

# Financial road boost

Halton Hills Council is putting its money where its mouth is when it comes to roads, according to councillor Pam Sheldon.

Monday night, when council struck its 1984 budget, both Sheldon and budget committee chairman Ross Knechtel pointed out Halton Hills took a first-ever step when it comes to roads.

Traditionally whatever the province gave the Town for road projects the Town matched it. However, in recent years grants from the province have been decreasing so that for first time ever there's \$100,000 in roads spending in the 1984 Town budget which isn't matched by a subsidy from the province.

Sheldon said putting in money with no matching subsidy represents a "major commitment" to the long and tedious task of fixing up Halton Hills roads.

Pointing to the fact that Esqueping taxes are lower than Acton and Georgetown because there is no urban service charge, Sheldon noted she's always hearing rural people say they pay for services like garbage collection and don't receive it. Because of the urban service charge rural taxpayers aren't paying for a service they don't receive.



Gus and Patricia Restivo of Moffat admire the St. John Ambulance Award Patricia received in a special ceremony Wednesday morning. On July 18, 1983, Mrs. Restivo assisted two men in rescuing a woman from the waters of Lake Erie at Erie Cove. She applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and revived the woman.

# Reject banquet for firefighters

Halton Hills council won't be spending \$2,500 to put on a banquet for firefighters and their wives in 1984.

The idea of a banquet, to be held annually during fire prevention week, to show appreciation to the firefighters, was suggested by Councillor Dave Whiting but rejected by budget committee.

When Whiting tried to have the banquet put back in the 1984 budget Monday night only Jake Kulken agreed with him.

Budget committee chairman Ross Knechtel noted the banquet was discussed by the committee and was rejected when it came to light the firefighters would prefer a banquet wasn't held.

Whiting said he wasn't aware of any opposition to his plan and he thought it would be good to show appreciation to the firefighters and their wives who also sacrifice to save the Town a lot of money and provide a tremendous service.

This was all true, Councillor Mike Armstrong said, but then banquets would need to be held for other volunteers in Halton Hills, like the ambulance drivers. A banquet could be held every week. Besides the volunteer firefighters don't want it.

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson said she fully supported the banquet until hearing the arguments at budget committee.

Setting aside \$2,500 wouldn't be enough anyway, Knechtel said. The mere fact a banquet was discussed showed the Town appreciates the firefighters. He concluded it shouldn't be held when the firefighters don't want it.

Councillor Rick Bonette said he's heard from many firefighters who don't want a banquet. He said Whiting's idea was a sincere one, though unnecessary.

Councillor Pam Sheldon said she too would have voted for the banquet if they hadn't received negative feedback to the idea from firefighters.

# IPC officially rejected now

It's official now, the original International Peace Camp proposal has been rejected.

Late last year the Niagara Escarpment Commission, backed by strong objections from Halton Hills and Milton, rejected International Peace Camp's plans for a major multi-ethnic cultural-recreation centre at the old Twin Lakes property south of Speyside.

The Peace Camp appealed the rejection, but then on the day of the hearing in January dropped its appeal.

Peace Camp indicated it will resubmit its proposal in a revamped form later.

Monday Halton Hills council received notification from Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Claude Bennett, that he'd reviewed the application and agreed with the Niagara Escarpment Commission rejection.

He indicated the rejection now would have no bearing on future proposals submitted by Peace Camp.

# Red Shield month in May

May has been proclaimed Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal month in Halton Hills. The proclamation request, coming from Captain Wilson Perrin, Halton Hills Salvation Army, was approved by council Monday night.

# Activan cost \$54,000

The Town expects to spend \$54,000 running Activan this year in Halton Hills.

The handicapped transportation service will receive an expected subsidy of \$33,750 from Queen's Park.

# Taxes up \$28. . .

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\$599,000. However, council Monday night voted to give the library board \$10,000 more for a reserve fund for computer upgrading in the future. The additional \$10,000 pushed taxes up less than a \$1 per household and the library budget increase up to 10.5 per cent in 1984.

**Planning and Development**  
The planning and development services of Halton Hills will increase in cost by 9.6 per cent to \$277,243.

**Streetlighting**  
Streetlighting improvements in Esqueping will cost \$8,517 while \$7,850 will be spent upgrading Acton streetlighting. Improvements in Georgetown will cost \$18,656.

**Conservation Authority projects**  
There are eight conservation authority projects costing \$248,700 this year to which the Town will contribute \$92,317 as benefitting municipality. Those projects are 1. Armstrong Ave. slope rehabilitation, 2. Eden Place-Silvercreek; 3. erosion control at North Halton Golf and Country Club; 4. erosion control Bergsma property; 5. slope stabilization, Smith property; 6. Paper Mill dam and channel maintenance; 7. Glen Williams cemetery; 8. erosion control and slope stabilization Stennett property.

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# Cancer Month

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