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Four North Halton Communities Propose They Be Single Regional Unit

The four North Halton Municipalities of Georgetown, Acton, Nassagaweya and Esquesing proposed Saturday that they be the four wards in a single North Halton municipal unit when and if regional government comes about.

The proposal was contained in a 12 page brief presented jointly by them at a conference of Halton County councillors in the Halton Centennial Manor auditorium.

The North Halton unit would have a local council of 16 members made up of seven representatives from Georgetown, four from Esquesing, three from Acton and two from Nassagaweya. The local council would have a mayor elected at large.

Councillors to serve on the regional government (Halton county) would represent the wards as follows: two from Georgetown, and one each from Acton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya.

The proposal suggests the Halton regional council have 26 members, 11 from Burlington, seven from Oakville, five from the North Halton unit and three from Milton. The council would have a chairman appointed by the province for the first term and by the regional council thereafter.

Adjustments in representation would have to be made if Milton were included in the North Halton unit. The complete proposal appears below.

The Elected Officials for the Town of Acton, the Township of Esquesing, the Town of Georgetown and the Township of Nassagaweya have fully reviewed the Interim Report of the T.E.C.O. Committee at several joint meetings convened expressly for that purpose.

It is worthy to note that these sessions were the first on record at which elected representatives from these municipalities had met jointly to discuss an issue of common concern.

In addition to the recommendations contained in the T.E.C.O. Interim Report, consideration was also given to provisions contained in legislation more recently enacted by the Province of Ontario respecting the establishment and functioning of regional governments and more particularly Bill 167, an Act To Establish the Regional Municipality of Waterloo.

LOCAL MATTERS

It is our considered opinion that to obtain viable and responsive local government in a regional form of government, it is necessary that significant authority be vested under the jurisdiction of the elected representatives at the lower tier level in order to establish an avenue of accessibility for the public to have matters of a local nature dealt with.

On this premise, the division of responsibilities as set out herein between the Regional level of government and the lower tier level of government, are strongly recommended.

Discussions were also held with Elected Officials from the Town of Milton for the purpose of considering the establishment of one sub-area comprising the Town of Acton, the Township of Esquesing, the Town of Georgetown, the Town of Milton and the Township of Nassagaweya, and the area of service contiguous to the Town of Milton.

It is the opinion of the participating municipalities, in this brief, that every consideration should be given to including the Milton service area within the establishment of a North Halton Sub-Area.

BOUNDARIES

Northern Boundary
The existing northerly boundary of the Township of Esquesing and the Township of Nassagaweya shall be the northern boundary of this sub-area.

This Group would request the Provincial Government to review the area of Ballinacree for inclusion or exclusion, in its entirety, within this sub-area.

With respect to the northern part of the Township of Nassagaweya, it is our opinion that greater importance should be stressed on the Community Centre of interest from the standpoint of recreational programming, school affiliation, etc. rather than the aspects of surface drainage.

Eastern Boundary
The existing eastern boundary of the Township of Esquesing together with the projection southerly of said boundary to its intersection with the northerly limit of Highway 401 shall be the eastern boundary of this sub-area.

Southern Boundary
The northerly limit of Highway 401, commencing westerly from the recommended easterly boundary of the sub-area to the existing westerly boundary of the Township of Esquesing, thence southerly along the existing easterly boundary of the Township of Nassagaweya, thence westerly along the existing southern boundary of the Township of Nassagaweya shall be the southern boundary of this sub-area.

Fundamentally, the southern boundary of this sub-area, relative to the Township of Nassagaweya, should be the existing southerly boundary of the Township of Nassagaweya.

Western Boundary
The existing westerly boundary of the Township of Nassagaweya shall be the western boundary of this sub-area.

General Boundaries
It was the consensus that insofar as the external boundaries of the other sub-areas was concerned, the present area constituting the County of Halton should be retained as the formulation of a Regional Area without the addition of parts of other adjoining municipalities located in other counties and the deletion of parts of municipalities located within the County of Halton.

DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Planning
Matters pertaining to planning should be on a similar basis as that provided for in Part VI of Bill 167 of the Provincial Government pertaining to an Act to Establish the Regional Municipality of (Continued on Page 8)

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Focus on Construction

Royal Bank Will Be in New Main-Mill Building

The scarcity of separated building lots in town is emphasized during August, by the fact there was only one house permit issued in town, but 10 were issued in Esquesing Township.

Esquesing's permits topped Georgetown's in value, with Esquesing having a total for the month of \$192,810 and Georgetown \$105,558.

Swimming pools continued to be popular with another three

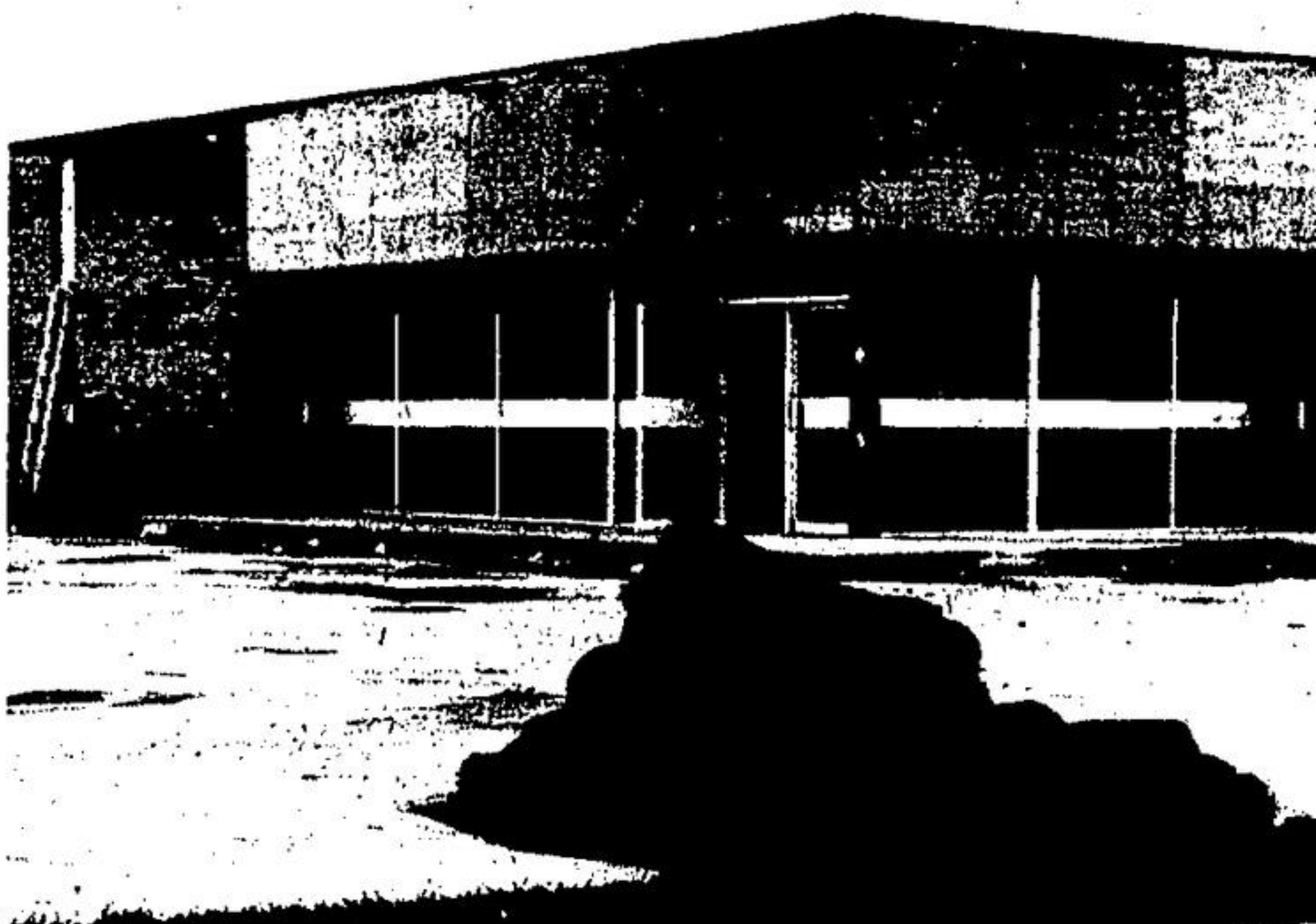
permits in August, bringing the total for the year to 72, almost the same number as last year.

The new Royal Bank building, being constructed on the corner of Main and Mill where Cotton Brothers store

has just been only commenced valued at \$1,000,000.



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New Liquor Control Board store in the Georgetown Market is near completion.



Reconstruction and paving is completed on Charles and Park. Sodding is expected to be completed this week with an asphalt coat to go on the torn up areas of Edith, William and Market. Storm sewerage has begun on Duncan and Weber where actual reconstruction start about

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