



PAINTERS WERE PUTTING the finishing touches on the upstairs of the firehall during the past week, and work is expected to be finished on schedule.

Shelve team policing

Police society's 'last line'—Chief

A controversial pilot project which may draw people and police closer together was shelved by the Halton Police Commission Thursday at Oakville.

"I believe in team policing, but one area scares me," Halton Chief Ken Skerrett said in a discussion of his four-page report. The police department is "the last line of defence for a way of life that's eroding," he declared.

The police force is the "last bastion to prevent our society from falling apart," continued Skerrett.

Skerrett's written report found some good and bad points about team policing. Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett defined team policing as an attempt to relate more on a one-to-one basis, and to

keep officers in one place for no less than two years.

You set up little police departments all around, Barrett described it.

Team policing was given about a two-year trial at Burlington. If the idea had worked Skerrett said he thought the police commission would have wanted to expand it through Halton Region.

Burlington will revert to a platform system, like the rest of Halton, according to the report. Skerrett told Commission Chairman William Hourigan the police will capitalize on their experience with team policing. Some of the good points of team policing will be used, Hourigan said.

Main concern with the

operation is the manpower situation, Skerrett said.

"Due to our attempts to run this force with the minimum number of men, considerable difficulty was encountered in freeing men to become involved in special preventive programs," states the chief's report. It also compares the ratio of officers to population at Burlington and elsewhere team policing was tried.

In Burlington the ratio is 1/1000, Calgary 1/550 and Vancouver 1/650.

Inexperienced officers were also among the reasons for the program's failure. The experience on the Halton force is a little light to run as an operation like team policing, Hourigan said.

Skerrett also indicated

there was resistance to the team policing idea from senior members of the force.

To get team policing working, Skerrett said he would need about a dozen more men and six cruisers.

For the Burlington trial the police commission had to get a letter from the Police Association because the experiment fractured some of the contract conditions, Skerrett also pointed out.

Team policing was also tried in Cincinnati, Commissioner Glen Magnuson said but its benefits seemed to drop off after 18 months. After three years there was little appreciable difference between team policing and the non-team police set up, he said.

Some of the advantages of

the Burlington experiment included the knowledge gained by officers of the area.

"This resulted in improved relations with the public as a result of increased community contact," states Skerrett's report.

Some crime prevention projects by the teams were "well received by the police," the report continued.

All other forces which are using team policing indicate it takes about five years for the full idea to become operational, the report says.

Judge William Warrander said he was disappointed in the decision to scrap team policing. It's worked well elsewhere under management. If to make it work

Can a police officer ride with people and still represent authority? asked Skerrett. There is a small minority which accepts you, but sees the closeness as a weakness, he said.

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Recreation dept. plans summer program

Halton Hills Recreation Department is busy planning the changes which will take place for their summer recreation programs. The department has received

applications for leader positions from students looking for summer employment.

New programs and changes in the old ones have been planned for this summer in

rotating Playmobile, a van equipped with playground supplies, will serve Pineview, Limehouse, Glen Williams, Speyside and Norval for eight weeks, spending one full day a week at each site.

The very successful day camp from last year will be continued in Acton this summer. The camp runs in two week sessions with four sessions being run over the summer. The emphasis is on outdoor activities and skills and is geared to children eight and over. Gymnastics will also be continued in Georgetown this summer. The program will run for four weeks during afternoons.

The traditional playground that has been run in past years has been changed with the day divided into age groups. Children 5 to 7 years will attend playground in the mornings and an adventure camp for those 8 to 12 will be run in the afternoon. Two playgrounds will be run in Acton, one in Ballinafad and three in Georgetown. One

adventure camp will be run in Acton, one in Ballinafad and two in Georgetown.

The Youth Drop-In Centre will be run again in Acton every night from Monday to Friday for eight weeks. The centre is geared for those 13 to 17 years.

The students who have applied for leadership positions will be attending training sessions at George Kennedy School in Georgetown.

With the changes in the programs and the additions of new ones the department is hoping to reach more children and to provide better programs for them.

Mayor to submit receipts to collect expense account

Mayor Tom Hill will have to submit vouchers to collect his expense account from now on, if council goes along with a recommendation made by Halton Hills administration committee, Monday night.

That portion is to cover expenses.

The \$1,500 annual allowance has not been considered part of the mayor's salary so is not one third tax exempt as is his salary.

Treasurer Ray King pointed out if the \$1,500 is added to his salary, bringing it to \$13,600, there would be a saving to the mayor in income tax of \$500.

Councillor Peter Morris said as an expense account, to be free of tax, it would have to

set up with receipts being turned in to the treasurer.

"We all have part of our salary tax exempt now, supposedly for expenses."

Morris said this allowance should have nothing to do with mileage, but should be for entertaining or public relations.

The committee voted to eliminate the flat rate of \$125 a month, and receipts be submitted for expenses incurred while carrying out the mayor's duties to a limit of \$1,500 a year.

Police to escort funerals despite report costs

Funerals in Halton will continue to have police escorts free of charge. However, truckers with wide loads may have to dip into their pockets for the same service, as a result of a police staff report.

The report, by deputy chief F. W. Oliver, recommends funeral and truck escorts be paid for by those people receiving the service. The report also suggests off-duty officers be used as escorts because "the only cost to the force would be the use of a vehicle which in my opinion is minimal compared to what it is presently costing us."

Escort duty also trims the police patrols, the report states.

Police commissioner Glenn Magnuson moved the force leave the system as it is with regards to funerals. The escort service is part of the police function, he said. He also wants more information

about the wide loads before a decision is made.

Oliver's report notes the practice of using off-duty constables works "very satisfactorily" in other forces.

Out staff is tied up for "several hours" on some escorts, Oliver stated.

No injuries

Six people escaped injury in a two car crash on Church Street near Elgin Street around noon last Wednesday.

The most damage from the mishap is on the car driven by Waltraup-Schumeth of 41 Storey Dr. Police estimate \$800 in damage to his car's left front side and wheel. The car was west bound on Church Street.

The car driven by Herbert Draper of Islington was north bound on Elgin Street. Police set the damage to his auto at \$50. There were four passengers from Quebec in the Draper car.

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