

Uniform rates passed...

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 required to reduce the debt of each municipality so that none assumes any additional burden.

When Regional Council dealt with the water and sewer issue at its previous meeting two weeks ago, the result was a legal muddle with two opposing motions being passed. On the recommendation of the solicitor, the question was put to Council again last week.

Halton Hills councillors voted in favor of the change; Milton councillors were against it. Oakville Councillors, with the exception of Laurie Mannell, were vehemently opposed and the most vocal during debate. Burlington councillors, with the exception of Ben Ciprietti, were in favor. Burlington Mayor Mary Munro and Oakville Councillor Arch Donaghey were absent from the meeting.

The main contention of opponents this meeting was that the switch was being made without important information being available.

"Since I was first elected in 1961 I have never seen a council lose so much credibility or be so ill-prepared to deal with a policy change of this magnitude," said Oakville Councillor Mac Anderson, silencing the meeting with his remarks.

"The people have no say, the figures aren't there, and the statistics used by the treasurer keep changing."

Characterizing the move to approve the change as "slipshod" and as "trying to nail

jelly to the wall, hoping it would stick," Mr. Anderson said any ratepayer group could take action against Council's decision.

The present chargeback system lets each town pay for water and sewer work done in its municipality. The new method would end the chargeback system and redistribute sewer debts. Redistributing the wealth and the debt penalizes those municipalities which have managed their affairs carefully, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said.

Oakville Councillor Gordon Reade predicted the change, in addition to "stealing money from Oakville" would lead to an uncontrolled spending spree as every municipality would strive to bring its system up to the best facility in the region.

Noting the stillness in the room, Mr. Erikson commented: "I'm glad it's quiet. You might be presiding over a funeral — the funeral of local government."

The province has offered the region some \$3 million to offset the impact of moving to uniform water rates and sewer charges for sewers. The offer expires at the end of the year. During the meeting Mayor Barrett extracted a commitment from the regional treasurer that provincial monies would not be received until the reports requested are in. "If the money is accepted, then we're committed," Mr. Barrett said.

Under the current system, water rates differ among municipalities and sewer services are charged on the

basis of assessment. With the new rates proposed the water bill for a household with half, five-eighths, or three-quarter inch pipes using 6,000 gallons

of water would be \$5.79. The sewer bill would be 105 per cent of that, or \$5.99. The combined cost would be \$11.77.

TOWN	PIPE SIZE	COST FOR 6,000 GALLONS
Acton	5/8"	\$8.20
Georgetown	1/2"	\$5.73
Milton	1/2"	\$5.44
Proposed rate all towns	1/2" 5/8" 3/4"	\$5.79

WATER CHARGES (residential): Cost to household using 6,000 gallons of water based on current rates compared to cost based on proposed uniform rate.

Residential 0-3,000 gals. Base Charge 68¢/1,000 gal.
 Next 7,000 gals. 77¢/1,000 gal.
 Balance

Commercial and Industrial 0-3,000 gals. Base Charge 45¢
 Next 197,000 gals. 30¢
 Balance

PIPE SIZE	Base Charge (Monthly)
1/2, 5/8 or 3/4"	\$ 3.75
1"	5.13
1 1/4"	6.82
1 1/2"	7.66
2"	15.32
2 1/2"	22.12
3"	26.37
4"	44.25
6"	110.58
8"	176.92
10"	220.72

PROPOSED water rates to be established across the region effective Jan. 1, 1979.



MRS. JAMES STUBBS of Scarborough was treated in Georgetown Hospital following a car-tractor collision at Highway 7 and the Fourth Line.

Car-tractor collide Wed. driver taken to hospital

Mrs. James Stubbs was treated for injuries in Georgetown hospital last Wednesday following a car-tractor collision.

According to fire chief Mick Holmes, who was called to the scene, Mrs. Stubbs of Scarborough, was travelling along Highway 7 about noon when her car was in collision with a farm tractor. The impact

drove her into the deep ditch on the south west corner of the highway and Fourth Line intersection. Firefighters were called to wash gasoline off the road.

Who's running

- Here's who's running so far.
- In Acton:
 For regional council (one to be elected):
 Bill Coats
 Roy Goodwin
 For area council (two to be elected):
 Les Duby
 Pat McKenzie
 Ed Wood
- For board of education (one to be elected):
 Betty Fisher
 Bert Hinton
- In Esquimesing:
 For regional council (one to be elected):
 Russell Miller
 For area council (two to be elected):
 George Maltby
 Pat Patterson
 Nick Hunsley

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Region to try again for Site F

With a report prepared by Regional Solicitor Dennis Perlin the Region hopes to persuade Milton Council to change its mind and approve rezoning for a landfill operation at the Site F location, Tremaine and Britannia Roads.

The hope is Milton will accept a development control agreement, approve the necessary amendments, and back down from a public confrontation with the region.

In April of this year Milton Council rejected the region's rezoning application for the site. The region's appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board and the hearing is slated for Jan. 2, 1979.

But in its resolution, Milton left an opening for reconsideration of the issue based on new and additional information from the region.

Councillors' main concerns had been that the dump, if opened, would extend beyond the six-year operation which had been proposed, and that leachate from the site would pollute area wells and groundwater. In all, Milton's resolution listed 10 specific concerns. Mr. Perlin's report is the region's answer to these concerns.

Subsequent to the application to Milton in April, the region changed the six-year

life span proposed for Site F to a two-million ton limit. With respect to groundwater contamination the report states: "Significant hydrogeologic studies previously filed with the Town have been carried out to investigate groundwater flow pattern and provide design criteria that will minimize any potential for groundwater contamination."

It adds the site has been designed in accordance with these criteria. The report will be presented to the Town of Milton.

Meanwhile, angry Oakville residents are protesting the expansion of the sanitary landfill site on Fourth Line, an interim measure proposed by the region.

Calling the action a "dictatorial" approach, Bill Bowen of Burhamthorpe Rd, told Regional Council: "Consideration should be given to other ways to dispose of garbage. Moving landfill sites around doesn't answer the problem." Oakville Councillors will meet with the residents over the issue.

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Cut hikes

Employees of Halton Region may have to accept substantially smaller pay raises than earlier anticipated.

The Region's Administration Committee agreed Wednesday to reduce the guideline for salary increases from a maximum of 7.5 per cent to five per cent even.

The region has set as its target a budget that won't increase by more than three per cent across the board.

But when departments got into the nitty gritty of budgeting it became evident that if salaries were allowed to be cranked in at 7.5 per cent the overall increase couldn't be held to three per cent.

Strike action

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