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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**HALLOWEEN -  
OCTOBER 30th, 1982**

The Council of the Town of Halton Hills has proclaimed, by resolution, that Halloween festivities be observed, throughout the municipality, on Saturday, October 30th, 1982.

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Clerk Administrator  
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## Manor workers accept contract

Halton Centennial Manor workers, who have been without a contract since May, 1981 were awarded a new contract Sept. 20—just eight months before the two year agreement expires. Members of the Canadian Union of Operating Engineers and General Workers Local 101 were awarded an hourly raise of \$1.55 by contract termination. The first three of five hourly wage adjustments will come to the employees in the form of retroactive pay. Business representative and spokesman for the union during arbitration, Claude Duchesneau, said it is not unusual for an award to come so close to the expiry date of the contract. "It's a long process," he said. The union members will receive retroactive pay for adjustments beginning with the first which goes back to May 30, 1981. That 40-cent hourly increase is followed by an 18-cent

raise, effective Nov. 1981 and a third hourly wage adjustment May 30, 1983 of 74 cents. Still to come are two more separate increases in 1983. Union members will get an additional 23 cents an hour in February and 83 cents more per hour in May. "The arbitration board gave the equivalent of the award that emanated from the Ontario Hospital arbitration for CUPE," said Halton Region personnel director Dennis Camm. Benefits for these employees were brought up to the level of all other Regional employees, according to Mr. Camm, with improvements to vacation duration and dental plan. Employees will now be entitled to four weeks vacation time after 10 years instead of 12 and five weeks after 15 years instead of 21. Halton Region will be paying a larger percentage into the employees' dental plan.

## Board studies special school

By Steve Arnold  
Students who can't cope with a traditional classroom environment may yet be able to finish school through a special project being studied by officials of the Halton Board of Education. Trustees were recently given their first look at the Centre for Self Reliant Learning currently under study by elementary school vice-principal Paul Singleton and high school department head Blaine Adams. The concept, presented to Halton trustees, is based on the Independent Education Centre currently operating in Peel Region. Singleton told trustees that his interest in starting such a project in Halton was sparked by a 1979 visit to IndEC in Peel. "We came away from there with an impression of a school that was meeting the needs of a very special group of students," Singleton said. Adams explained that the Centre was designed to meet the special needs of six specific groups of students, those who require individual challenges, those in special programs of training for sports and music, those with medical or other problems; adult students; those who have "dropped in" after years away from school; and those who are self-supporting. "This is not a special education school and it is not an enrichment school," he said, adding that neither was it a "free" school where students were allowed to design their own programs. All of the courses offered, he said, would follow the guidelines of the Ministry of Education. Singleton said the Halton program was being designed for Grades 11 to 13 and that the school should hold a maximum of 150 students, providing their own transportation to and from. Ideally, he added, the facility could be located in an empty wing of an existing school located near a public library and public transit facilities. "Distance is not a key concern. If they want

this kind of learning they find their own way here," he said. Adams added that most of the students graduating from the Peel Centre went to jobs or university afterward, and 55 per cent of them came from the regular program. "The major difference," he added, "is in the learning style we would provide. I would suspect that we will be dealing with students who still want to learn in a school setting, but what we have to do is find the right setting." Dr. Bob Dixon, superintendent of program, said the concept is currently undergoing "a detailed costing and feasibility" study and will be brought back to trustees for a final decision in the future.

## Region may develop child advisory group

Formation of a new group to plan social services for children in Halton has been endorsed by the Region's health and social services committee. Committee members last week gave their approval to a recommendation to turn the current children's services steering group into a children's advisory group, if the provincial Ministry of Community and Social Services will lend its support. CAGs are the latest project of the provincial Ministry and are designed to advise local councils on the services they provide for children in their jurisdictions. Formation of the new group, committee members were told, would follow up on the work of the CSSG which has been evaluating children's services in Halton for the last two years.

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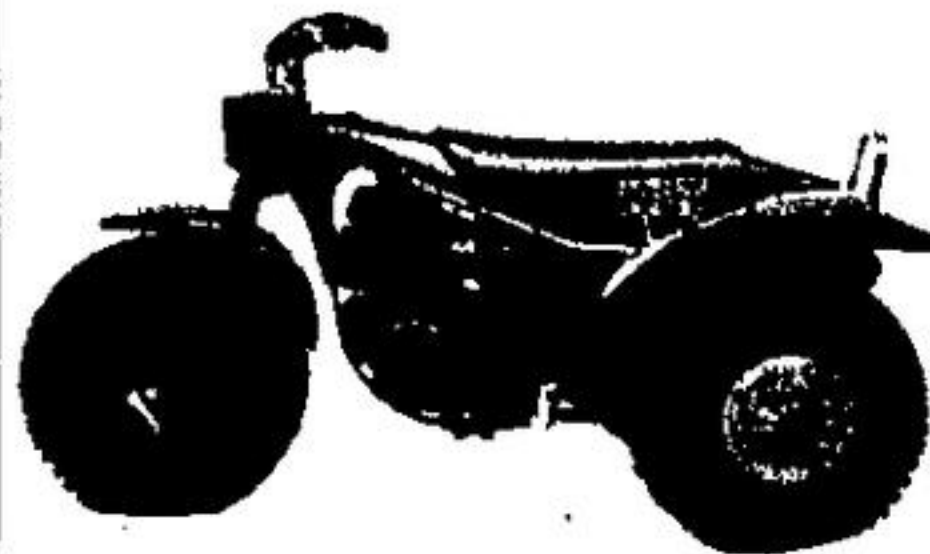


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