthly meeting last week.

The Society has no intention of increasing the gate fees to \$4, Mr. Rowe said.

Fees for the gate last fall were \$2 for adults and students. Children got in for half the adult fare, and senior citizens had a free admission.

Fair board president Russ Murray underlined the hold on the admission price. "As far as this board is concerned, the admission won't be changed," he said.

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Staff can go to conventions

Halton Hills works committee isn't going to follow the Region's lead and cut staff off from attendance at conventions.

Monday, committee approved attendance for three members of the works department at conventions early next year. Finance-administration committee is being asked to set the money aside in next year's budget.

Department heads are allowed to attend two conventions or seminars each year and all other staff one each year, according to town policy.

Councillor Pat McKenzie noted the region isn't allowing any attendance at conventions next year in the hopes of limiting cost increases next year to 4.5 per cent.

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\$915 in grants

Halton Hills finance committee was in a generous mood, Monday night, and recommended to council that almost the whole \$996 balance of the grants budget for this year be given to various groups.

They approved a grant of \$200 to the University Women's Club to help with the cost of bringing the Mississauga Symphony to town, Sunday, December 4.

The committee agreed to the smallest grant, a \$15 donation for a keeper trophy for the Georgetown Midget Tournament to be held in January.

A \$500 grant to the North Halton District Council of the Boy Scouts was also looked upon with favor. The District Council, who oversee the administration of all Scout troops in North Halton, had to move from Cedarvale, when the wing was condemned and set up in Limehouse hall. They are now renovating and insulating the building, which is used as an office.

Recreation Director Glen Gray pointed out the office in Cedarvale had been no larger than a closet, and was simply used to lock in equipment.

The Acton Coffee House,

being set up by young people in Acton as a drop-in centre in the 'Y' building was given \$200 by the committee, bringing the total for the night to \$915, leaving \$81 in the grant budget.

In addition, the committee recommended that the town pay for the rental of the Acton Music Hall by Acton Firefighters Association for two annual functions. The firefighters are unable to use their own hall due to renovations.

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