

Deer hunt Nov. 7-10 for 1,035 hunters

The Ministry of Natural Resources has again announced it will administer a four day controlled deer hunt in the Cambridge District, which includes the northern two-thirds of Halton Region and the townships of Puslinch, Flamborough, South Dumfries and Guelph, from November 7-10 inclusive.

A lottery draw will select 1,035 hunters near the end of September and 75 per cent of the validation tags will go to zone residents. Any person who qualifies for a farmer's licence to hunt deer, or who owns, rents and legally resides on land of at least 50 acres is also eligible for a validation tag without entering the draw.

One other member of the immediate family residing on the property is also eligible for a validation tag. Farmers and land owners can obtain their validation tags at the Ministry office in Cambridge after August 1. Other hunters can obtain applications for the draw at the office at the same time. Validation tags entitle hunters to only one deer with or without antlers.

The deadline for return of the lottery applications is August 31. The draw will be held during the week of September 12 and successful hunters should receive their

validation tags in late September, the Ministry says in a prepared release.

Shotguns and muzzleloaders are the only firearms which may be used during the hunt and the use of dogs is prohibited.

Must have permission

Hunters must also contact land owners well before the season starts to ensure they have permission to hunt on private land.

The controlled hunt will not affect the regular archery deer season in the six zones of the Cambridge district. It will be held from October 17 to November 6 and November 11 to December 11 of this year.

Trespassing is illegal for the controlled hunt but should a land owner experience a trespass incident he has two alternatives:

1) If the land is posted against trespass or protected under the Trespass Act, call the Ministry of Natural Resources (Zenith 73000) or the local police department. They will respond as soon as possible and trespass charges will be laid if warranted. If the landowner prefers there is no need to approach the hunter in this situation.

2) If the land is not posted and not protected under the Trespass Act, verbal notice must be given to the trespasser. If he does not leave, the police or the

Ministry can then be notified. If verbal notice is not given, no charges can be laid.

Despite all the regulations, Regional Councillor Bill Johnson (Milton) took his traditional stand against the four day hunt, the only one on the region committee to oppose it. Johnson has maintained the north end of Halton is too built up for hunting deer and he disputes figures about the number of deer the Ministry estimates to be in the area.

A rural resident, Johnson has lots of support in his stand among other rural people but little on regional council where he is one of the more vociferous members.

A recent comment by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) on a land severance application by Eldon Comfrot in the Speyside area estimated it would disturb the deer population.

"There you go," he says, "one branch of the MNR doesn't know what the other branch is doing." The Ministry of the Environment encourage the deer hunt to thin the population while at the same time going on record as stating a separation would disturb the deer.

It shows their understanding of the situation, Johnson said.



Well, it might be just an oversized beer label but for Regional Councillor Bill Johnson it symbolizes his opposition to the controlled deer hunt in the northern two-thirds of Halton. The deer on the Buckeye Beer Label and the slogan "Keep Ontario Beautiful" suggest the two are synonymous and he wants it kept that way. But he's a minority on regional council.

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Commodore Pete and the Halton Hills navy

You've heard of McHale's Navy, well this is Pete's fleet. The quips were flying fast and furious Friday afternoon as Town staffers Tom Shepard, Joy Gwilliam, Harold Townsley, Tom Berry and Dave Allen were joined by the "skipper" Mayor Peter Pomeroy and his "mates" Councillors Rick Bonnette, Ross Knechtel, and Dave Whiting along with his children Leigh and Mark, for the launching of the Town's new fleet of six paddleboats at Fairy Lake. Reporter Helen Murray also went for a ride. Councillor Bonnette, having trouble operating the paddleboat, called for a "staff report" while Whiting suggested the mayor match his fleet with Trudeau's. There

was a landlubber on shore, Councillor Russ Miller, who didn't brave the depths of Fairy Lake. The mayor observed that the rec. staff was remiss in not having brought along some champagne for the launching. The paddleboats are rented at \$4 a half hour and \$6 for a full hour of splashing good fun on the lake. A \$5 deposit is also required. The paddleboats are available for rent the same times as canoes, Monday to Friday 12 noon to 8 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes are rented for \$2 a half hour, also with a \$5 deposit.

Board of Education Briefs

The Terry Fox Canadian Youth Centre is helping to unite the country, much the same way its namesake united the country three years ago in his Marathon of Hope.

Maureen Sweetman, program director of the Centre, and a former Halton teacher appeared before the Halton Board of Education Thursday evening to describe the centre and encourage more students to participate.

Located in Ottawa, students from across the country attend week-long classes with Canadian institutions as the major theme and six sub-themes: Arts and Culture, Science and Technology, Canadian Studies, Natural Resources and the Environment, and Law and Economy.

Georgetown High School student Ian Brennan told the trustees how he almost missed out on the chance of his lifetime because the program is not advertised enough in the schools. There's a unity in the centre as students meet with counterparts from across the country, he said.

Ms. Sweetman explained that last year seven students from Halton attended the Centre, and this year up to 40 can go. Application forms and more information can be obtained at the schools' guidance offices.

She explained the cost is \$250, with the student paying \$50. They are also responsible for getting a sponsor to pay the other \$200. Service clubs and local Canadian Legions have helped many, she noted.

Sweetman pointed out two years ago, the Royal Canadian Legion gave Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales a quarter of a million dollars as a wedding gift. They in turn donated the money back to Canada to be used for this centre.

The day before she appeared before the board, Sweetman appeared before the Royal Couple in Ottawa and explained the program.

Representatives of the SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) gave trustees a run down on their work to date in ensuring that each exceptional student in Halton receives the best possible education aimed at achieving his or her fullest potential.

Chairperson of SEAC, Fiona Maarhuus noted in a report to the board that her organization monitors and advises on matters pertaining to the establishment and development of special education programs and services, in regard both to the children served and their parents.

Queen's Park enacts new disabled parking legislation

Municipalities can now beef up their bylaws governing provision and enforcement of handicapped parking regulations.

Recently the Ontario Legislature passed an amendment to the Municipal Act that covers all the things Acton area resident Lorne Dberthien lobbied Queen's Park and local councils for when he campaigned hard for special handicapped parking provisions. Dberthien, with MPP Julian Reed, wound up going to Transport Minister Jim Snow to urge that disabled licence plates be introduced in Ontario and that municipalities be able to designate handicapped parking spots and enforce the regulations.

Late last year handicapped licence plates, available by application, were introduced in Ontario.

This spring Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Claude Bennett, brought in the amendment to the Municipal Act, noting "the main purpose of the bill is to entitle

holders of provincial disabled symbol licence plates to the same parking and traffic provisions as persons with municipal permits. It will also enable municipalities to recognize handicapped permits of other jurisdictions."

"Under the existing legislation, municipalities can issue permits to handicapped persons or persons who transport the handicapped and may grant special stopping, standing and parking privileges to handicapped persons. They can also require parking lot owners to provide spaces for the handicapped."

"These amendments are in response to requests from handicapped individuals and associations. They complement the introduction of provincial disabled symbol licence plates which are now issued, upon request, to disabled drivers or to persons transporting physically disabled passengers."

Council says no to Northumberland

A Northumberland County resolution for the province to either totally fund education or make school boards collect their own taxes wasn't supported by Halton Hills Council last week.

The Northumberland motion said "That the Ontario Government be petitioned to assume all responsibility for funding of education. Failing that, at least school boards arrange for collection of their own taxes as it has become more apparent that school boards have no intention of living within guidelines."

Pomeroy says

Town should be involved

Halton Hills should participate in activities and projects marking Ontario's Bicentennial next year, the mayor says.

Mayor Peter Pomeroy told council last week he's already heard from some citizens wanting to get involved in whatever special projects or activities the Town puts on to celebrate Ontario's 200th birthday.

Council received a letter from Queen's Park outlining special grants which will be available, \$500 to \$10,000, for Bicentennial projects. The Town must seek the grants by November 1.

The resolution was endorsed by Councillors Harry Levy and Marilyn Serjeantson, but rejected by the majority of councillors.

Councillor Ross Knechtel said the wording was an "insult" to Queen's Park, while Councillor Dave Whiting said it was wrong to say all school boards aren't living within guidelines since Halton's boards did this year.

Council wound up just receiving and noting the letter from Northumberland.

While the funds would come to Halton Hills, it could pass the money on to citizens' groups putting on Bicentennial projects or even to the region if a Halton project is planned.

The province says the money is to be spent on "public Bicentennial celebrations, such as a special parade or painting the bandstand, rather than on administrative expenses or for purposes having no obvious connection with the occasion."

Town staff has been directed to prepare a report on possible projects in Halton Hills.

No parental consent needed

Region approves birth control for those under 16

The region's controversial birth control policy received unanimous approval at the health and social services committee meeting Tuesday afternoon, after Councillors went into camera for an hour to discuss a particular case.

The recommendation goes before council Wednesday (today) for final approval.

The main point of contention which has emerged in previous meetings, appeared to be the part of dispensing contraceptive devices to people 16 years of age or under without parental consent. The Ministry of Health set this policy in 1975 and the region of Halton has followed the guidelines since that time.

About 30 people crowded into the committee room Tuesday, airing their views on the policy. Of the eight delegations who addressed committee, four were in favor of it.

Representing the Burlington Women's Issues Committee, Nancy Harper stated briefly her group's view of the policy. "We would like to voice our support of the existing family planning policy of the regional health unit, but we are concerned over the recent controversy over the provision of these services to adolescents," she said.

"Any changes that would limit the accessibility of adolescents to family planning services is unacceptable," she continued. "This is not an issue of moral judgment but of necessity."

And Mabel Burns of the Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Planned Parenthood Centre in Hamilton supported York University professor Ellen Baar's assertion that such a policy was essential.

Burns stated to committee in a recent study at her clinic it was found 86 per cent of the people who came were sexually active before they visited the clinic. "Under 16 years old, not too many come to us who aren't sexually active," she claimed, adding that if birth control devices are not prescribed, "they come back pregnant."

But Shirley Pennell, representing Parents Concerned for Responsible Education and Family Health, reminded councillors that "these children are not yours to do with as you decide."

"We object to the progressive intrusion of the state into our lives," Pennell said.

"Your proposal will put the souls of children in our region in jeopardy, exposing them (to) an immoral philosophy. One only has to talk to a few of the casualties of a permissive lifestyle to be convinced that the proposed birth control/sex education policy of this region is a program for disaster."

She stated that a family doctor is preferable to a clinic because it is "more personal," a statement Medical Officer of health Dr. Peter Cole strongly objected to.

"Mrs. Pennell should visit the clinics before making assumptions," the medical officer of health said. "It's important to keep in mind that we are not providing any method of birth control, without being aware of the medical history of the patient."

Representing the ratepayers of Halton, Wilfred Ball called for the resignation of Dr. Cole, but when pressed by councillors, Ball admitted he was unaware the policy was adopted by region council prior to Dr. Cole being hired. He also was unaware that the region was following guidelines set by the Ministry of Health.

Committee amended the recommendation to adopt the policy by adding the following:

"That regional staff ensure the objectives of the family planning and venereal disease programs be fully adhered to and further that staff report back on better methods of ensuring full compliance by staff such as checklists, keeping detailed notes of interviews, etc."

They also amended the recommendation to state that the word "referral" be clarified in the policy, an amendment resulting from the in camera hour-long session.

Oakville councillor Jackie Cutmore put forward a motion to invite the Board of Education to discuss the possibility of a compulsory health program in schools and to re-establish a home/school committee, disbanded last fall.

Sell Countryside

Group homes next

What has been called "a step in the right direction" by Jaki Martin, will move mentally retarded adults in north Halton from a rural to an urban setting.

The residence director for the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, Martin said in a recent interview, that the countryside residence will be sold and two group homes established in its place. The homes could be located in either Milton or Georgetown.

The association proposed the replacement of the 13-bedroom residence in October, 1980, but got approval for the move in January from the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

A trend toward integrating the mentally handicapped into the community and the high cost of providing transportation from the rural residence to stores, businesses and doctors are the primary reasons for the move, according to Ms. Martin.

Countryside, the first residence established for the mentally retarded, was built in Hornby in 1975. Since that time a move toward "integration and normalization" has begun, said the residence director.

"The whole trend is being felt everywhere. It's making it easier for people who 10 years ago had no option to live an independent life style," Ms. Martin explained.

A Residence Task Force, organized by the association nearly three years ago, will be looking for two homes in close proximity to

each other to serve the needs of residents. Countryside must be sold to finance the purchase of the group homes which will each house eight clients.

The group homes, like Countryside, will serve two functions. The first is to provide a home for mentally retarded adults who will probably need to stay in a sheltered environment all their lives. For another group of clients, the home will represent a training ground for the acquisition of skills to enable them to live more independently.

Ms. Martin does not foresee any problems with neighbors accepting the group homes. She feels mentally retarded people are becoming "more accepted," with increased public awareness brought about by locating such homes in urban centres.

The fear of the unknown is vanishing as are concerns of decreased property values. Once the group homes are established, Ms. Martin thinks the job of normalization will be easier.

"We will be able to put people through the system more quickly," she says.

Being part of an actual community where shops and facilities are located, clients are able to visit these places regularly without it seeming like an excursion.

Living in the rural area near Hornby it is hard not to make such everyday events seem like a major outing, she said.

"Here they don't get a chance for repetition. Mentally retarded people learn easiest from repetition," Ms. Martin said.