

Education tax up \$116.68

The tax increase for education will be even higher than expected, \$116.68 in Acton for the average assessed home and \$113.13 in Esqueping.

A report from Halton Hills treasurer Ray King shows the average assessment in Acton is \$6,226 and in Esqueping it's \$6,461.

When the board budget was approved last month it was predicted education taxes would go up \$91 or more here, but that figure was based on a Halton wide average.

Now that the town has received its levy request from the board firm figures could be nailed down.

In 1981 the education tax was an average of \$514.56 in Acton and the 22.7 per cent increase of \$116.68 makes the new total \$631.24 in Acton. The average education tax bite for Esqueping home owners will jump from \$522.31 to \$635.44, a 21.7 per cent hike.

Councillor Harry Levy said Monday it was a pity the board doesn't appear to be taking the same kind of hard line on spending followed by Halton Hills and the region. He pointed out 50 cents of every \$1 of tax collected by the municipality for all three levels of government goes for education.

He noted if the board had followed the town's tough approach to budgeting, the average hike in Halton Hills would have been just \$43, and even taking into account the five per cent provincial grants cut the board faced the education tax should have gone up only about \$60.

Levy stated he didn't want to be completely negative about the board, because he knows trustees are concerned about the tax hike.

He said council's budget committee will be meeting later with trustees, so both sides can understand what has produced the huge tax hike.

The board is leaning towards adopting zero based budgeting next year, so Levy said he anticipates a more responsible education budget and tax increase in 1983.

Councillor Dave Whiting said when the board's director of education Wally Beevor visited the drop-in Friday he brought along a visiting educator from Great Britain who informed councillors there aren't school boards in that nation. The school system is run through municipal councils, something Whiting thinks should be done here. He reported Beevor said he could support such a change in Ontario. The only problem, Whiting said, with Great Britain's system is that council tends to be a little "stingy", which isn't really a problem at all in his view.



April is Cancer Month and three members of the Cancer Society raised the flag Thursday, Susan Kuechler, Arlie White and Jane Telford.

Cancer Branch aims to collect \$15,000

The annual Acton Cancer Society Branch campaign for funds is underway and runs all this month.

Gloria Coats and Susan Kuechler are the campaign co-chairmen and report they are aiming to top last year's total of \$14,400 raised by \$600.

Already the Cancer group in town has raised \$2,214 by selling daffodils in town Friday and Saturday.

There are 195 canvassers working for 26 area captains who will knock on doors in town and Women's Institute members will be calling for donations in the rural area. Also businesses and industry will be contacted for donations and plastic daffodils are available in stores.

Of each \$1 raised by the Cancer Society 61 cents goes to research, 16 cents for services to patients, 14 cents for education about the disease, six cents for fund raising and three cents for administration.



Shelagh Wirth sold daffodils downtown Saturday.

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Water down arcade laws

It looks like Halton Hills is going to have to water down the tough new regulations governing pinball arcades approved by general committee last month.

Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson informed Halton Hills council Monday night that references to age of players and hours they can be at an arcade must be deleted from the draft bylaw.

The bylaw, which hasn't been approved yet, was to read that children under the age of 16 couldn't go in an arcade between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on school days. In addition, the bylaw called for owners not to permit youngsters under 16 from entering the arcade after 6 p.m. unless accompanied by an adult.

Richardson said similar clauses in

other municipal bylaws have been quashed in court and one owner of an arcade in Halton Hills, Dany Edwards, told councillors two cases which went to the Ontario Supreme Court showed town's can't discriminate on the basis of age.

Another change, which Richardson said would likely also be discriminatory if not amended, won't close arcades on Sundays. The bylaw had called for arcades to be closed from Saturday night to Monday morning. However, it will now read arcades can be open on Sundays from 1.30 to 10 p.m., the same as pool halls and bowling alleys.

At the suggestion of Mayor Peter Pomeroy approval of the bylaw was delayed to give arcade operators a chance to comment on the "sweeping" changes.

More semis on Greenore?

Halton Hills has received an application for a zoning change and Official Plan amendment to permit semi-detached homes to be built in front of the swamp area on Greenore Cres. and a small portion of Kingham Rd.

A staff report advised council Monday that an application has been received from D.M. Consultants Ltd. for a zoning and Official Plan amendment.

The application has been "forwarded to staff for review and processing," as is standard procedure with the municipality, the report noted. Councillors made no comment on the matter.

The report states the land is currently zoned R-3, Residential Holding, and the application calls for a change to R-3 Residential to allow semis to be built. The development would continue housing along on the west side of Greenore and continue around the curve at the bottom of Kingham.

Whiting said a program could be started if the Medical Officer of Health convinces the province there's a problem in Acton.

A regional medical department report late last summer indicated the number of mosquitoes in Acton could be considered a health problem because they are such a nuisance. In addition it was found the type of mosquito which carries encephalitis can breed in this area.

Again chop mosquito spraying from budget

Again a mosquito spraying program which many Acton residents have been urging for the past couple of years has been chopped from the Halton Hills budget.

While councillors discussed the 1982 town budget Monday night Councillor Dave Whiting raised the matter of mosquito spraying being deleted.

Councillor Harry Levy said it is "not apparent" there is a mosquito problem in Acton, but if one arises there are avenues open to the municipality and the problem will be solved. He noted mosquito spraying is more a

regional matter than a Halton Hills problem.

Need signs warning drivers deaf children are playing

Signs are needed in neighborhoods where deaf children play and ride their bikes to warn drivers, Halton Hills councillors heard Monday night.

Councillor Dave Whiting said he has

received requests from the parents of a couple of deaf children in Acton for signs such as those used in Milton which warn drivers to be extra cautious because deaf children could be playing in the area.

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Business meeting next Thursday

There will be a meeting next Thursday night at Acton High School starting at 7 p.m. for local business people interested in participating in the Ministry of Industry and Tourism's small business management development program.

Co-ordinated by Acton Chamber of

Commerce through a local committee, 25 owner-managed firms will be selected to participate from the list of applicants.

A consulting firm will look at each of the 25 firms and assess their management and operation, with a follow-up in the fall.

Honor Citizen of Year at dinner on April 24

This year's Citizen of the Year banquet and social will be held at Acton Curling Club on April 24. Acton Chamber of Commerce president Dave Whiting announced tickets for the event go on sale this week at \$12 a person. For tickets and information call Whiting at 853-3725.

Besides honoring the 25th Citizen of the Year, Rev. Chuck Beaton, Trinity United Church, who was named as recipient of the award last week, this year's evening will also pay tribute to the previous 24 winners.

Representatives of the three community groups which have been Citizens of the Year, and the 21 individuals or the spouses or offspring of those recipients who are deceased, will all be invited for the ceremonies. Past winners will receive a scroll stating they are a past Citizen of the Year being honored on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Citizen of the Year award in Acton.

Because of the length of this year's program there won't be a dance at this year's event.



Catherine McGillivray of the Acton Cancer Unit drew the Actario tickets Saturday.

Actario winners

Greta Heller, Lake Ave., was the winner of the weekly Actario draw for \$350.

Bill Chalmers, Cobblehill Rd., went home with vouchers from IGA, Home Hardware, Acton Family Cleaners and Acton Family Restaurant. Vouchers from Nielsen's, Acton Photo and Camera, Ed's In 'N Out and Family Cleaners were won by Bill and Marg Toth. Helen Jocque, RR 4, Acton, won the super shopper draw of vouchers from AB Foodland, Family Cleaners, Jug City, Acton Bowling Lanes, Stedman's and Acton Pharmacy.

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