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Finance Committee Seeks Government Aid

Halton Hills finance committee is seeking provincial government subsidies until the next interim tax levy.

Finance chairman, Coun. G. W. MacKenzie said at a committee meeting Monday night that the province has indicated grants may be available.

"The government did say we may get grants to tide us over," he said. "We have now paid out more to the school board and region than we took in on the interim levy and our interim levy was at maximum."

Town May Have Brochures

If recreation director Doug Collison can get his brochures outlining summer programmes in Halton Hills printed and mailed for under \$1,000 the general administration committee believes he should be allowed to do it.

The committee Monday night reviewed Mr. Collison's second request for the brochures. The first one was not accepted by town council because they felt the estimated \$1,500 was too high.

Coun. Roy Booth, chairman of the committee, however, explained Monday night that to run ads in the three local newspapers for two weeks would cost somewhere "around \$1,000."

"Mr. Collison has looked into the total cost of printing and mailing and believes it can be done for under \$1,000," Coun. Booth said. "He also said that if it was turned down, this would be the first time in eight years that Georgetown has not sent out the brochures."

No Mail Monday

Area letter carriers have the day off this Monday (Victoria Day), May 20 and there will be no home delivery service that day.

There will be the normal pickup and dispatch from street letter boxes on the holiday but there will be no such service on Sunday.

Regular mail service will resume on Tuesday.



CARNIVAL DAZE

(Herald Photo)

Happiness is a ride on a merry-go-round for four year old Lori Fox of Glen Williams.

The carnival rides were set up at Georgetown Market Saturday for little shoppers to enjoy.

Conciliation Talks Fail Union Calls Strike Vote

Local 73 of the Canadian Employee's Union was scheduled to meet last night, and in an interview last week union president Kent Robinson said a strike of outside workers may be right around the corner.

"It looks like an early strike to me," he commented after conciliation talks with Brampton Hills town representatives "I'm calling a membership meeting on Tuesday (last night) and there's no way the union committee is recommending the town's offer."

Mr. Robinson described the talks as "a waste of time." He pointed out that town negotiators only offered another two cents per hour, which would raise the rate a total of 40 cents per hour for a laborer. They also left nine other articles undecided.

The 50 outside workers, including garbage collectors, grave diggers, and parks and road maintenance men, have been asking for a 45 cents per hour wage increase since the talks began two months ago.

They also want higher student rates, better uniform allowances and an improved health plan.

"We went to Toronto last week expecting to move on some things and have the town move on some," Mr. Robinson added. "But they didn't and now I'm definitely calling for a vote."

The union could strike legally 16 days after receiving a letter from the labor board outlying the results of the conciliation talks.

Councillor G.W. McKenzie, a council representative and chairman of the finance committee, says "The next move is up to the union unless something happens to bring us back together."

He believes the town offered a fair proposal to the union. "We improved our offer to 40 cents an hour," he said. "We also offered better vacations, improved benefits, and an eyeglass plan which included the whole family."

He said the town would

have to wait for the labor board's letter before deciding the next step.

"The door isn't closed for more talks", he added. "We

exceeded the limits council gave us to reach an agreement, but last week council confirmed our stand. They felt we were very fair."



SCOUTS LOSE WAY

(Herald Photo)

John Nessel and David Haverly leave the Bramalea Police Station, Sunday afternoon where they were taken after spending the

night on Caledon Mountain in a lightning storm. The boys had been separated from other scouts during a 20 mile hike over the week-end.

Committee Supports Hockey Resolution

The general administration committee agreed to a resolution recommending that council agree to part of a protest to the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) concerning violence in junior hockey.

Coun. Roy Booth, chairman of the committee, read a resolution from the city of Brampton and the Peel Regional Municipality concerning the aspects of violence in hockey and especially a game played between the Bramalea Blues and the Hamilton Red Wings, Junior "B" Teams.

"We have to decide whether this resolution is aimed at doing a good job for sports in Ontario, or is it something they want to hang on Hamilton," said Coun. Booth. "I don't agree with the whole resolution but I do support some type of policing at the games."

The resolution called for municipality to "Protest...the apparent lack of control and physical violence allowed at the Ontario Hockey Association Junior "B" final game between the Bramalea Blues and the Hamilton Red Wings."

It also noted that the OHA should hold a "special league inquiry" and "take the necessary steps to stop violence on or off the ice."

"If we delete portions of the recommendation, it would be all right with me," added Coun. Booth. "Just paragraphs seven and eight put the finger on Hamilton."

Coun. Les Dudy added that he agreed with Coun. Booth. "There is a general attitude to these things happening, but I agree to the principle of the resolution."

Halton Hills Budget Set

Council agreed last Tuesday night to present a completed capital forecast to the regional council and also decided to request the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) to withdraw two capital projects by the town.

The capital forecast includes projects totalling \$2,565,000. They are the library expansion, \$250,000; Hydro, \$100,000; Roads, \$200,000; water, \$85,000; sanitation sewers (treatment expansion), \$1.5 million; and recreation, \$430,000.

The council also decided to withdraw applications to the OMB on two projects, the indoor pool in Acton and the arena-theatre complex in Georgetown. The pool is scheduled to be built with funds from the Acton Lions Club fund raising campaign and from reserve money.

Estate Homes Proposed For Esqueing

Coun. Dick Howitt voted in favor of a resolution to have a proposed sub-division for Esqueing referred to the planning advisory sub-committee, for further study.

"The dragstrip has already mutilated the land, and I have to agree that we have to go to residential development," he commented.

The Halton Hills general administration committee had a brief presented Monday night by Walter Sopinka of the Medallion Aire Estates Ltd., regarding the land between fifth and sixth line, west of highway seven.

The land is now the site of Toronto International Dragway and the principal owners, Robert Cooper and Tom Reed

want the area rezoned for residential use.

"Right now, the owners have three options," said Mr. Sopinka. "They can continue to run the track, or they can lease it to someone else, or they can change the use of the land."

Mr. Sopinka noted that leasing was a very serious contention of the owners. He added that it was almost impossible to return the land for agriculture use.

He pointed out that many of the neighbors complained about the track, but his clients had spent a "great deal of money on the property."

"The estate development would not only be advantageous to my clients, but to the com-

munity as a whole," he explained. "The dragway is not conforming to the zoning by-law and by its very existence is noisy and creates increased traffic flow."

"There are only two ways for the owners to get a return on their money, either they continue the dragway, or set up residential zoning."

Halton Hills planner, Mario Venditti, noted that estate development seemed very logical for the location, but added that "We don't really have a policy on estate development, and I think we should look at other communities."

Approximately 60 homes are proposed with a minimum of

two acres for each lot. The homes will be on a septic tank system with well water.

Coun. Roy Booth, chairman of the committee, pointed out that "Many of these homes would cost somewhere around \$100,000 probably, and just how do we police the area."

Mayor Tom Hill explained that "The police commission will phase out the OPP in the area in the next three years and we'll have our own Halton Hills detachment of the Halton regional police for the whole area."

The resolution was referred to the planning advisory sub-committee for further study.

Nature Walk For May 25

Federation of Ontario Naturalists is a provincial, non-profit organization concerned with the awareness and conservation of our natural heritage. A Federation consisting of more than 45 natural history clubs and organizations across Ontario, aim is to instill a worthwhile knowledge and subsequent understanding of our environment.

To encourage a better awareness of your natural surroundings, people in the Community are invited to join members of the Georgetown and District Naturalist Club on the Ontario Nature Walk, Saturday, May 25. Walk will be held in areas of local natural significance.



SENIORS TOUR ISLANDS

(Herald Photo)

Two busloads, carrying more than 100 area senior citizens left for a tour of the Toronto Islands Saturday morning.

The day was arranged and sponsored by the Georgetown Lions and the Legion Hall at 10.30 a.m.

Municipalities Cut Region Budget

A total of \$7.3 million was cut from the capital budgets of the area municipalities in Halton Region, reducing the total capital budget by 28 per cent for the region.

The budget stands at \$18.3 million, down from an original \$25.6 million requested by the municipalities. However, these budgets were returned by regional treasurer Don For-

mer, who noted that a budget over \$20 million would impair future borrowing by the region.

He asked the area municipalities to lower their budgets by at least 20 per cent.

Burlington made the largest cut in the budgets, lowering theirs by \$4,806,992 to a total of \$9,155,900. The lowest reduction was from Oakville, who

dropped the budget by \$227,490 to \$4,274,644.

The Halton Hills council lowered their budget by more than \$2 million to \$2,890,000; while Milton's new capital budget was \$1,806,349.

Regional council will receive a recommendation from the administration and Finance Committee to send the capital budget for devolution quotas by the Ontario Municipal Board.

NEWS IN BRIEF

TED ARTS' HOME at 115 Delrex Blvd., Georgetown was broken into at 1.15 p.m. on May 10. The home was entered, and one guitar, valued at approximately \$500 was stolen.

THERE WAS A TWO CAR collision at Delrex and Rexway Drive resulting in an estimated \$1,850 damages. A car driven by William Chard, 14 Elizabeth Street, Georgetown, had \$350 damages, and a car driven by Catherine Haarsma, 117 Rexway Drive, Georgetown had an estimated \$1,000 damage. The accident occurred at 11.50 p.m. Saturday May 11.

ACTON OPP EXECUTED a search warrant at 13 Church St. in Acton and seized a small amount of marijuana, Monday night. Edward Heag, 20, of 13 Church St. will appear in court July 13.

THERE WAS ONLY ONE fire all week in Halton Hills. A car caught fire on the Ashgrove Corners on Thursday, May 9, at 11.09 a.m. Two men were using a cutting torch to install new shock absorbers, when the car caught fire. Halton Hills Fire Department put the fire out in minutes.

MAYOR TOM HILL was requested by resolution last Tuesday night to proclaim this week, May 12 to 18, as Police Week in the town of Halton Hills.

COUNCILLORS AGREED last Tuesday night to pay \$300 to Dorothy Stone to cover her professional services to the town by designing a coat of arms. They also requested that Miss Stone continue with the registering of the arms in Scotland and with the patents office in Canada.

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL is holding an open house to help celebrate the centennial year in Acton. The theme of Wednesday evening which runs from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. is "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. There will be displays and exhibitions of various clubs and classroom activities.

A RESOLUTION was passed at the council meeting here last Tuesday night to have Mayor Tom Hill schedule a meeting with representatives of the area service clubs and community groups to discuss ideas for a fund raising campaign to support the proposed Georgetown Arena.



HUP, TWO, THREE, FOUR ... C'MON MEN, MOVE YOUR TAILS. ENEMY TANKS APPROACHING.



SARGE AIN'T GONNA LIKE THIS. QUICK...CLOSE YOUR EYES AND PRETEND YOU DON'T SEE IT.



SO FAR SO GOOD. WHEN I SAY THE WORD, WADDLE FOR ALL YOU'RE WORTH.

(Herald Photo)