

Provincial grants are news to regional staff

The region of Halton is getting money from the Ministry of Environment, but it's new to them.

A press release dated July 6 was received by this newspaper Monday and when four regional officials were asked about it, none knew of the approved grants.

According to the press release, the province has allocated \$727,628 in Economic Recovery Grants to Halton to assist in water and sewer projects, two of which are a new well in Acton's Prospect Park and a water filtration plant.

But all four regional officials contacted had no knowledge of the final approval and appeared surprised to discover the projects were approved.

"I had heard a portion of the projects were approved," said regional manager of budgets and finance Jim Stewart, "but this is the first time I've heard that the well and plant were approved. If this has happened and you've received it before us, I wish they'd let us know."

"Any new confirmation (of the grants) is news to me," he added.

Plant operations manager Don Morrier, manager of engineering services David Smith, and regional clerk David Varley also did not know of the final approval. Director of Public Works Bob Moore was unavailable.

But Ministry of Environment project control officer Charles Letman confirmed the final approval of all the projects, including the well and the plant for Halton Hills.

He estimated the cost of the well and the plant in Halton Hills would be about \$832,000, and the province is subsidizing that by \$125,000. He said the Ministry sent the letter of approval to Halton Monday.

A prerequisite for the grant was a confirmation that construction on the projects would begin within the next six months. "We asked Halton to give their assurance that they will proceed in the next six months and if not, we will have to reallocate the funds," stated Letman, adding he believed there would be no problem about the six month time limit for Halton.

He said this grant, under the heading Economic Recovery Grant, differs from the federal provincial Canada Ontario Employment Development (COED) program, designed to give jobs to people whose unemployment benefits have been exhausted.

"These are provincial grants, but are also designed for job creation," he said. Letman estimated about \$5 million worth of construction would be generated by the 10 projects slated for Halton, eight of which are in Oakville and Burlington.

Children hurt in head on collision

Three small children suffered cuts and bruises when the car in which they were riding was in a head-on collision on Wellington County Rd. 44 on July 4.

Guelph OPP say Paul Stanfield, 28, R.R. 2 Rockwood was southbound from Highway 7 when he was in collision with Cameron Rason, 20, Kitchener who was northbound.

Stanfield's children, Clint, 6, Michelle, 5, and Christina, 2, were banged around, while the two drivers escaped injury.

Police estimate damage to Stanfield's car at \$4,500 and \$5,000 to Rason's.



Acton Tot Lotter Carly Foster is deep in concentration as she works her hula hoop.



John Miller strikes an imposing figure at Tot Lot last week.



Leader Frances Streuther joins forces with Miss Piggy to entertain Tot Lotter Melissa McNabb at Knox Presbyterian Church Thursday.



Melissa McNabb shows her stuff with a hula hoop.

This week thru the lens
Tot Lot fun



Jeffrey Mongeon, Nicholas Fread, and Jason Fisher gather around the activity table at the Tot Lot. Leader Frances Streuther surveys the construction.



Jason Fisher, left, and Jeffrey Mongeon are busy at play during a session of the Halton Hills' Recreation Department's Tot Lot. The program is for children ages 2-5 and runs five days a week, out of Acton's Knox Presbyterian Church.



The Acton Rotary Club held their annual Change of Officers Evening last Tuesday. Club executive gathered for a shot at the Manes' residence of Highway 21. Here, Ron Mc Knight, board member in charge of club service and the Easter Seal Campaign is surrounded by, left to right: Rae Nellis, outgoing board member; Dave Manes, outgoing board member; Bill Beaton, past president; Dave Swetman, incoming president; John Sykes, incoming member; Brian Roberts, incoming club treasurer; Doug Fread, incoming board member; and Ric Devlin, incoming club secretary. Missing were: outgoing club director, and Ted Hansen, club secretary.

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