

It's not exactly the cat's Meow!

## Municipal cat licence is for the birds — Hill

Municipalities shouldn't start licensing cats the same as they do dogs because it would be a horrendous job, Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill said this week.

Licensing of cats by municipalities is just one of 235 resolutions 1,000 delegates to the annual conference of the Association of Municipalities in Ontario will consider this week in Toronto.

A committee of municipal politicians and officials from throughout Ontario came up with the idea of licensing cats after it was first suggested by the City of Oshawa. Licensing cats would help identify those responsible for spreading some types of diseases in urban areas some Ontario councillors think. The cat licensing should be a right a municipality can exercise but not be mandatory.

Mayor Hill thought cat licensing would open a real can of worms predicting the job would be near impossible because of the large numbers of stray cats which move from one municipality to another. He wondered how a town could ever determine who owns all the cats there are around.

Hill said it is one thing to licence a dog because there is usually just one in each household but many families have several cats.

He said where there is a female mother cat and numerous kittens in a home licensing would be difficult.

Hill said he didn't know if licensing would really accomplish anything anyway.

Resolutions endorsed by the conference of provincial councillors will be sent to Ottawa and Queen's Park for action if those levels agree with the municipalities.

When questioned about other resolutions before the conference Halton Hills' top politician observed many have nothing to do with the municipalities.

One idea he did support was a municipal review of school board budgets. "Yes, 100 per cent, yes," he declared. Hill says if the town had some control over the school board budget then it could do something about keeping taxes down. He pointed out elementary and high school education tax demands make up a huge chunk of the annual tax bill and the town has no choice but to collect it.

Right now the town has no control over school board budgets and it is needed, Hill said municipal control over school board spending is needed in Halton.

He also supports a resolution calling for municipal licensing of pin ball arcades. Hill says tighter control is needed to ensure there is no misbehaving in such establishments.

While the mayor does think fines for drivers leaving their keys in the ignition should be beefed up, he doesn't know why municipalities should be involved in this question. He thinks it's a matter to be examined by police commissions. It has been suggested at the conference that the fine be hiked from \$10 to \$100.

He is all for facilities being built for safe disposal of toxic wastes such as insecticides and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) but thinks such facilities should be run by the Ministry of the Environment and not municipalities.

Hill is opposed to tax dollars being spent on soft drink container recycling depots because he doesn't believe they will do much except cost money. He suggests cans and bottles will still be all over the sides of the road since people won't drive miles out of their way to depots.

He says municipalities have no business commenting on things such as sex and violence in movies, which the conference will debate this week. These topics should be left in the hands of the province and Ottawa he says.



FREE PRESS EDITOR Kay Dills accepts a Canadian National Newspaper Association award for the Best Sports Page of 1977 from CNA President Lyn Lashbrook, at the national convention last week in Vancouver. The Free Press also won first place for best news photo.

## Eating out prompts boom in food industry

Whether you order coquilles Saint-Jacques at a French cafe or a takeout basket of chicken, you are contributing to the dramatic growth of the foodservice industry in Canada. Fast-paced suburban lifestyles increasingly revolve around snacks and meals prepared outside the home. By 1985, it is predicted that about half of the meals consumed, by Canadians will be eaten away from home.

This trend reflects a relatively comfortable economic situation. Professor George Bedell, director of the school of hotel and food administration at the University of Guelph, notes that Canadians have more discretionary income than ever before. In spite of gloomy economic reports, people who are working have money to spend. Changes are that they are not saving for a car or a colour television because they already have one or two of each. Their discretionary income finds its way into recreation, travel and entertainment which have helped to make eating out a big business in this country.

The foodservice industry has experienced a growth

## Town to pay for Park St. survey

Halton Hills will pay for a survey of Park St. in order to deed it into a legal street.

After hearing the story behind the street from councillor Pat McKenzie, council unanimously voted in favor of the survey. Mr. McKenzie explained that a duplex was built at the corner of Park St. and Knox Ave. facing on Park. However, when the builder went to sell the two

homes, he discovered that portion of Park was not a legal street and he did not have a right of way to the frontage. If the homes faced the other street all would have been right.

Mr. McKenzie explained that he had been talking to senior citizens of the town who told him the park entrance use to be further up the street, with the present road way inside the park. As time went on, he explained, the entrance was moved further up the street to its present location, with Park Ave. becoming a driveway into the grounds. However, as time passed, Park became a street with the town assuming responsibilities. When the duplex was built

facing Park St. the owner found out it was not on an official road. He sought a letter from the town, says Mr. McKenzie, telling the mortgage company that the street would also be a road and would soon be officially declared so. Mr. McKenzie said this was a temporary letter so the man could be free to sell the homes. It would later be dealt with at the town's leisure. However, he said, the mortgage company was dissatisfied with the letter and wanted the land deeded as a road.

Council agreed to pay for the cost of the surveyors and get the matter settled.

## Police arrest 'indecent' man

Halton Regional Police arrested a 36-year old Mississauga man on two charges of indecent acts Friday.



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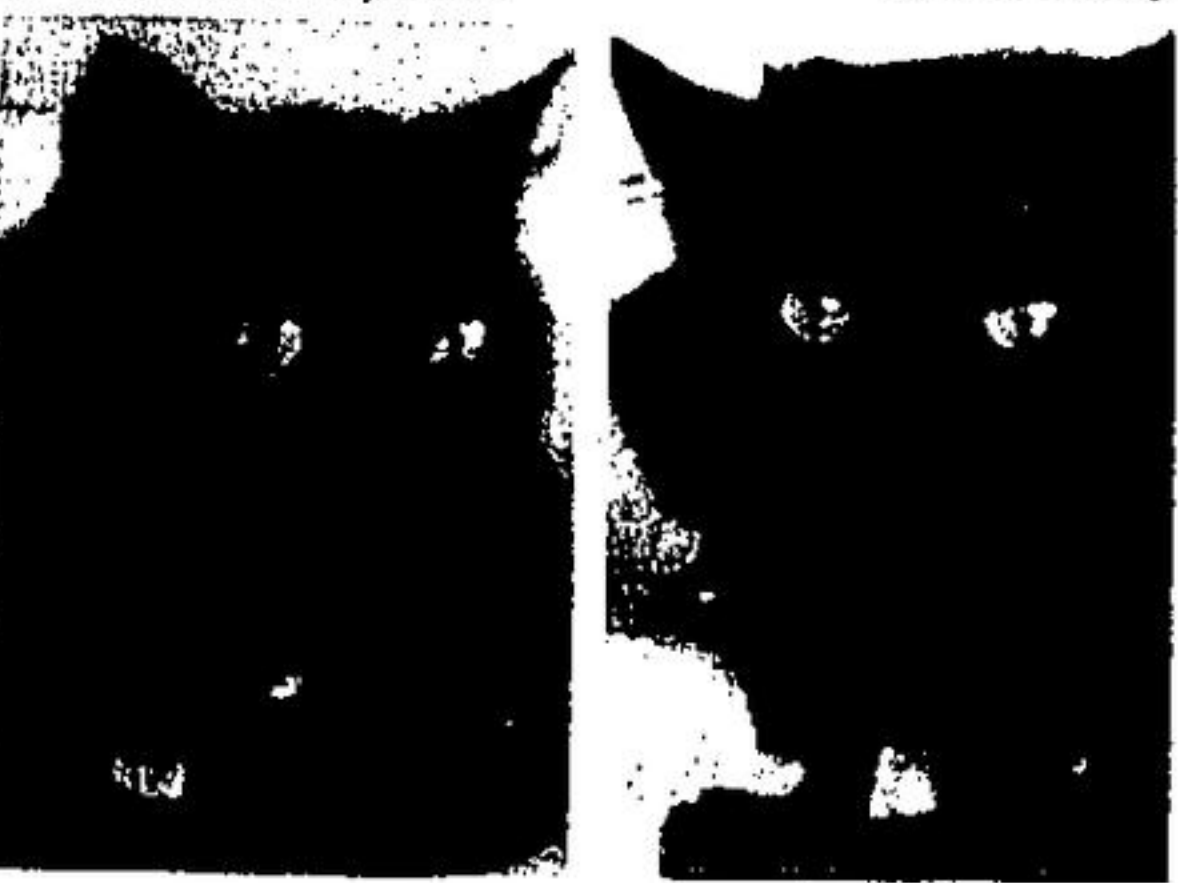


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## Our readers write

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open for subsequent governments who may decide the time is ripe to be able to accept the Charter.

The government's proposal to divide this renewal into two distinct phases, each with its own schedule, shows the length to which we feel change is needed. We have been impeded previously by discussions on certain items which fell within the purview of an amending formula or the division of powers which caused talks to collapse. Thus the government intends to change as much as possible within areas of lesser controversy within its own jurisdiction always with a priority of securing provincial agreement and co-operation.

I would greatly appreciate receiving your comments on the subject of constitutional renewal and also in preparation for our forthcoming letter on the measures recently announced by the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr. Frank A. Philbrook M.P.  
Halton

## Spelling time-wasting

Editor:  
Our present socially, acceptable spelling is unteachable, mind-stunting, handicapping and deceiving. It stifles common-sense, blocks reading, represses literacy, promotes delinquency, and squanders energy. It impedes typing, obstructs alfabette (sic) voice printing, causes mispronunciation and retards learning.

The 40 sounds in English have more than 500 different spellings. Each vowel sound has an average of 18 different spellings. English spelling is malignant lawless, erratic, mal-evolved, pseudo-historical, antiquated and time-wasting. You are invited to join the efforts to revise the current conventional spelling with sound spelling.

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