

# Region weighs province's riding boundaries

Halton Region is ready to confront the Ontario Electoral Boundaries Commission over redistribution plans that would splinter municipal ties within the region.

Councillors and staff will attend commission hearings late next month to present plans to create a fourth provincial riding in Halton, a move aimed at containing Halton's ridings without overlapping into neighboring regions.

Halton's proposal, modified last Wednesday by the administration committee, combines Halton Hills and Milton in the new riding of Halton North, extending south to the existing municipal limits of both towns. With one minor alteration, the city of Oak-

ville would constitute Oakville riding, while Burlington would be split into the ridings of Burlington and Burlington West.

Redistributing ridings because of population changes since the last provincial election, the Electoral Boundaries Commission has largely ignored existing municipal and natural boundaries to propose linking Georgetown with Brampton in the riding of Halton-Peel. West Halton Hills, including Acton, would be part of the realigned Halton-Burlington riding.

Halton region currently comprises Halton-Burlington riding, represented by MPP Julian Reed, Oakville riding served by Jim Snow and Burlington South, with

George Kerr.

Presented last week with four of the 12 alternatives considered by staff, the region's administration committee opted for what Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett called "the best of the four evils".

Members were virtually unanimous in their dislike of any riding redistribution, but expressed satisfaction that all four alternatives before them kept Halton Hills intact in one riding and linked it with Milton rather than Brampton.

Concern remained over Oakville's proposed boundaries, however. The committee decided to modify "Alternative 2" presented by staff so that a portion of north

Oakville extending south to Highway 5 would be included in Oakville riding rather than Halton North.

Among the three other alternatives considered, two suggested a new south-central riding of Burioak and another split the region north to south, cutting Milton in two.

Halton Hills Councillor Mike Armstrong took exception to the boundary commission's proposals for a new Halton-Peel riding, claiming the move makes no sense when viewed in terms of anticipated development along Winston Churchill Boulevard, which separates Peel and Halton.

"I think it's safe to say there won't be any

growth along the Peel side of (Winston Churchill) in the next 10 years," he said. "If there is going to be any population growth in that area, it'll be on the Halton Hills side."

"The province did such a great job creating the region of Halton, but when we relate to Milton, why in hell do they want to put us in with Peel?"

Regional planning director Rash Mohammed told the committee that Halton has a "strong argument" to back up its submission to the boundaries commission. Among the factors addressed will be constituency representation, communication among levels of government and community interests.

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## Insulation made here saves millions for Sydney, Nova Scotia steel firm

by Jack Carpenter

A graphic example of the effectiveness of an insulation system and its performance has been provided by a project in Nova Scotia using a product developed by a Halton Hills manufacturer.

Two huge storage tanks owned by the Sydney Steel Corporation, Sydney, Nova Scotia, are today covered by 52,000 sq. ft. of Tectonic Sections. Tectonic Sections is the trade name for a versatile interlocking insulation panel about 36"x18" with varying thickness providing a range of insulation values.

The tanks contain bunker oil for the steel plant and requires heating. There is considerable cost involved in keeping this quantity of oil heated and ongoing heat loss through the steel plates of the tanks. After trying other materials the Corporation contracted Enerwise Products of Sydney (Nova Scotia representative for Tectonic Sections) to install the sections to the outside and top of the oil storage tanks. The results demonstrated dramatically the effectiveness of the insulation.

Alfred Neumann, general manager and designer of the Tectonic Sections said the first units were produced in 1976. With 8 years of steady growth his company continues manufacturing in larger premises at 144 Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown.

The concept has not changed from a high compression urethane-based molded section with convenient tongue and groove interlocking installation. The sections are proven highly efficient with excellent insulation values.

The sections have been improved from the original so they include different surface bonding adaptable to any construction requirement. For example a wall, ceiling or roof insulation is accomplished with Tectonic Sections complete with the necessary thickness of wood to become the exterior surface.

It was the particle board application (as used for roofing) that made it possible for the Sydney Steel Corp. to insulate their 100 ft. diameter steel oil storage tanks.

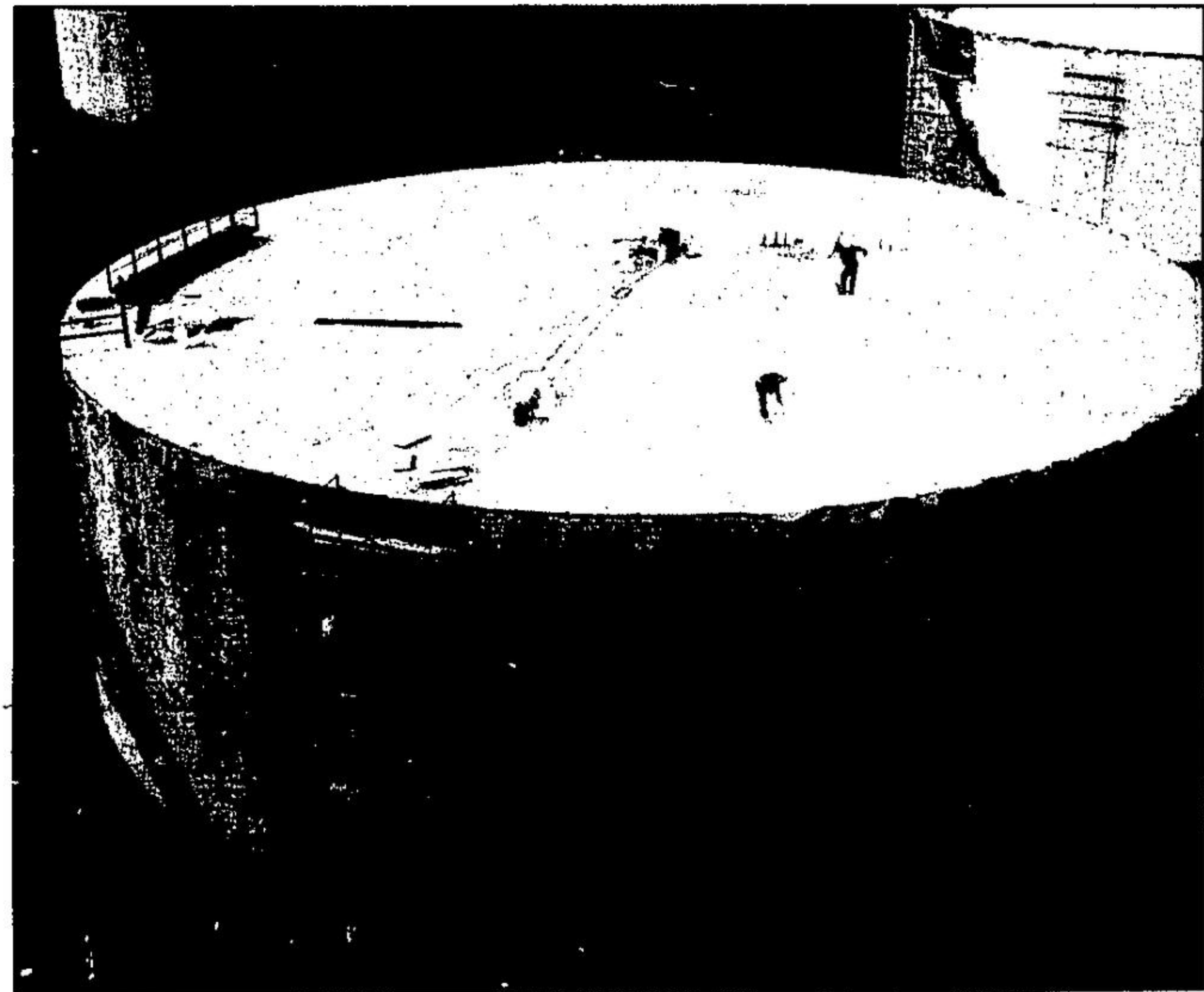
The tanks are 40 feet high and the annual cost for heating a tank is \$450,000. It was no mean task to install the 2" thick sections with 27,000 sq. ft. per tank going on like a huge jig-saw puzzle.

With part of the installation complete the insulation started to effect the tanks and the inside temperature rose 10 degrees F. In three weeks the outside and top was covered. A smooth wood exterior sprayed with a vinyl-plaster completed the weatherproofing.

The result—a 90 per cent efficiency and reduction in heating costs from \$450,000 to \$135,000 per tank. The installation itself cost \$125,000 so the immediate saving was \$315,000 and the total cost reclaimed in the first year.

Mr. Neumann says the company has had steady expansion over the eight years in business and supplies millions of board feet of insulation to industry, business and residential sectors. Ideally the sections should be used in new construction, but are in demand for retrofit for everything from basements to churches, especially the more important heat-loss cathedral and flat roof.

The sections come in a number of thicknesses depending on insulation values with various bonded exteriors including wood, stucco, stone or, provision for siding, shingles or hot asphalt.



Aerial view of oil tanks with Tectonic Sections being installed on outside while workmen complete weather proofing on finished top surface. The tanks are 100 feet in diameter and 40 feet high. The tanks each took 27,000 sq. ft. of insulation.

## Unemployment, trade P.C. targets — Mulroney

A jovial Brian Mulroney, Leader of the Opposition, at a \$75 cocktail party, Wednesday made jokes about Liberal Cabinet members, promised the return of the entrepreneurial spirit, and predicted an overwhelming majority for Progressive Conservatives.

Every one of the 450 tickets were sold for the "Meet Milla and Brian" party held by Otto and Leata Jelinek at Howard Johnson's in Oakville.

Termining last Thursday a day that will live in history, a big day for Canada, "The day Eugen Whalen entered the leadership race,

an event that will do wonders for clarity of the issues."

Continuing in a humorous vein he said he was impressed with Liberal Cabinet solidarity. "Johnson wants to sell Petrocan, Chretien says no way, and McGulgan didn't know the country owned gas stations." Switching his attack to John Turner, Mulroney described him as a "guy who speaks his mind, both of them."

The Tories have been studying minority rights, women's rights, man power retraining, peace issues and public sector productivity, stated the Opposition Leader. He stressed under a PC government there

would be increased accountability for crown corporations.

Dealing with youth unemployment lower interest rates, and less confrontation between the provinces and the federal government top priorities.

He promised a return to the entrepreneurial spirit which he contended the Liberal government had done its best to dampen. "We will have a government where hard work and productivity are rewarded again." He claimed 85,000 small businesses went bankrupt last year and another 85,000 the previous year.

Mulroney stressed one out of five young people cannot get a job, and emphasized this has to change.

The Opposition Leader stated when he was in Quebec he told the listeners he would defend English-speaking minority rights in Quebec with the same enthusiasm he would defend the French-speaking rights in the rest of Canada.

He concluded by admitting the PC's don't have all the answers, and pointed out they have been left "an awful mess," but pledged things would get better for all Canadians, under a Tory government.

## Construct Indian longhouse

The work crew provided by a \$44,000 Canada Works grant has started construction of frames for the first pre-historic Indian longhouse to be rebuilt at the Crawford Lake Conservation area near Milton.

The five-man crew has been on the job at Crawford Lake, at Steeles Ave. near Guelph Line on Niagara Escarpment since late January, stripping the bark from cedar trees which will be used to build an authentic Iroquois longhouse, 84 feet long, 25 feet wide and 25 feet high.

The frame will be covered inside and out with cedar and elm bark—in the same style used by the Iroquois who lived beside Crawford Lake from 1439 to 1454. The date is known precisely because of the archaeological evidence provided by sediment samples from the lake bottom.

The rebuilt village will be the most accurately dated pre-European Iroquois Village in Canada, and only the second such settlement rebuilt on its original site.

The first longhouse to be rebuilt will be known as the Halton Jaycees Longhouse. Jaycee units from Georgetown, Burlington, Oakville, Milton have been working together since last summer to raise the money needed to rebuild the longhouse. The bark alone costs about 85 cents a square foot, and will total about \$12,000 to completely cover the framework.

The Jaycees' main fund raising project will be a giant Ga'No Sote (Iroquois word meaning "longhouse") hike-a-thon on

Sunday, June 3. More than 50 schools across Halton have expressed interest in having their students support the event by selling sponsorship tickets for \$2.00. Three hiking routes have been established for the day, and shuttle buses from each community will take hikers from central parking spots to hike starting points, then return hikers from Crawford Lake to their community.



Big grins were in evidence as John McDermid, M.P., Opposition Leader Brian Mulroney, Otto Jelinek M.P. and Regional Chairman Pete Fomeroy joked at a party for the Mulroneys hosted by the Jelineks, Wednesday night. In the background is Jake Kulken.

## Esqueusing history essay contest

Picked out a personal project to help celebrate Ontario's bicentennial yet? The Esqueusing Historical Society has a suggestion that could win you cash prizes.

With financial help from the Ontario Bicentennial Committee and town council, the Society is inviting people of all ages to write essays about specified aspects of Esqueusing's history.

The contest, with cash prizes of up to \$40 for winning entries, features four categories:

Category 1, elementary school students are invited to profile an Esqueusing resident past or present, in an essay of approximately 300 words. The best essay submitted wins \$15, second wins \$10, third wins \$5 and those chosen fourth through eighth win \$2 each.

Category 2 offers a \$20 first prize to the high school student who best outlines, in about 300 words, the history of any Esqueusing school opened prior to 1950, whether or not it's still in use. Second place prize is \$15 and third place \$10.

Categories 3 and 4 are open to adults and are not limited to 300 words. Prizes in each are \$40 for the best entry, \$15 for the second and \$10 for third.

Category 3 essays must involve personal recollections of people or events that stand out in your memory. The topic is entitled "Early Memories of My Esqueusing Community."

"History of a Group", or organization from the old township is the topic for Category 4.

Entries must be postmarked no later than June 15 and mailed to the Esqueusing Historical Society, Box 51, Georgetown, L7G 4T1. All essays become the property of the Society.

Esqueusing township includes all lands north of Steeles Avenue, and south of the Ballinacree-Churchill Sideroad, bounded on either side by the Town Lines. Communities included are Acton, Georgetown, Limehouse, Glen Williams, Dublin, Speyside, Peru, Mansewood, Ashgrove, Stewartown, Norval, Hornby, Silvercreek and Scotch Block.

## Library reception

Invitations are in the mail for Halton Hills' first Friends of the Library open house, on which library staff and board members are pegging hopes for a brighter future.

Invited guests will gather at the Georgetown library for an afternoon reception May 6 to meet paid staff and volunteers, get to know the facilities better and find out how their donations could greatly improve library services in Acton and Georgetown.

Among the highlights will be the unveiling of the Marjorie Nazer collection, between 15 and 20 books being donated to the public library in memory of Georgetown's first chief librarian, who died early in 1982.

Nazer's love of floral design and art in general is reflected both in the subject matter of the books and their special bookplates, featuring one of her own designs.

Last year money was raised for the Friends of the Library fund through the sale of raffle tickets on an original painting by local artist Reginald Finlayson.

## No drop-off at libraries

Stranded without a solution, the Halton Hills Library Board could do nothing but thank a Georgetown woman last week for her letter concerning the need for an after-hours drop-off box.

Members expressed sympathy for the resident's predicament but noted that any form of drop-off slot or box would be open to vandalism. Burning cigarettes, for example, could just as easily be dropped inside on top of deposited books.

The expense of installing a slot in the library door was another concern mentioned.

The letter writer had pointed out that neither the library's hours, nor its fines for late returns, were convenient to her.

Members discussed, but rejected, a suggestion that central emergency service headquarters, such as the police or ambulance stations, might be used for library book drop-offs after hours, since they're always open.

## Open another transfer station

A garbage transfer station has been opened on Steeles Avenue, just below the Hwy. 401 overpass. It is the second transfer station in the Region of Halton. A third station will be opened soon in Oakville.

The new Milton station will be operated by Leferink Disposals Limited who submitted the lowest bid for the job.

Residents are allowed to drop-off garbage to a maximum of 150 kg (300 lbs) into one of the four 20 cu. yd. containers.

A special container is also available for metal such as old stoves or fridges to be recycled. Those items will also be accepted free of charge, even if the weight is over 150 kg.

Newsprint recycling will be taken care of with a weatherproof 30 cu. yd. container.

The Milton station is open to the public: Tuesday; Thursday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Georgetown station on Armstrong Ave. is open every weekday Monday through Friday 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The same rules apply at the Georgetown station as mentioned above but heavier loads will also be accepted.