

Dick Howitt chmn. of Library Board

Dick Howitt, a local lawyer and former Halton Hills councillor, is the new chairman of the Halton Hills Library Board.

Town insists need lawyer

A move by Councillor Walter Biehn to have no legal representation at the OMB hearing on the library got nowhere, Monday night, when only he and Councillor Roy Booth voted for the motion.

He claimed council had agreed to abide by the OMB decision and suggested it would save between \$3,000 and \$5,000 in legal fees. He pointed out more than 3,000 taxpayers are opposed.

Councillor Peter Morris said it was ridiculous to go to a hearing and not defend the town's position.

Board of Education, is entering the second year of a two year term.

He was elevated at the board's first meeting of the year on January 11.

Ruth Wilson defeated George Lee in the race for the vice-chairman's post while Cathy Perego was chosen for the treasurer's job.

Doug Magwood will chair the finance committee on which Mrs. Perego, Halton

Hills councillor Walter Biehn and Betty Fisher will sit.

Mrs. Wilson, Norm Elliott and Mike McMahon will sit on the policy committee chaired by Lee.

All members will sit on the building committee.

Mrs. Wilson was also re-appointed to the post of Halton Hills Library Board's representative to the South Central Region Library System.



LIBRARY BOARD ELECTED new executive Thursday. From left to right around the circle are Norm Elliott, Walter Biehn, Mike McMahon, Doug Magwood, Rose Perego (sitting), vice chairman Ruth Wilson, chief librarian Betsy Cornwell, chairman Dick Howitt, George Lee and Betty Fisher.

Smoke detectors for old library

One of a number of fire safety improvements recommended for Georgetown Library will be implemented very soon.

At its first meeting of the new year, January 11, Halton Hills Library Board approved

the purchase and installation of seven smoke and heat detectors.

At the same meeting the board awarded a contract for maintenance of the library to Total Maintenance at a cost of \$3,960.

Will receive \$26,500 conservation grant

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority will receive an Ontario grant of \$26,500 to acquire land for the establishment of the Warwick Conservation Area, situated

in the Town of Caledon, Peel Region. Total cost of the land is \$53,000.

The Authority will develop 150 acres of rolling land comprising approximately

one-half open land and the other half consisting of both deciduous and coniferous trees. A 7-acre private lake is on the property.

A two-storey stone house

Library repairs could cost \$72,000

New roofing, fire safety improvements and insulation for the Georgetown Library, Church Street, would cost about \$72,000 a report from Alan Zeegan Associates says.

The consulting engineer's report was tabled by Halton Hills Library Board at its meeting last Wednesday.

Library board decided the report shouldn't be examined in detail until after the

Ontario Municipal Board hearing next Wednesday at which the proposed Cedarvale Library will be examined.

The board also rejected a suggestion from new member

Betty Fisher that Paul Martel be invited to present the engineering report he did on the library.

It was decided this would have to wait until after the OMB hearing also.

Internal reports sent to OPC

Halton's Regional Police Commission approved the sending of 11 internal investigation reports to the Ontario Police Commission.

The reports stemmed from allegations of police brutality by Milton lawyer Peter McWilliams and others.

In a one page letter to the provincial body, Police Chief Ken Skerrett stated the sending of the reports was directed by the Halton commission in an "attempt to 'clear the air' of any reported wrong-doing by members of our Force."

Cleaning costs town \$27,284

Cleaning town buildings will cost the town \$27,284 this coming year.

Monday night, Halton Hills council awarded contracts to the following companies:

The treasury building to Allrite Janitor Service at \$5,820; Clerk's building on Trafalgar Road, Total Maintenance \$5,100; fire hall on Maple Avenue Total Maintenance \$1,060; engineering offices Total Maintenance \$2,100; recreation offices Total Maintenance \$4,320.

Hornby hall - Total Maintenance \$720; Stewarttown hall - Total Maintenance \$1,056; Norval hall - Allrite Janitor Service \$1,248; Acton office - Hugh's Maintenance \$1,800; and Georgetown library - Total Maintenance \$3,960.

Region eyes police budget

Halton Region's administration committee will review the \$9,122,332 proposed budget for the region's police force on January 25.

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