

Women's Place closer

Halton Women's Place passed another hurdle Tuesday.

The Halton Health and Social Services Committee agreed to purchase a one year service agreement on a daily (per diem) basis of \$15.

The agreement is to start Dec. 1, 1979 and expire Dec. 31, 1980.

The motion is subject to the approval of regional council which meets Aug. 15. Afterwards, it will be forwarded to the Ministry of Community and Social Services for approval.

Halton Women's Place will be located in the structure which currently houses the detachment of Halton Regional Police at 48 Hugh St., Milton.

Rennie Vivian, Halton Health and Social Services Administrator, said in a report to the committee, "The purpose of this undertaking would be to provide emergency shelter accommodation for abused women and their dependent children along with the provision of the support network required."

"The per diem is based on the operating budget of Halton Women's Place to a maximum of \$15 per day as specified by the Ministry."

He said, "Halton Women's Place will be responsible to raise the difference between actual costs and revenue received via a purchase of service."

Margaret Weightman, supervisor of finance in the Health and Social Services Department, presented a report

showing the department spends approximately \$125,000 assisting abused women and their dependent children.

"The purchase of service agreement with Halton Women's Place would, at maximum, increase gross spending by approximately \$59,000 per year."

In reply to committee members' questions, she said the \$125,000 would drop with the approval of accepting the services of Halton Women's Place, since it would be doing work previously done by the department.

However, Mrs. Weightman said she did not know how much the figure would drop.

Regional Chairman Jack Raftis attended the meeting held in a committee room at Halton's headquarters in Oakville.

He asked what the intent of Halton Women's Place would be.

Mrs. Weightman said studies of where an emergency shelter for women are in operation, show the repeater rate is around six and 11 per cent.

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who seeks shelter is one who has frequently had to endure beatings for years.

She had to stay with her husband because there was no economic alternative for her and her children.

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Mr. Mulkewicz said he wanted a shelter and a support system for the region can live with.

Thus, it is necessary that the terms be spelled out. Assuming regional council approves the motion and the Ministry is favorable, a formal agreement will be drafted.

"We have to be satisfied that the purchase of service is what we want," he said.

Replying to Milton Councillor Gus Goutowski's question about the number of cases from the south as opposed to the north, Mrs. Weightman said many of those who turn up in the south are from the northern part of the region.

The reason is, the services are not available. Thus, women come to Oakville and Burlington where the services are.

She said Milton is the site chosen because the building is available.

Mrs. Brown said Halton Women's Place has been looking for months and the police building in Milton is the only one available which is suitable.

Plus, it is next door to the new police office and is handy to court which is located in town.

She said renovations to the building will cost \$10,000.

The building has to be renovated in order to be suitable for women and their children.

The work will make the building suitable for 12 women.

She said the shelter will be staffed 24 hours a day, to ensure there will be someone on duty at all times in case of emergency.

This works out to a full time supervisor and approximately five staff people.

Mrs. Weightman said it is necessary the staff be professional in order for the shelter to be able to handle the case load.

Mr. Raftis summed up, after he heard the answers to his and committee members' questions.

"It is a humble beginning. Hopefully, it will help," he said.

Regional budget money

Two regional councillors succeeded in having Halton put resource recovery money in the region's draft capital budget.

Walter Mulkewicz of Burlington and Terry Mannell of Oakville insisted the \$14 million for resource recovery be included because it had been recommended by the region's solid waste management committee.

The money had been taken out by staff because it pushed the budget over council's guideline of two per cent ratio of debt to equalized assessment.

Also included in the five-year forecast budget of over \$90 million was \$2.3 million for land banking.

This was approved at the meeting Wednesday, June 6, just before the budget was approved.

Of the \$90 million, Halton taxpayers are going to have to pay \$17,295,299. This will come from the tax rate or water revenue. More than \$29 million will be raised

through debentures. Regional chairman Jack Raftis said except for the capital projects in 1979, the projects for the next four years are proposals.

The region is not committed to them, he said. The 1979 gross figure is

\$19,578,715 of which \$6,764,885 will be paid through debentures.

Ernie Reid, the region's chief administrative officer, said thanks to the completion of major sewage projects, the budget is lower than previous years.



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meeting was held at the church Thursday evening July 26. Rev. James L.

McFadden was present to open with devotions and chair the meeting.

Scouts enjoy city weekend

By Mark Rowe

were supposed to be on board.

At the time the disturbance takes place, she may want her husband to be locked up. A few hours later, she may want him released, he said.

The first Acton Scout Troop closed its 1978-1979 season with a trip to Toronto.

However they arrived two hours later safe and sound but very tired after a most successful and totally rewarding weekend.

Mr. Vivian said wives are reluctant to lay charges against their husbands. Consequently, the police are limited in what they can do.

Scouters John Sharples, Mark Rowe and Rick Gibson planned the two day trip from early in the spring. The trip was financed by donations from the Scout and Guide Mothers' Association, and savings of the Scouts.

The Scouts who visited the city were Donnie McDonald, Ken McKee, Keith Olsen, Bill Ingles, Derek Boyle, Darran Edmundson, Tom VanderEyken, Calvin Robinson, Tim Garton, Tim Height, and Adrian Alder.

He said a shelter in Halton is necessary. There is none in Halton at present.

The Scouts caught the Georgetown 8 a.m. train Saturday from Georgetown to Union Station.

The 1979-1980 Scouting year will begin with a seven p.m. meeting August 16, at the Scout Hall. All members presently enrolled should be present in uniform, with prospective new recruits welcome.

Walter Mulkewicz, chairman of the committee, said women in distress are either housed in motels or referred to emergency shelters in Toronto or Hamilton.

After settling in their hotel the 14 walked over to Queen's Park and visited the Royal Ontario Museum. They also enjoyed the show at the McLaughlin Planetarium.

The Scouters of 1st Acton would like to thank all their Scouts for making last year so enjoyable. They would like to thank the group committee, the Scout and Guide Mothers, and district staff for their support over the year. Finally they would like to thank their friends, the people of Acton for their generous support.

He said he is concerned that the terms for a support system to Halton Women's Place be established at the same time the shelter is, in order that women can either be reconciled with their husbands or alternate arrangements can be made.

In the afternoon they saw the Toronto City Hall and CN Tower. The boys found the arcade even more exhilarating however.

The Scouts returned to the mainland and walked to Fort York. They all enjoyed the Fort so much, they decided to miss the train and continue on the tour of the fort. Unfortunately they were unable to contact parents before they had left to meet the train they

Councillor Bonnie Brown of Oakville, a member of the committee, said the women

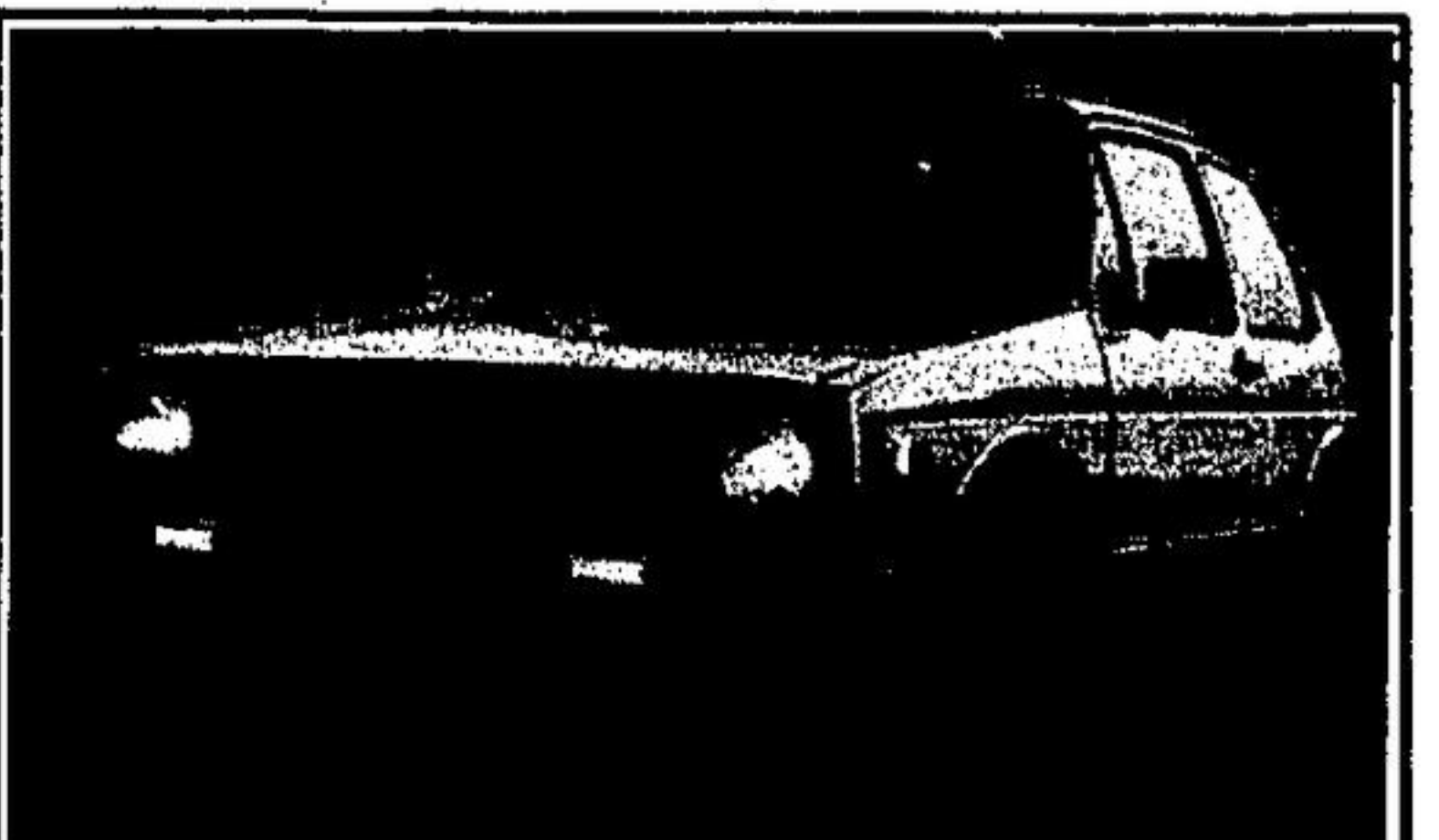
After "Scouts' Own" (their own church service) on Sunday, they took the ferry across the harbour to Centre Island. The boys returned to the mainland and walked to Fort York. They all enjoyed the Fort so much, they decided to miss the train and continue on the tour of the fort. Unfortunately they were unable to contact parents before they had left to meet the train they

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