

## Snow storms

# Take Glen Eden out of red

Cleaning up after recent snowstorm may have cost Halton's public works department \$50,000 but the Halton Region Conservation Authority (HRCA) saw money in the snow flakes.

"I know you all disdained the snow, but I was happy as ever," said Murray Stephen, HRCA general manager, at a recent planning and public works committee meeting. "You lose it on the plowing and we make it on the skiing."

He joked that as the snow fell the ski hill was open for business but nobody could get there.

The Glen Eden Ski Hill started the season with a deficit of \$182,000, Stephen explained, but has managed to eliminate the deficit, pay this year's portion of the capital loan, and still come out \$40,000 in the black.

"We're hoping to make that \$70,000 by the end," he said, adding that the hill has also put \$70,000 into capital improvements. "We've had a very successful season so far."

Stephen, on hand for the committee discussion of the HRCA's 1984 budget, told the committee the successful ski season is the good news.

The bad news is the provincial government's allocation of funds to Ontario's conservation authorities. Stephen explained that the Province has increased funding five per cent overall but has distributed the funding differently.

Regions in northern and southwestern Ontario are getting more than last year, eastern Ontario about the same, and central Ontario regions are getting less.

"The Province will say they gave five per

cent, but when you come down to the individual conservation authorities, they didn't get five per cent," he said. "I don't know why it's less in the central regions when you've got studies that indicate the central regions require more money and have the largest list of unfunded projects."

He said the grant for the Hamilton-Went-

worth Conservation Authority has decreased by three per cent.

The committee approved the HRCA budget for 1984 with a total impact on Halton Region of \$1,214,597. The budget includes a special levy for accumulative sick leave, which brings the increase to 7.1 per cent over 1983.

## Town approves May 5 foot race

The Sri Chintoy Marathon Team Foot Race has received the blessing of Halton Hills council, subject to the approval of the regional police.

A request from the organization to hold a marathon on May 5 was discussed by council Tuesday evening. Deputy clerk Delmar French pointed out all proceeds of the race go towards UNICEF.

The race will start at Britannia Road and Sixth Line, proceed north on the Sixth Line, west a short jog on Steeles, continuing north on the Sixth Line to the 15 Sideroad, west to

the Fifth Line, south to lower Base Line Road and east to the Sixth Line and north again.

## Minutes change

Halton Hills' clerk-administrator Ken Richardson has been given permission to slightly alter the present system of keeping minutes of the municipality's committee of the whole meetings.

The changes will mean lost amendments will be recorded in the minutes.

## NHAMR seeks canvassers

Volunteer canvassers and captains will find their work in this year's Mental Retardation Week, campaign easier than in past years.

A lot of work has gone into preparing lists of households to be canvassed, assembling kits, and identifying potential volunteers, according to Linda Parker who is this year's Georgetown Coordinator for the Annual Campaign for the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

NHAMR has been helping mentally retarded people and their families in North Halton for 29 years. For the past several years, numerous volunteers go door-to-door in Halton Hills to raise funds in support of the Association's work.

This year's campaign is scheduled for May 6 to 12, and preparations are well underway. According to Julie Conroy, who co-ordinates the campaign for Acton, the members of L'Arche Auxiliary have been instrumental in the canvass in Acton which last year raised over \$2,800.

Volunteer canvassers and captains are now being signed on. Adults who can spend a few free hours in early May are asked to call 877-5557.

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