

Town staff

**Cut mileage allowance
20.5 cents a mile for all**

The \$60 monthly mileage allowance, plus 12 cents a mile for the 5,000 miles and 10 cents after that, should be eliminated for the nine town employees paid on that basis, Councillor Roy Booth maintained at Halton Hills finance committee, this week.

He urged all employees should be paid the straight 20.5 cents a mile, the remainder of staff receive for occasional use of their cars.

He pointed out the yearly mileage of the nine employees showed one averaging 37 cents a mile, two averaging 35 cents a mile and another averaging 34 cents a mile. He emphasized it was not the fault of the employees, but of the system.

He said under the straight 20.5 cents a mile for everyone, the department heads would approve the accounts, and the clerk-administrator would approve the department heads' account.

Councillor Peter Morris said he could see no point in having the clerk-administrator approve the account, since council has full control of the accounts and sees the expenses every month.

"Can they testify to the number of miles listed, as really driven?" asked Booth. He said the town would save a lot of money and termed 37 cents a mile ridiculous.

"What if the engineer decides not to use his vehicle. Is the town going to get another car, or another truck?" asked Morris.

"Get another engineer, and make it a condition of employment," retorted chairman Russ Miller.

Booth stated he didn't believe in subsidizing employees to drive back and forth to work.

Councillor Pat Patterson said he was very familiar with mileage allowance and had submitted them for more

than 30 years. "And I cheated." He said the system should be the same for everyone.

Councillor Walter Biehn suggested employees have to be trusted, since it's impossible to check the number of miles driven.

Morris maintained the mileage report should go to the next department heads meeting, rather than go over their heads and make a recommendation immediately.

Councillor Peter Marks said no business should get into a power struggle with department heads unless absolutely necessary, so departments heads should be given a chance to come up with an answer.

A report from department heads will be made to the committee.



TRACY-LYN BARCLAY-Smith, left, Monica Parker and Kandi Hannah take time out from singing to admire the trophy won in the primary choir section of the North Halton music festival. The girls are students at M. Z. Bennett and members of the winning primary. More than 1100 students took part in the annual festival.

**Changes underway at
Services Centre in Y**

The Community Services Centre in the Y is being completely renovated this spring. Although the coordinator's office remains in the same location, the meeting room has been changed. It is now the room further east, with a door leading out on the far side of the Y.

The office is considerably

changed as well, and increased in size.

There is carpeting, paneling and new paint, with air conditioning. Furniture has been ordered.

A new sign will be posted over the door to the two rooms.

The work should be done in another week or so, according to Rod Kreuger, who is in charge of the project for the board of directors.

Members of the board of directors admired the changes during their meeting last Wednesday night.

The centre has received full grants for the coming year of operations, with an additional grant for renovations from the town.

A draft leasing agreement with the Y is being prepared. Chairman Peter Marks expressed thanks to coordinator Terry Grubbe for an "excellent job."

He pointed out that the work of the North Halton mental health team has lightened the load on the centre somewhat.

Mrs. Grubbe reported on

**Woman wins
tax prize**

Ms. J. Corthorn, 84 Kingham Rd., is the most recent winner in Tax Time Services Ltd. Win a Prize at Tax Time contest.

Ms. Corthorn won an RCA 20-inch portable color TV set.

Tax Time's other prizes include Times Marathon Digital Watches and a grand prize of a Pontiac Acadian.

**Nose broken
in fight**

A 33-year old Acton man suffered a broken nose during a scuffle with another man at the corner of Mill and Wilbur Streets at 1:45 a.m. Friday.

Halton Regional Police are continuing the investigation.

The victim was taken by cruiser to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital for treatment.

**Collision on
Highway 7**

About \$1,900 in property damage resulted from a car-van collision on Highway 7 at Churchill Road Monday evening.

Damage to the van driven by William Patchett of 64 Main St. N. is about \$700, according to Halton Regional Police.

Most of the damage—\$1,200—is on the auto driven by Eric Fryters of R.R. 3, Acton. The front grill, right and left fenders were damaged.

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**Aggregate producers
want more specific plan**

Douglas Scott, spokesman for Halton Aggregate Producers, told regional planning committee last week the group wants the regional official plan to state specifically where other extraction sites can be developed or present sites expanded.

The draft version of the plan leaves producers uncertain, he said, pointing out that 80 per cent of the mineral resource area has been designated for another purpose as well. The producers would have to get an official plan amendment to develop sites

which have multiple designations, he claimed.

"You should have made a hard decision between a competing use," Mr. Scott said, commenting that mineral resource policies don't adequately implement the goals of the plan.

But planning committee wants information on how long the resources in the 20 per cent designated for mineral resource use only will last.

Mr. Scott argued that aggregate use of land was an interim use for a matter of 15

years or so. After that the land would be rehabilitated for another use, for instance, reseeded for a forest area.

The aggregate industry in Halton employs an estimate 1,400 people directly, Mr. Scott submitted. A further 900 people depend wholly or in part on the industry for their livelihood. Gross revenues to the tune of \$18-million are generated by the industry in the region. "Aggregate is the second most commonly used substance after water," Mr. Scott said.

Regional plan

**Unfairly treated
Dufferin claims**

The proposed mineral resource area designated in the draft regional official plan excludes two-thirds of the land Dufferin Quarries has already been licensed to operate, charged Robert Tuer, a representative of the firm. Mr. Tuer presented a brief to the regional planning committee last week.

agreements and financial investments of the company. Dufferin received a licence in 1972 for mineral extraction on 1,200 acres at the top of the escarpment in Milton. It has made a capital expenditure of \$7-million and has undertaken a rehabilitation plan spanning 40 to 50 years — a plan worked out in conjunction with the Town of Milton, the Conservation Authority and the Niagara

Escarpment Commission.

"The company has been unfairly singled out. In the vernacular, it just ain't fair," Mr. Tuer told the committee.

"The company is entitled to better treatment than that," Milton Mayor Don Gordon was among councillors sympathetic to Mr. Tuer's submission. "We worked out a pretty good deal with this quarry operation," the mayor said.

Pit owner warns

**Official plans cause
aggregate shortage**

Halton Hills will have no sand and gravel deposits left within its boundaries in two years, if the Town, Region and Niagara Escarpment plans are adopted as they are proposed, according to J. M. "Mac" Duff, of J. C. Duff Ltd.

The quarry owner said he had studied the three proposed plans and come up with some suggestions he hoped planning board would consider.

of a wayside pit to the Niagara Escarpment Commission, until pits and quarries are definitely designated in the plan.

Mr. Duff pointed out no new pit or quarry licence has been issued in the restricted zone of the escarpment since 1973, when the N.E.C. was established. "You can't get away from the fact our operation is in the escarpment."

tion, road wear traffic hazard, and expose more people to truck traffic.

Mayor Tom Hill wanted to press for the designation of the extractive area immediately and dispense with the wayside permit, but Duff replied he needed the wayside pit permit, since he did not know how long it would take to have the land officially designated. He explained he had lost money before when he had to cease operation, and if he had to stop again it would not be worth restarting.

He said each of the three Official Plans should provide for at least 10 years supply and preferably 20 years supply for local use. He said a survey should be made of the reserves of all properties now licensed. He pointed out only two of the eight sand and gravel pits now licensed are actually in use.

Mr. Duff stated if the reserves are shown to be inadequate, land should be designated extractive in the town Official Plan, and supported by the region and the N.E.C.

Planning board recommended approval of the wayside pit application to the N.E.C., and will consider the brief submitted by Duff on the extractive industry.

Explaining the advantages of local supply, Duff stated his average haul is eight miles, while the nearest alternate supply is Caledon an extra 14 miles costing 98 cents a ton more. The extra haulage would mean 10,000 tons would travel an extra 280,000 miles, costing an extra \$178,400. In addition it would increase fuel consump-

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**Pond back in plans
for region building**

Halton Regional Council voted Wednesday to go ahead with an \$18,000 reflecting pond at the new regional headquarters building in Oakville.

The provision of the \$18,000 for the reflecting pond calls for yet another over-expenditure of the original \$2,000,000 budget set for the building.

architect, Watson noted the architect had said the site lacked any distinguishing characteristics and suggested the pool would help overcome this.

**Special
garbage**

New regional regulations on what goes into Georgetown's dump won't force the cancellation of the special spring garbage pick-up in Georgetown and Acton planned for June 7. Liquids, inert building materials and tires aren't supposed to be in the dump anymore.

At the last council meeting Building Committee Chairman David Coons assured Burlington Mayor Mary Munro that there would be no over-expenditure in the budget.

Watson reminded council that it had paid \$16,000 per acre for the land, yet council is now being told the site has no distinguishing features.

Engineer Robert Austin reported to Halton Hills works committee last Tuesday that the recently imposed restrictions on garbage won't affect municipal collection or the special collection on June 7 as was originally feared.

But last week at the council meeting Oakville Councillor Carl Eriksen that it would be a crying shame if the building was built without the pond for the lack of \$18,000.

Acton Councillor Pat McKenzie said pools had been built with the Toronto City Hall and the Caledon municipal building and had made them more enjoyable buildings.

Oakville Councillor MacLean Anderson agreed with Eriksen and noted the pond would be the crown jewel that would set everything off.

He said he would be willing to contribute \$500 or \$750 to cover the cost of the pool if other councillors were willing to contribute in the same way.

Milton Councillor Jim Watson said he felt the idea of spending an additional \$18,000 for the pond was "hogwash".

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