

## ROM Museumobile to Rockwood park

Visitors to the Rockwood Conservation Area will have the opportunity to visit the past. The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) Museumobile will be at Rockwood on August 26.

The second most popular Grand River Conservation Authority park, Rockwood Conservation Area has beautiful scenery and interesting geological features which draw big crowds. The area also has an interesting history.

The numerous potholes are the result of glaciation, whereas the caves were the result of a subterranean stream. The geologic history of this area is indeed fascinating, as is the history of man's 12,000-year-old civilization in Ontario.

We know little about the people who lived here 12,000 years ago, but what we do know is gleaned from the study of the material remains of their culture. The Museumobile tells the story of man's past in the various styles of spear points and tools on display in the Museumobile.

The story continues through the time known as the Woodland Period, the principal focus of the exhibit. The story of Wood-

land man is told by objects unearthed at the sites of villages and burials. According to the ROM, "it is a tale of growing population and settlement and of the cultivation of corn."

What exactly is the "Museumobile"? It is a self-contained exhibit, focusing on Ontario's archaeology. It is manned by an informed driver-interpreter who will explain the civilizations of Ontario's archaic peoples and how they had to adapt to the changing environment and climate.

The Museumobile is operated by the Royal Ontario Museum with the support of "Outreach Ontario", a programme of the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture. The idea behind the Museumobile is to make exhibits of a permanent and extensive nature available to communities throughout Ontario.

Rockwood Conservation Area is located on the western outskirts of the village. On August 26 the Museumobile will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.00 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is included in the usual conservation area entrance fee.



Alan Skeoch of Mississauga with his dog "Daisy" a Black Lab, who runs a tread-mill to operate a fanning mill at the Hume Family Farm Festival.

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## Permits up \$2.6 million

The value of building permits issued in the first six months of this year reached \$3.8 million, up \$2.6 million from the same time last year.

Housing starts jumped from 11 last year to 42 this year by June 30. The value of house permits rose from \$670,000 in '82 to \$4.4 million this year to date.

Alterations and additions kept pace with the increase in new housing, with 117 permits valued at \$682,965, compared to 106 permits valued at \$487,115 last year.

Both commercial and industrial growth dropped this year with permits totalling \$138,070, compared to \$805,900 until June 30, 1982.

The only industrial permit of any size issued in June was a \$50,000 addition to the Glen Knitting Mills factory at 12 Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown.

In the first six months of this year the Town collected \$28,929 in building permits, \$7,601 in plumbing permits, and \$58,847 in lot levies. In addition the Region collected an additional \$39,324.



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## Region briefs

### Transportation study

Halton Region Planning staff will participate in the recently announced Halton Hills transportation study, a report from Planning and Development Director Rash Mohammed suggests.

In a report to the region's Planning and Public Works Committee, Mohammed noted that region staff have participated in several other transportation studies and could be of assistance to the town.

The proposed study would look at the road systems in Georgetown and Acton in light of altered urban boundaries and the recently announced plans for Hwy. 407, through the south of the town, touching on truck routes, current traffic problems, and the town's future growth patterns. Scheduled completion of the study is early 1984.

### Emergency power?

An emergency power system might be appropriate for Halton Regional headquarters, Oakville Councillor Fred Oliver has suggested following a committee meeting under skylight with lukewarm coffee ferried from another part of town.

Last week the power at the regional building, at Bronte Rd. and the Queen Elizabeth Way in Oakville, was off due to a serious barn fire about a quarter mile away.

Oliver, in making his suggestion, said he takes into account the fact that the building is equipped with electric typewriters, an electric switchboard, and a computer which could lose region records if the power is cut off for an extended period of time, not to mention lost work time.

Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Perlin assured councillors present that there is "lots for the staff to do for the next hour and a half" until the electricity is switched on once more.

### Two years to wait

Residents of Trafalgar Rd. north of Silvercreek might have another two years to wait for improvements to that area of road between Hwy. 7 and Ballinacra.

According to a report submitted to Halton Region's Public Works Committee last week, a rehabilitation program consisting of drainage and repaving is the preferred alternative to complete reconstruction of the stretch of road. Complete re-construction, according to reports, would cost about \$1 million.

A report prepared by Pavement Management Systems Ltd., consultants for the region shows that weak spots in the road bed can be strengthened with improved drainage and padding, while repaving of the existing road would be adequate for the remainder of the stretch. Estimated cost is approximately \$324,000, the report noted.

Regional staff advised that the work could be scheduled for 1985. The report was received.

### Newsprint ban deferred

A proposed ban on old newsprint in regional landfill sites which was to become effective in 1981 will receive a further deferral at the request of the Town of Milton.

The ban on newsprint was supposed to start in April of 1981. However, Oakville and Milton pleaded for a deferral of the bylaw until source separation programs could be in place.

Halton Hills and Burlington have been active in source separation for a number of years, with curbside collections of newsprint, glass and metal in separate containers. Oakville began its curbside collection of newsprint and glass in May. Milton officials, however, claim they are unable to begin curbside collections by Sept. 1 and have requested a further two-month delay.

Milton presently runs a depot system whereby residents can drop off their glass and newsprint for recycling, at depots in Milton Mall and White Oaks Plaza. Additional depots, they claim, will be placed in areas of Campbellville, Brookville and Eden Mills by Sept. 1.



Mandy Inglis, Lon Darcie and Jack Layman provide entertainment during the weekend at The Hume Family Farm Festival on the Thrd Line.

## Family Farm Festival Fun

Ron Mellen of London Ontario and his penny farthing bike "The Peoples Challenge" made by Singer of Coventry—built sometime between 1868 to 1885. This and many other antiques were on display at Sherwood and Gladys Hume's third Annual Family Farm Festival.



Marjorie Skeoch of Mississauga demonstrating how to make corn husk dolls at Hume's Family Farm Festival.

## Progress on dump site

Environment Minister Andy Brant promises substantial funds will be made available to Halton Region for its environmental assessment of proposed landfill sites.

Councillor Russ Miller, who attended a meeting last week between the minister and Region officials, said he came out of the meeting with a "very optimistic feeling" that the ministry is prepared to help Halton Region foot the bill for its \$1 million assessment of two major landfill site options.

Miller said the region has already spent more than \$800,000 over the past decade looking for a place to put garbage. "We were hoping we would have a landfill site open by July, 1984, when the Burlington site is scheduled to close down," he said. "But it looks like 1985 before one is ready."

By then, the region will have spent \$2 million just finding a site... excluding the costs of preparing the chosen site to receive the region's garbage.

Two major sites being considered are a Tremaine Rd. location in Milton, known as Site F, and a private landfill site adjacent to the present Burlington landfill location, owned by National Sewer Pipe of Burlington.

A committee of regional and ministry representatives is meeting immediately to look into terms of reference for the upcoming Environmental Assessment procedure.

## Bring Dome to Halton, mayor urges

Local municipalities must take a "regional approach" to securing a domed stadium for the Halton area, Halton Hills Mayor Peter Pomeroy claims.

Following a Dome Stadium Subcommittee meeting last week, Pomeroy said there is good potential for a stadium in the Mississauga-Oakville area. "The transportation accesses would make that area most sensible for a stadium."

A few possible locations have been sited in southern Milton and northern Oakville for a possible stadium, close to the Highway 403 and 407 interchange, Pomeroy said. Halton Council's subcommittee will be discussing proposals with officials from Mississauga and from Hamilton, he added.

Possible sites in southern Halton Hills near Highway 401 would be out of the question, Pomeroy added, since costs for servicing such a facility would be prohibitive. "Our aim is to make a consolidated approach as a region to secure the best location possible."

## Hydro has made about \$325,000 so far this year

Halton Hills Hydro is supposed to be a non-profit operation, but the commission would like to make a profit of about \$750,000 this year.

Actually it isn't a profit, though Mayor Peter Pomeroy asked Friday for an update on the "profit picture". The profit is really hydro reserves.

Manager Jerry Trudell explained to the commission that the aim is to build up reserves about equal to one month's power bill from Ontario Hydro.

That would mean ending 1983 being able to pay the January, 1984, power bill. Halton Hills Hydro would need to make about \$750,000 this year and Trudell said the commission's reserves now stand around \$325,000.

Value of materials in inventory for Halton Hills Hydro is up about \$35,000. The manager explained for road widenings of new subdivisions, Hydro now buys the materials for the servicing job and just tenders the installation or labor cost. Using their bigger buying power, Halton Hills Hydro is able to buy materials cheaper.

Friday the contract for servicing the Adams Court subdivision being built by the cemetery in Acton was awarded to a local firm, provided the specifications are proper. J.T. Young Construction, R.R. 1 Acton, submitted the low bid of five at \$8,229.73 for the installation of hydro, Bell, cable TV and other works for the Adams Court project. This cost is paid for by the developer.

## Numerous hydro problems during storm on August 8

In the future during storms Halton Hills Hydro may bring in its own dispatcher to improve service.

Manager Jerry Trudell told commissioners Friday that during a storm on August 8 there were a number of communications problems and the answering service isn't handling emergency situations very well.

He noted one person calling for assistance because their hydro was off phoned for about a half-an-hour before getting an answer. There were other complaints from customers also. Hydro staff is reviewing the situation and looking at remedies.

Trudell explained some answering service personnel are doing a good job, but one person isn't handling emergency situations properly. They aren't obtaining the information that repair crews need and this is causing unnecessary delays.

There were also problems on August 8 because the storm caused losses of power in four different areas of Halton Hills and hydro was short staffed because of vacations.

Commissioner Murt Allison said people handling calls during emergencies must ob-

tain the needed information from callers and Halton Hills Hydro's own staff should be manning the phones once it's known there are problems. He said on August 8 some people were without power for six hours. The same person who handles the switchboard should also be dispatching service crews, Allison added.

Commissioner Ab Tennant noted he has complained about the same answering service problems in the past, adding there is one person handling calls who gives out the wrong information and "doesn't know what she is talking about."

Allison said reduced time in getting repairs done and thus overtime wages saved, would more than pay for the cost in bringing in someone to handle calls and dispatch crews.

Another problem on August 8 was that lightning knocked out the hydro truck radio communication system. Trudell said staff is also looking at the radio communication problems, especially in light of the fact hydro pays \$1,700 a year rent on the repeater station. He said the repeater is needed to give hydro the range to communicate with trucks in any corner of Halton Hills.

## Hydro Commission discusses administration building property

Halton Hills Hydro commissioners met for over an hour Friday morning in-camera to discuss the "administration building property."

Presumably the commissioners were discussing the Town's newest offer for the Stevens' land on Maple Ave. in Georgetown.

Reportedly one of the conditions of the Town offer is that Halton Hills Hydro agrees to pay half the cost of the land purchase.

The Town and Hydro have been talking about buying the Stevens' land and eventually building a combined municipal-hydro administration building on the site.

A consultant's study indicated to build a combined Halton Hills and hydro building to serve a municipality with about 60,000 population would cost about \$4.4 million.

Following the in-camera session, Halton Hills Hydro passed no public resolutions dealing with this issue.

## Hydro getting maps of land bought in Acton

Halton Hills Hydro must obtain a flood line map and site plan for Credit Valley Conservation Authority before the purchase of some land adjacent to the Acton hydro building owned by Metroland Printing and Publishing can close.

Manager Jerry Trudell told commissioners Friday's negotiations for the land, which will be used by Hydro for outside storage of materials used by service crews, have been completed and now legal loose ends are being tied up. Trudell added he feels the deal will be closed by October.

There was some confusion as to exactly what CVCA wants since the commission isn't planning to build anything on the property in the foreseeable future.

However, commissioners concluded CVCA must want a map showing the floodline so that body can in turn tell the commission where, on the newly acquired property, materials can be stored. The mapping, which will include a survey, is being done by R.E. Clapham of Georgetown.

## Fewer owners reclaim dogs

Fewer dog owners are reclaiming their pets from Halton Hills Animal Control Centre.

In June this year 56 dogs were impounded and only eight reclaimed, while in June last year, 56 were impounded but 29 were reclaimed.

This year during June, 43 dogs were des-

troyed or sent to research, but in the same month last only year 20 were dealt with in this way.

Five dogs found new homes in June this year and last.

The number of calls answered went up from 279 in June 1982 to 311 in the same month this year.