

Causes of these collisions have been attributed to inattentive driving, following too closely, failure to yield the right of way, improper and unsafe passing and speed too fast for road, weather or traffic conditions.

THE UNEXPECTED

A high contributing factor to many collisions is the unexpected act of the motorist, who either "doesn't know how to drive correctly", or else "totally disregards both the rules of the road and consideration for others."

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REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

It's Costly Program In Ottawa Region

The Hutton Hills regional government becomes official on January 1, 1974. Will it work? How much will it cost?

The following report by Mac Johnston of The Herald's Ottawa Bureau looks at the Ottawa-Carleton regional structure five years after its birth as an indication of what we might expect.

OTTAWA - Opinions remain divided on its merits and success after five years of regional government in Ottawa-Carleton.

Regional Chairman Denis M. Coolican says regional government has matured. He acknowledges that costs have risen, but says that the population is greater and services better, particularly planning.

"More and more people on the council take a broad outlook and wear a regional hat when they sit on regional council. And the system has the advantage that you don't neglect things locally - even though you have an overview," Mr. Coolican said.

Regional councillor Dr. W. A. Taylor, reeve of Osgoode Township, says he felt from the start that regional government was an unnecessary step.

"I was very apprehensive from the start about the possible costs that might be involved...and the intervening years have proven that the costs far, far exceeded my expectations," he said.

COSTS TOO MUCH

Dr. Taylor, a veterinarian, says it costs too much to administer regional government: "You know, bigness doesn't always mean more efficiency. In fact, I think it means the opposite."

He believes that since the province created the region, "it's their baby and they're making damn sure it doesn't die of starvation. The province is pumping in an awful lot of money. Whether that'll be the policy tomorrow or not, I don't know, but if it isn't, we're in trouble."

However, Dr. Taylor says: "I'm wise enough to know it's here. I think it's up to us to make it work."

Both Dr. Taylor and Frank Marchington, reeve of Bolton Township, are advocates of the two-tier system now in effect.

Mr. Marchington views himself as a "constructive critic." He says the county system "really didn't do its job with respect to planning and social welfare."

CAN'T STOP

"You can't go back, you can't stop, you've got to keep moving ahead, but when you move ahead you've got to know where you're going and how much it will cost," Mr. Marchington said.

He feels that "control of these sophisticated forms of government has slipped from the political level to the administrative level, the bureaucracy," and that there is a "tendency to accept this as inevitable."

Ottawa Mayor Pierre Benoit advocates a one-tier system, but he says he's open on the precise setup. He would like a complete one-tier system or a divided one in which the two parallel tiers (urban and rural) co-ordinate their activities.

Mr. Benoit says he realizes this would ignore the historic aspects of some communities and their sense of identity, while indicating political orientation toward bigness or centralization.

He advocates centralization of local government, saying he is "accomplishment oriented and centralization is more effective."

SENSIBLE PLANNING

The mayor says he realizes Ottawa have not been tangible financial ones, but intangible ones, such as "planning on a more sensible basis, drawing off pressure from the city."

Mr. Benoit says everyone "must look beyond the strict political boundaries set up 100 years ago and must develop cities people can live in, not just exist in."

A developing trend is the desire of the province to give more decision-making power to regional governments, says Mr. Coolican.

He says the ministry of in-

tergovernmental affairs has become impatient. They're determined to decentralize these things from Toronto.

Possibilities here include authority for land-division committees and committees of adjustment, approval of zoning bylaws, solid waste disposal and policing which some councillors are particularly reluctant to take over because they envision greatly increased costs.

Mr. Coolican says: "It really depends who you're talking to and who has had the latest experience they didn't like."

Finally, Dr. Taylor was asked if he sees the benefits of regional government.

"I haven't seen them yet. I'm expecting them. It's getting near Christmas," he replied.

OPP REPORT

Police officers from Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated 61 general occurrences during the week ending Nov. 24, included in this number were: three break and enters, two thefts, one disturbance, three domestic complaints, one building found insecure by officers on patrol, two persons reported missing and later located, one assault, one violation of the Game and Fish Act, one drug seizure, and one trespassing complaint.

The remaining occurrences were relatively minor in nature and required little time to be cleared.

This same reporting period saw officers investigate fourteen collisions involving 22 vehicles. Four of these collisions resulted in injuries to drivers and/or passengers and total property damage was estimated to exceed \$8,400.00.

Mr. Marchington says the existing conditional grants "politically, at the provincial level, it's a hell of a lot more saleable. I would think that's the primary motivation."

And, on whether the balance of power lies with elected officials or the administration.

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winner's stroll down the centre of the hall with crown and bouquet.

French numbered 25,015, or eight per cent.

Some authorities consider the most complex to be the Australian aboriginal language in Arnhem Land, Andijangwa.

Bilingualism Is Increasing

The percentage of people in Canada who speak both English and French increased from 12.2 in 1961 to 13.4 in 1971.

A report published by Statistics Canada shows there were 2,900,000 bilingual people in Canada in 1971, an increase of 699,000 in 10 years.

Ontario's population included 716,065 people, or 9.29 per cent, who said they were bilingual; in 1961 the number was 493,270.

Although the British Isles were the ethnic origin of 59.4 per cent of Ontario residents, 85.1 per cent of the population said they speak English most often in the home. Languages other than English or French were the mother tongues of 16.2 per cent, but only 10.3 per cent report they speak these other languages most often at home.

In the metropolitan area of Ottawa-Hull, 374,660, or 62.2 per cent, spoke English most often in the home, while 203,535, or 33.8 per cent spoke French. Those who could speak both languages numbered 196,750, or 32.6 per cent.

In the census metropolitan area of Toronto, there were 159,815 people who reported they could speak English and French in 1971, compared to

78,303 in 1961; this was an increase of 104 per cent.

Other languages were spoken most often in the home by 458,595, or 17.4 per cent, including 189,420 who spoke Italian.

In metropolitan Hamilton, 57,190 people, or 11.5 per cent, spoke languages other than English in the home; of these 22,210, or 4.4 per cent spoke Italian.

In metropolitan London, 268,790, or 94 per cent of the population spoke English in the home. There were 12,830, or 4.4 per cent, who declared they could speak both French and English.

In metropolitan Kitchener, 25,290 people, or 11 per cent, spoke languages other than English most often at home, including 10,030 who spoke German. Both English and French were spoken by 10,410, or 4.6 per cent.

In the metropolitan area of St. Catharines-Niagara, 41,800 or 13.6 per cent, spoke languages other than English most often in the home, including 10,720 who spoke French, and 13,390 who spoke Italian. Those who said they could speak both English and

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