

Report to region on police morale issue

Halton councillors will get a crack at talking to both Halton Police Commission and Halton Police Association officials about the controversial police morale report.

Last Wednesday the administration committee decided not to discuss the Police Association's 61 page report which says morale on the regional force is extremely low.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, who is also a police commission member, said there are many things in the association's report which need to be analyzed by the police administration. He added some of the complaints and criticisms in the report were remedied by the force's administration long before the report was issued.

Regional councillors should be given the opportunity to review and comment on the association's report, Burlington Councillor Walter Mulke-wich said.

Committee chairman Mac Anderson of Oakville urged the police issue not be discussed by committee until the commission is able to respond with its own report.

After the commission has completed its report both the commission and association should be asked to send representatives to committee and council. "Have both of them in our laps at once," Barrett said the commission appreciates the association's report despite the fact there are inaccuracies and anonymous charges in it. "There are things in it we appreciate," he declared.

He said the commission's first exposure to the report was at the same time the media received it, which he didn't think was quite proper. He thought the association had agreed to turn the report over to the commission first. Barrett added he has no intention of debating the police issue in the media.

Police civy workers list beefs on boss

Civilian employees at the Halton Regional Police headquarters are writing a list of complaints against their new boss — after they threatened to walk out.

According to Halton Regional Police Association president Al Ruelens, who represents civilian and uniformed employees, he will look at the complaint list when he returns from holidays in mid-August.

The civilians' boss, administrator Ray Munro, said in a telephone interview yesterday: "I make no comment on reports in the press. I report to the board (Halton Regional Police Commission) and I comment to the board. I'm sorry if this does not help you, but it is the policy I have adopted."

Several civilian employees, according to Ruelens, wanted to walk out of the radio and records offices during the July 8-9 weekend. "I was able to smooth that over and get them to reconsider their position," Ruelens said Monday.

The police headquarters building is on the 7th Line, Oakville.



LORI McDONALD took part in the Brownies display at the Back to Acton Days celebration. The girls made puppets and distributed name tags to spectators.

Police contract due tomorrow

A new one year contract for Halton police officers is expected to be inked tomorrow during the Halton Police Commission meeting at Oakville.

The signing of the contract by the Halton Police Association will end seven months of negotiations with the commission. The contract is likely retroactive to last January, and covers 263 policemen.

The police commission offered the anti-inflation board guideline limit of six per cent. Since then accountants for both sides have been going over the proposed contract.

Today's first class constable is paid \$19,177.60. Yet to be ratified is the civilian contract. According to police association president Al Ruelens both sides are still negotiating.

Police charge

A 20-year old Main Street South man and a 17-year old youth from Brampton were arrested and charged by Halton Regional Police for causing a disturbance after they refused to leave when they were asked to clear the sidewalk last week.

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