

Free wood at landfill sites

A move by Halton Regional Council aimed at reducing the amount of garbage buried in regional landfill sites will be a boost to people looking for wood for home fireplaces or Franklin stoves.

The region's Public Works Committee agreed last week that areas in Burlington and Oakville landfill sites would be set up so people could come and get wood without

having to sort through domestic garbage at the landfill site.

Burlington Alderman Verr Connell has been encouraging such a program for several years now. Director of Public Works Bob Moore said the program would be carried on until the end of February.

Until now it has been illegal to retrieve wood from landfill sites. General scavenging is still not allowed.



Mike McMahon

High school teacher appointed Library Bd.

Mike McMahon, a teacher at Georgetown High School, has been appointed to Halton Hills Library Board, by the Halton Separate School Board.

He takes the place of Ben Boyle, a long time member of the library board, who did not want to be reappointed.

Mr. McMahon lives in the Speyside area, and came to Georgetown High School three years ago from Glen Forest Secondary School in Peel Region. He is a physical education teacher.

The library board, with recent appointments, now has

Norm Elliott, Dougals Magwood, Ruth Wilson, and Walter Biehn as town appointees. Dick Howitt, George Lee and Betty Fisher as Halton Board of Education appointees, and Cathy Perrego and Mike McMahon as Halton Separate School Board appointees.

Double collision on 5th Line

Back to back collisions on the Fifth Line last Wednesday afternoon resulted in a total of \$1,285 in damages to three vehicles.

In the first mishap the road grader driven by Robert Conway Lindsay of R.R. 1 Limehouse escaped damage. However the vehicle driven by William T. Robinson of R.R. 2 Georgetown has about \$1,200 in damages, according to police.

Later on, while police were investigating the first accident, the car driven by Cheryl Springle of R.R. 1 Limehouse was involved in a mishap with the Robinson vehicle. The Robinson car was parked and unoccupied at the time. Additional damage to the Robinson car comes to \$15, police say. Police also estimate damage to the Springle vehicle at \$50.

be successful in obtaining the Halton nomination, he is confident he will be able to deliver a new PC seat to parliament. Former MP Terry O'Connor ran for the Conservatives in the last federal election. He was defeated by Philbrook.

Damage totalled an estimated \$70, Halton Regional Police report after an unknown car hit a parked car belonging to Tanwin Sheikh of Montreal on December 6.

By law delayed

A bylaw to dedicate the new road running into Acton high school to the town, was given two readings Monday night.

The third reading was delayed when councillors protested they did not have enough information. They pointed out the bylaw had just appeared on their desks that night.

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Region appoints 1978 representatives

Appointment to the three conservation authorities, two hospital boards and the Royal Botanical Gardens were approved by Halton Regional Council without discussion or debate Wednesday.

In most cases the appointments are made on the advice of local councils.

Russell Miller and Pat McKenzie of Halton Hills, Jim Watson and Gord Krantz of Milton and P. J. Farley and F. K. Bird of Oakville were all appointed to the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill, Councillors Les Duby of

Halton Hills and Laurie Mannell of Oakville were appointed to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Oakville Councillor McLean Anderson was appointed to the Oakville Trafalgar Hospital, Mayor Hill was appointed to the Georgetown District Hospital Board and Councillor G. B. Clements of Milton was appointed to the Grand Valley Conservation Authority.

Mrs. K. Campbell of Milton was appointed to the Royal Botanical Gardens Board of Directors as regional appointee. Mrs. Campbell has held that post for several years now.

Otto Jelinek seeks Halton nomination

MP Otto Jelinek has decided to seek the Progressive Conservative nomination in Halton after all. In August Party Leader Joe Clark had asked Mr. Jelinek, MP for High Park - Humber Valley, to consider running in a riding in Metropolitan Toronto.

Etobicoke Centre, which could well have put him in a race against Liberal incumbent Alistair Gillespie, was one specifically mentioned. Under redistribution, Mr.

Jelinek's present riding divides into four constituencies. Mr. Clark wanted the MP to stay and help the party gain some strength in Metro.

In a letter to Mr. Clark, released to the press, Mr. Jelinek says Halton is his home where he was raised and educated and where the majority of his business and personal interests are centered.

"Over recent months I have experienced a ground swell of

support towards my candidacy in Halton. I know and understand the concerns and various local issues as well as anyone.

"As our party's spokesman on small business I will naturally continue to expound my efforts on a national level while at the same time be in a position to assist and communicate with the heavily populated small business sector of the Halton constituency," Mr. Jelinek adds should he

Phone calls delayed police keep system

Halton Police Commission decided to stand pat with its auxiliary power for the phone system in spite of an internal report which describes the system as unsatisfactory.

The police have a system which puts auxiliary power for the phones about 10 seconds after the main power fails. Commissioner Judge William Warrender moved the system be kept.

A report from F.W. Oliver, deputy chief in the force's service division states: "This system has been in effect since 1967, however, it has not been satisfactory and we have lost many calls over the

years (some of a serious nature) and in some cases they have called back."

Halton police chief Ken Skerrett down played the seriousness of the situation. It's one chance in several million, he said.

Deputy Oliver stated that a solution would be for Bell Telephone to install an emergency stand-by system which would cut in the moment commercial power fails. The new system would function for six hours.

At current rates the new auxiliary system would cost \$1,637.40 per year. The first year the cost, including installation, would be \$1,862.40.

Judge to hear Field case appeal

The appeal of a Halton Regional Police sergeant, convicted in a police brutality case, is to be heard by a county court judge instead of the Halton Police Commission.

The decision to have a judge hear the appeal came after the Halton Regional Police Commission learned an appeal is being launched at the commission's meeting at Oakville Thursday.

Brampton Lawyer John Greenwood, who represents Sgt. Jason Field, told the commission that an appeal has been filed. Sgt. Field was convicted of "unnecessary violence" under the Police Act on December 9.

sergeant with a criminal offence. "The chief had no jurisdiction," and he should have referred the matter to the provincial criminal court, the notice states.

The December 6 amendment to the original charge amounts to a new charge, and it falls outside the six month statute of limitations.

Also in the grounds for appeal is the charge that Chief Skerrett "was improperly motivated by a desire to convict" the sergeant while the weight of the evidence showed, Sgt. Field was innocent of the offence.

Bias was exhibited by the police chief, states the notice, in Skerrett's admission that the complainant and his main witness were lying with respect to relevant facts. Skerrett concluded he would convict the sergeant because the youths could not be lying all the time, the notice states.

Also, contends Greenwood, the chief showed anxiety because of complaints of a lawyer or lawyers in the community with respect to police brutality.

Another grounds for appeal used in the notice states the hearing proceeded in the

apparent position that the onus was on the sergeant to prove his innocence.

Greenwood also contends the chief should have disqualified himself from taking part in the hearing because of his alleged bias.

Police commission chairman William Hourigan said the board has not met formally to decide how to proceed with the sergeant's case. However, he told Greenwood, it is likely the board will seek to have it heard by a county court judge.

Sergeant Field was at the meeting dressed in a suit.

Field will apparently remain a sergeant until all the appeals process is exhausted. Then if the chief's decision that Field is guilty, is upheld, Field will be demoted to the rank of a first class constable.

If the 41-year-old Field is demoted, the cut in pay could amount to approximately \$28,500 by the time he retires at age 60, presuming his rank stays at that level.

Hourigan said three or four members of the police commission had prior knowledge of the case before the hearing so it is likely the

appeal will go before a county court judge.

Greenwood said the disposition of the case was very fair.

The appeal will likely be heard in the new year, Greenwood said in an interview. Transcripts of the hearing will take about four or six weeks to be typed.

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Watson urges funds for resource recovery

Milton Councillor Jim Watson wants to set aside one mill each year for the next three years for a reserve fund to help fund resource recovery in Halton. If adopted by council the reserve would accumulate about \$2,000,000.

Watson's proposal was forwarded to Halton Regional Council Wednesday and while it was referred to a Feb. 1 meeting for further consideration the idea was subjected to a lot of criticism.

Burlington Mayor Mary Munro said she favored the resource recovery concept

but charged that the suggestion by Mr. Watson was a most disorganized way to approach the task.

"We are already overcharging people to use the landfill sites so that we'll have a reserve built up to charge another mill would be irresponsible. Resource recovery could be another 20 years down the road."

"Yes it could be 10 years down the road, it won't necessarily be built in 1980," Acton councillor Pat McKenzie noted.

Music time

The Legion Chorallers were out corolling downtown on Friday evening.

Families of sorority members were corolling throughout town on Thursday evening.

Last Wednesday, the band took their traditional music tour by bus. Highlight of their evening was their sudden invasion of the Golden Age club's pat luck dinner, where they entertained before moving on.

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Christmas collision

A Christmas Day collision at Division Street and Wallace Avenue caused a total of \$250 in damages to two cars.

Damage to the car driven by Hugh Gourlay of 7 Division St. comes to about \$50, according to police. The balance of the damage is on the vehicle driven by David Williams of 107 Elizabeth Dr., police say.

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