

Provincial police body pats Halton on back

Halton Regional Police Force has come through its 1983 Ontario Police Commission (OPC) Audit or review with flying colors again.

"In submitting his 1983 Audit Report, the OPC Inspector stated that he has concluded that the force appears to be providing an excellent level of service to the community. Not only does it provide high quality policing, but it does so with a police-to-population ratio that is comparatively low for police organizations with this degree of sophistication," a press release from Chief James Harding stated.

"During the period May 25 to June 9, the Inspections Staff of OPC conducted its Annual Audit of the Halton Regional Police Force.

"The subsequent report confirms that the recommendations for improvement made in previous years by inspecting OPC staff have been successfully completed.

"The 1983 Audit report paid particular attention to significant changes made within the Halton police since the Audit Inspection of 1982. Those changes included improvements to force accommodation, the system of resource allocation, the present and developing procedure for promotion and the scope of civilianization of certain force

functions. "During the 1983 Audit, a total of 31 members of all rank and functional positions within the force were interviewed with emphasis being placed on the questions of morale, training, the quality of supervision, discipline, pro-active and preventive policing and constable centred participation in management by use of the management team concept.

"With the exception of some concern being expressed by the more senior detectives regarding changes within the structure of the Criminal Investigation Bureau, the report was highly complementary on the general morale of all force members and their commitment to securing an administratively and operationally proficient and professional police force. The pride that officers and men and civilian members of the force now have in the organization was evident to the OPC Audit Inspector.

"The OPC Inspector went on to state that in many areas the force could serve as a role model. It has broken the bonds of traditional policing regarding some management concepts and has instituted innovative programmes that appear to hold a great deal of promise.

Town offer . . .

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word back from Nicholls.

Miller said councillors picked a "sum of money" to offer for the land out of all the material before them on July 25. This material reportedly included a new appraisal showing the land is worth substantially less than the \$650,000 in the original offer.

If there was no action by council Monday, Miller said, then the people making the new offer on behalf of the Town are "out on a thin limb." It was a situation he wouldn't want to be in. He said if he was spending as much as \$1/2 million, he'd want council behind him.

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson said she too thought the issue should be dealt with Monday night and had been expecting that would happen. The item should be discussed and there were other matters to consider too.

Councillor Harry Levy joined in, saying he thought the straw vote was taken only because of time constraints and the matter would be discussed again on Monday. He asked if the offer had been made yet. Council should be brought up to date on what action has taken place, or at least a memo should have been sent out. He asked if the matter was being delayed because the mayor was absent.

Richardson noted he was on vacation for the July 25 meeting, but he did read the article in the paper and reviewed the subject with the mayor and other staff.

He said the very next day, July 26, the mayor contacted Nicholls and advised him of council's new offer. He said he and the mayor determined it wasn't "wise" to make the whole subject public when there was no word back on the Town's offer. He noted a brief memo was sent out with the agendas to

councillors.

Councillor Dave Whiting said the whole idea of bringing the subject to Monday's council meeting was to let the public know what is going on and "not get caught again like we did before." He was referring to the storm of protest when the old council put down the deposit and took out the option on the property at the first council meeting after the election and when four members wouldn't be back on the next council.

There was other information to be brought back to council Monday night, not just word of acceptance or rejection of the offer, Whiting said. Other information included word on if Halton Hills Hydro is prepared to pay half the cost of the land.

Whiting said council was going to get caught in "garbage" all over again and will be perceived again as doing things behind the public's back. The situation "stinks." He said he was "disappointed" if dealing with the matter was being delayed simply because the mayor was absent, which Richardson said wasn't the case. The clerk-administrator said cost figures shouldn't be made public until the offer is accepted or the Town makes a counter offer.

Whiting said the offer is conditional on a number of things which were to be dealt with Monday night.

The whole municipal complex project could easily go down the drain because council wasn't making things public and he said he didn't like the way matters were being handled.

"This puts the whole project in jeopardy," Whiting declared, and numerous councillors nodded in agreement. He added it will now be August 25 before everything can be made public.

This week thru the lens
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Marika Box and Maureen Thompson were too cute to be scary at Monster Day.



Brian McCallum was a good monster.



Natasha Elson enjoyed the day.



Melissa Jobson looked pretty authentic with her makeup and her homemade scars.



Jaime Jobson had trouble finding her hidden treasures at the Summer Activities Monster Day last week.



Karen Pope, complete with prehistoric garb ponders her next move.

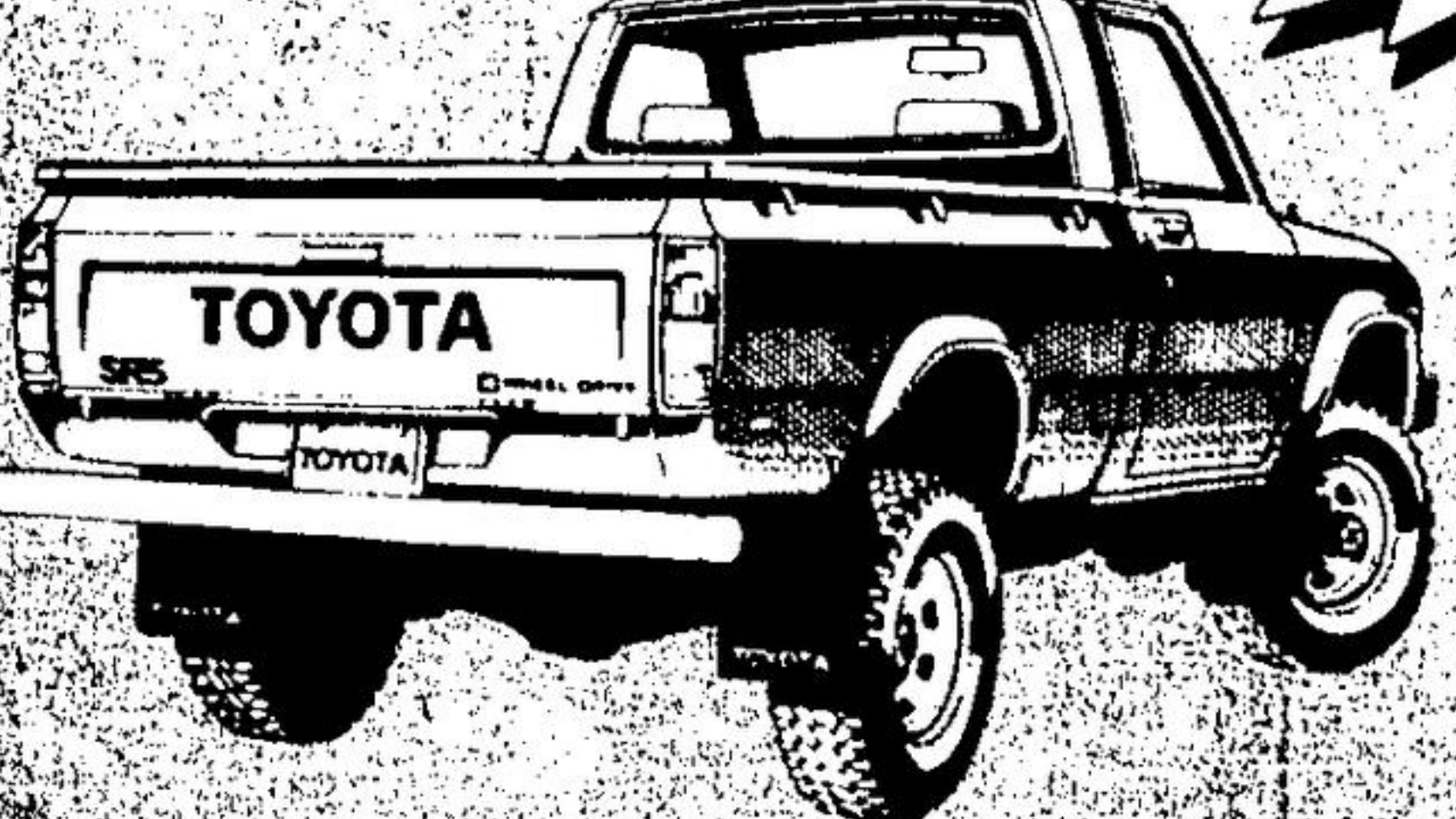
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