

Region projects in limbo as grant cut

By Steve Arnold
Some of the public works projects planned for Halton in 1981 could be in jeopardy following the cancellation of a federal government grant giving program.

In a telegram to Regional Chairman Jack Raftis, provincial Environment Minister Harry Parrott said the unilateral action by the federal government to cancel the Community Services Contribution Program Agreement would mean severe funding restrictions for some projects.

Bob Moore, Halton's Director of Public Works, said the program cut would not affect programs awarded before the end of this year, but it

does cast a shadow over the 12 projects planned for 1981.

"We have several projects that have been approved for grants and we will get the money for them if we award the tenders this year," Mr. Moore told a special meeting of the public works committee.

"If we hold these projects until 1981, however, then we have been put on notice that we won't get the money."

He said budget plans for 1981 would have to be struck without the amounts planned to be received from the federal government.

Dennis Perlin, acting chief administrative officer for the region, cautioned the councillors

"not to build a problem where there isn't one."

"The real problem we face is for next year, not this year," he said, adding that projects already approved to proceed next year would now have to go back to the works committee and council for approval.

"This was not entirely unexpected," he said.

"These projects were budgeted without those amounts. It does mean that new developers are going to have to pay higher capital contributions."

Councillor Terry Mannell suggested council would be wise to hold off approving debenture bylaws slated for that afternoon to finance some of the projects.



Five new Guides flew up from Brownies to join the Second Acton group Monday night. Front row, left to right, Lee Gallant and Jennifer Murr. Back row, left to right, Carolyn Hahn, Tracey Brundie and Denise Authier.

Rec courses in Limehouse

Limehouse residents can now get in on the Halton Hills Recreation Department's programs without going any further than their own school.

Joy Gwilliam, recreation co-ordinator for Acton and area says they are expanding two of their programs—jazz for juniors and fitness and dance to Limehouse this winter. Both are scheduled for Thursday night at Limehouse school.

Jazz for juniors has also expanded in Acton to two levels. That allows graduates of the fall course to move up to a more advanced program, says Gwilliam.

Boys gymnastics is also returning this winter, although no one signed for the fall course. This time however, it will be offered at a more convenient time—Tuesday evenings instead of the Sunday slot.

Another new course, which promises to be popular, is self-defence for women offered Wednesday evenings between 8.45 and 10.15 p.m. The late hour shouldn't affect registrations since the women will be able to defend themselves on the way home.

The regular programs are returning including gymnastics, fitness and dance, fitness and swim, power skating which is very popular, curling—this time with no age limit and skiing.

The ski club, costing \$40 for juniors and \$45 for adults, includes bus, lessons and free skiing time at Kelso for six weeks.

Or you can spend Valentine's Day at a nutrition workshop. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. you'll hear about nutrition and health foods from doctors, health food store owners and vegetarians. You'll also get to sample a healthy lunch.

Aquatic programs will be in full swing with programs in diving and synchronized swimming as well as the usual lessons.

The pool is for rent, in case anyone wants to throw a party. Prices vary, based on the number of friends you invite.

Song sheets

The Acton Free Press has Christmas song sheets for your festive season get-together. Clubs, schools and individuals are invited to drop by the office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday to pick up sheets.

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It costs \$15 an hour for one to 20 people, \$20 an hour for 21-75, \$25 an hour for 76-150 and if you have a lot of friends, it costs \$30 for 151-192 people.

For those with webbed feet, the pool is looking for aquatic volunteers. Contact the rec department for further information.

If you're looking for something to do other than Christmas shopping over the holidays, the arena has plenty of public and family skating times set aside. Call the Community Centre for times or check the rec. department's winter brochure due to hit the streets Dec. 10.

Two events to watch for: the water show will be held Friday Dec. 12 from 7-9 p.m. Organizers are promising a bigger and better show, with synchronized diving, celebrity swimming and a special appearance from the jolly elf himself. And Winterfest will be

Feb. 7, 1981, in Georgetown.

Besides organizing all these events and programs, the rec. department is also entering a float in Saturday's Santa Claus parade.

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