



It's spook night!

Follow UNICEF's safety guidelines when you celebrate Halloween. Parents can enforce a few simple rules for children to follow and carefully examine the goodies they bring home. Kids can have their fun and eat their candy too!

1. Children never Trick-or-Treat alone...they should go with a friend or a group. Children should be accompanied by an adult.
2. A curfew and boundaries are set within familiar neighbourhoods.
3. Children never enter the house or apartment of a stranger.
4. Children never eat any treats until they have been examined by parents.
5. Children avoid Trick-or-Treating late at night.
6. Children wear light coloured flame resistant clothing and carry a flashlight.
7. Children stop only at houses where the lights are turned on, not at darkened ones.
8. Children make calls along one side of the street and then along the other; cross streets at intersections or crosswalks.
9. Children wear make-up instead of masks on their faces and costumes that don't have loose or dangling ends that could cause tripping.
10. Children keep their UNICEF collection box in their hand or hang it around their neck with a piece of string; keep one hand free for balance.



Teachers' salaries raised by 4.4%

The full details on the elementary school teachers' collective agreement with the Halton Board of Education were released to the trustees at the Oct. 25 board meeting. The total settlement for the 1984-1985 school year will cost \$49,647,234, a 5.64 per cent or \$2,649,272 increase over last year's agreement. Teachers' and principals' salary grids have been increased by 4.4 per cent while vice-principals received a 6.1 per cent increase since Halton salaries for vice-principals had been comparatively low in relation to other school boards. Co-ordinators' and assistant co-ordinators' salaries were adjusted to equal secondary school salaries in addition to 4.4 per cent increase. Allowances except related experience were increased by 4.4 per cent. Salaries and allowances in the collective agreement totalled \$46,745,622, a difference of \$2,005,992 over last year. The vision care option in the extended health plan was raised from \$60 to \$80. At no cost to the Board, the Maximum Group Life Insurance coverage was increased from \$130,000 to \$300,000. The elementary teachers also have an upgraded dental plan which includes the orthodontic coverage effective January 1, 1985 while the Board's share of the contribution dropped from 80 to 70 per cent.

Total cost of the benefits are \$2,362,601, an 0.22 per cent increase over last year's collective agreement. Effective for this school year, 19 more teachers will be hired because the pupil-teacher ratio was lowered to 19.60 plus or minus 0.1 pupil per full time member. Consultants, co-ordinators, assistant co-ordinators and teachers of English-as-a-second Language were not included in this ratio. The 19 teachers include 10 for Special Education, six for French and three additional regular teachers.

12 instructors hired for pools

Twelve more water safety instructors have been hired to work at Georgetown and Acton swimming pools. They are Jenni Lusby, Sean McVeigh, Teresa Pollitt, Renata Zmija, Melanie Bray, Scott Doubt, Carbej Goodlet, Christine Hughes, Melanie Jenkins, Lisa Krzyzik, Andrea Locke and Denise Looyenga. All the instructors completed a combined Red Cross and Royal Life Saving Society instructor course, which was held recently at Acton pool.

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Region survives challenge from Burlington business

The Region's dual approach to industrial promotion received a vote of confidence last week, but councillors had to acknowledge that changes are needed in Halton's business development department. The planning and public works committee's endorsement of an updated business development bylaw Wednesday means the department would continue providing groundwork for industrial promotion while any area municipality wishing to handle its own sales and promotion could do so. Council must ratify the decision this week. Also recommended is the formation of a Regional business advisory committee. If approved, Regional chairman Pete Pomeroy would also chair the committee of private citizens with business backgrounds, joined for regular meetings by councillors from each of the area municipalities. The endorsement was supported by three Burlington Regional councillors on the committee who failed in their bid to defeat a recent motion before Burlington council seeking sole responsibility for the City's business development. Burlington Mayor Roly Bird told the planning committee his city is no longer seeking a full rebate of its \$137,000 annual contribution to Regional business development. The City will request a partial rebate instead at a rate yet to be decided, he said. Although in favor of maintaining the dual approach, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said his city has attracted far more industrial assessment than usual in the past year because a member of its planning staff was assigned to handle local business development. Thanks to the staffer's more personalized tactics, he said, "word is getting around that Oakville's a good place to do business." Letting Region staff handle sales and promotions suffers by comparison, Barrett said. "What's good for Oakville may not be good for Burlington," he commented. "Who better knows what's good for Burlington than the people who live and work in Burlington?"

"The Regional business development department is not a joy for Burlington's business development department," Bird added, "because (the Region is) running interference. They ruffle feathers." Arguing that the premise of sharing new industrial assessment among the area municipalities is "no longer a valid argument" and may increasingly become a "deterrent" to maintaining the current system, Bird noted that 12 Ontario municipalities are currently launching their own business development programs. Of the Regional department's \$327,000 annual budget, he said, Burlington contributes \$137,000, Oakville \$117,000, Halton Hills \$40,000 and Milton about \$32,000. Bird pointed out that City staff had outlined an alternative giving full authority for business development to the area municipalities and leaving the Region with basic co-ordination duties. "In my view, that's slimming it down too far," he said, calling Burlington's current model, in which it handles its own sales and promotion against a background of Regional research and support, the "most effective." Unconvinced that Region-oriented sales and promotion are not as effective and equitable, councillors Mike Armstrong of Halton Hills and Carol Gooding of Oakville argued in favor of "teamwork" among the four areas. "Somebody's got to tell me what's wrong with the present system," Armstrong said. "What's wrong with duality of service?" "The present system is an exercise in duplication," Burlington's Walter Mulkeiwich answered. "It's not in tune with the trend across the Province toward community." A recommendation placing most business development responsibilities with the Region but leaving the door open for the areas to handle their own sales and service if they desire was nevertheless forwarded to council for approval today (Wednesday).



Friday night, the Annual Awards Night of the Halton 4-H Clubs was held at the Acton Legion. The Kiwanis Club of the Kingsway sponsors some of the most prestigious awards to Halton 4-H'ers. From left, Don Wilthrow representing the Kingsway Kiwanis, Kelly Stewart, recipient of the Claude Bain Award for most outstanding first year member, Marilyn Bird, awarded the Stan May Leadership Award, Dan Wickson, recipient of the J.E. Whitelock Award for the most outstanding 4-H

member in Halton, Keith Middlebrook, the first Henry Stanley Award for achievement and leadership, and Bo Fleischman, also of Kingsway Kiwanis.



Not only were the 4-H members honored at the Friday dinner, Grant Davidson, Rural Organizations Specialist (left), presented five leaders with certificates for years of service. Phil Agnew received a five year certificate, Cathy Lasby, David Knapp, and Cecil Patterson, ten years, and Bill Jackson for 15 years of leadership. At left, several 4-H members received certificates for projects completed. Front row: Dan Wickson, 24 projects, John McPhail, 38 projects, Marilyn Bird, 24 projects. Back row: Kathy Galbraith, 18 projects, Charles Bird, 18 projects, Scott Parsons, 12 projects, Doug McCann, 18 projects and Sandra Egger, 8 projects completed.

Miller to push for business advisory

Mayor Russ Miller will ask Town council next Monday night to form a Halton Hills business advisory committee to attract new industry and improve corporate and commercial relations. Concerned over "a lack of communication" and "a lot of misconceptions" among the Town's two chambers of commerce and the businesses they represent, Miller told the newspaper he will present council with a report recommending formation of the committee. If approved by council, the recommendation would see advertisements placed, inviting applications for membership on the committee, to be made up of "six or seven" private citizens, Miller and one other council representative. Terms of reference for the committee would have to be drawn up by council and Town staff, Miller said, but he's like to see it provide liaison between the two chambers and between the Town and local businesses with concerns and complaints. "I'd like to see us take a bigger hand in promoting the industries we have already," he said. "That would involve visiting them and making this advisory committee available to them." As well, Miller said, the new committee would expand upon the efforts of Halton Region's business development department

by helping promote Halton Hills as a suitable location for new industry. Miller said he has met officials of both chambers in recent weeks to discuss the idea. He and Town clerk-administrator Ken Richardson met privately with Acton Chamber of Commerce president Steve Dawkins and other officials prior to the chamber's Oct. 11 business luncheon and received a positive reaction. The Region's business promoters have "done a fair job", Miller commented, but the need for better communication at the local level became apparent to him during various meetings around town, he said. Asked whether a Halton Hills business committee might handle industrial land sales and promotion to the extent that Burlington's does, Miller pointed out that Burlington's financial resources are far greater. So successful have Burlington's efforts been that city councillors recently sought to divorce the city's industrial promotion program entirely from that of the Region. Regional councillors are today (Wednesday) discussing changes to the dual approach that currently has Halton staff working in conjunction with Burlington officials while handling virtually all promotional duties for Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville.

Region briefs

Hiring six youths

New Provincial youth employment grants have enabled the Region to hire six young people who would otherwise face bleak job prospects because of lack of experience, limited education, legal problems or mental or physical disability. Ontario's Youth Works program pays \$4 an hour to six soon-to-be-hired assistants.

'Murder' on the budget

Halton Regional Police are looking for ways to curtail spending to offset an anticipated budget deficit that has jumped from \$39,000 last May to \$67,000. Cause of the overexpenditure, according to Regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo, is "ostensibly" the high cost of investigating far more homicides than expected. Six murders in south Halton this year have officers phoning and travelling farther afield and working longer hours.

\$1 million gym for Stewarttown school

The cost of a possible gymnasium to Stewarttown Public School in 1986 has been estimated at \$1 million according to the Halton Board of Education's capital expenditure forecast to the Ministry of Education. The addition which is third on the Board's 1986 elementary school building projects priority list is scheduled to start in March, 1986 and be completed by September, 1986. It will be financed by the Halton Board of Education capital reserve funds. These funds are built up as the Board sells schools and the gymnasium's starting date may be delayed if there are not enough dollars in the reserve. Other building projects in Halton Hills schools include special education modifications at Speyside School expected to start in June, 1985. The cost of the project will total \$16,500. Stewarttown is also scheduled for special

education renovations totalling \$18,150 in 1986. These special education projects, however, will not be finalized until the current accommodation studies involving the two schools have been completed. Total cost for all the Halton Board of Education elementary school building projects for 1985-1989 has been estimated at \$19,056,200. It includes two new schools in Brant Hills, Burlington worth \$3,400,000 and phase one of the Glen Abbey school in Oakville worth \$2,600,000. New schools are also proposed in the Headon community in Burlington in 1987 and two more in Oakville for 1988 and 1989. Estimates for special education renovations and portables for 1985-1986 total \$280,450. Trustees will vote on the capital expenditure fund at a future board meeting.