



SCOUTERS, Mark Rowe and Rick Saville helped haul the following weekend in the bush organized by the North camping gear back to the waiting cars Sunday afternoon. Halton Boy Scouts. See page 19 for the full story.

Council to ask for Chapel Street, Norval schools

Halton Hills council has unanimously decided to approach both the province and the Halton Board of Education with a request that the old Norval Public School and the Chapel Street Public School be returned to the people who paid for them; Halton Hills taxpayers.

The request, presented in the form of a lengthy resolution, came at the end of Monday night's committee of the whole meeting during which the town's solicitors had been asked, in camera, about the town's position in making the request.

Should the board of education or the province accept Halton Hills' request, one councillor commented after the meeting, it would set an important precedent for all municipalities dealing with boards of education over the dispersal of old schools and properties.

The resolution noted that both the Norval and Chapel Street buildings and lands "were acquired and constructed by revenues derived from taxation levied and collected from the residents and taxpayers" of Georgetown and Esqueping Township and "were turned over to the Halton Board of Education...to continue to provide educational facilities". As the lands and buildings are "no longer used or required," the resolution continues, "this council petitions the government of the province of Ontario to enact a special bill and enact legislation to revert the ownership of the said buildings and lands back to the municipal jurisdiction from which the board received them..."

If there have been capital cost improvements on the buildings since they were

taken over by the board the resolution noted that Halton Hills would pay for them plus any other costs or debenture indebtedness that had occurred because of the improvements.

The resolution will be circulated to all municipalities in Halton for their endorsement. Copies will also be sent to Premier Bill Davis, the minister of education, the Halton Board of Education, as well as MPPs Jim Snow and George Kerr.

Council's acceptance of the resolution followed sharply on the heels of a recent meeting between town and board representatives at which the board of education revealed the prices it was asking for the school. The prices have not been made public but all councillors present at the meeting expressed shock at how high they were.

Predicting that the Halton board will not doubt "fight this right down the line" Councillor Ernie Sykes commented following Monday's meeting that council's hopeful that "if we go this route and are successful we'll get these two schools for next to nothing." He added a tone of caution, however,

during the meeting. It would be important, he warned council, to consider the other side of the argument. The board had pointed out, if the Halton Hills precedent is set, any time a school in any other part of the Halton board's jurisdiction is sold in the future the entire proceeds from that sale would go directly to the involved municipality, instead of being dispersed throughout the region as is presently the board's regional policy.

Councillor Ern Hyde noted, "The Norval school existed long before the Halton Board of Education did. The property was acquired, the building constructed and a great deal if not all, of the debentures on it were paid for by the people of the township of Esqueping. The people should rightfully have that which they paid for."

He added that the Norval school could serve as a much needed community centre for the people of the small community while the Chapel Street school could possibly be used as an addition to or as a complete alternate facility to the over-used Cedarvale Community Centre.

"The need is there for both of these facilities. It seems only right that they should be used by the people who paid for them."

OHC land

The province has announced that the Ontario Housing Corporation has purchased two acres of land on Guelph Street for the development of a third senior citizens housing project in Georgetown.

Through local MPP, Jim Snow, the OHC made the announcement late last week.

The OHC noted that the Oakville architectural firm of Halford and Wilson has been commissioned to prepare the architectural drawings for the project as well as to prepare a site plan. That plan must first be presented to town council for the necessary re-zoning prior to the project starting.

Mr. Snow also noted that an overall survey of need for senior citizens' housing is to be carried out by the research branch of OHC for the entire town of Halton Hills.



Halton Hills wins, sort of

The thorny question of how many members Halton Hills should have on regional committees was decided once and for all last Wednesday afternoon. Although this town's original recommendation did not get much further than preliminary discussions local representatives were pleased with the way that everything worked out.

Halton Hills originally suggested that two regional councillors from this town be designated to serve on each of the four regional committees. Following a lengthy discussion, in which the lines between north and south Halton thickened somewhat, a compromise, of sorts, was reached.

One of the present committees—community services—will be combined with the administration and finance committee, thus cutting the number of regional committees to three. Each committee will consist of eight members drawn from all four municipalities in Halton.

Halton Hills will have two representatives, Len Cox and Ernie Sykes, on the public works committee. On the regional planning committee, Ric Morrow and Pat McKenzie, will represent this town. Mayor Tom Hill is the lone local representative on the newly expanded community services, administration and finance committee.

Milton's three representatives work on one committee each.

Halton Hills' suggestion that this town have two representatives on each of the four old committees did not sit well with Oakville and Burlington councillors. One southern councillor commented that representation should be based on "putting your mouth where your money is." If, he noted, that was the case Burlington, to equalize Halton Hills' eight representatives, should have 14 representatives on the committees.

In speaking to Halton Hills' Councillor Len Cox explained that the intent was to match the town's representation on council with its representation on the committees. The town's five representatives make up 22 percent of regional council. By naming two members to each committee Halton Hills would have approximately the same percentage.

"I don't think we're out of line or putting anything out of balance by asking for this", Councillor Cox concluded.

Councillor Ric Morrow was one of the first supporters of amalgamating the committees into three. He noted that much of the hard work has already been dealt with by community services and that to shift its workload onto another committee would not be too heavy a burden.

Following the meeting Councillor Cox expressed the feeling that Halton Hills may have lost the battle but won the war. "My chief concern was that we wouldn't have enough input into the work of some of the committees, the chief one being administration. However we will have one strong representative on it, Mayor Hill plus two on the other two. I'm basically prepared to accept the outcome."

Another point in north Halton's favor was the agreement that an alternative representative from each municipality may be allowed to attend the committees' meetings and, should the elected councillor not be able to attend, the alternate would be allowed to vote. This was particularly beneficial to Milton whose Mayor, Anne MacArthur noted that should one of the three Milton regional councillors not be able to attend any meeting the town would be totally without representation in the decision making.

Red Cross reinstates Georgetown service

Homemakers will return

Beginning in early February, Georgetown will again have Red Cross Homemaker Service.

The service to Georgetown was discontinued last summer after three years of operation in the Georgetown area when funds were not available to continue the work.

"It was with great regret that we abandoned the service," noted Red Cross representative, Richard Perrott. "But after a lot of hard work we will be able to offer the service again."

The return of the service was brought about as a result of several meetings within the Halton Red Cross organization, regional

health services and the regional human services committee. It was realized that, due to physical restrictions of the large area of service—the North Halton branch covered all of Halton Hills and a large part of Milton—the Georgetown Branch was incapable of funding the service out of its campaign fund.

"The lack of definite grant structures also presented a problem," furthered Mr. Perrott. When the service was inaugurated three years ago the town of Georgetown provided some of the funds, but the imposition of regional government provided no definite grant resulting in the service being discontinued.

With added financing from the Ontario division of Red Cross the service will be undertaken for a period of six months after which further meetings will be held to re-evaluate the situation.

A homemaker supervisor has been appointed for the areas of Halton Hills and Milton and will operate from the Milton office as will all homemaker programs.

Janice Johnston first alumna on board

A Georgetown graduate of Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology has returned to Sheridan, not as a student, but, instead, as a member of the board which controls the growth and operation of the college.

Janice Johnston attended her first meeting of the Sheridan College Board of Governors last Wednesday evening following her recent appointment to the board by the provincial government's Council of Regents.

Mrs. Johnston is the first member of Sheridan's alumni to be named to the board.

One of four women on the present board, Mrs. Johnston will serve a four-year term. She was one of three new members appointed. Donald Carlson, Oakville and Audrey Ryckman, Burlington, were also appointed.

Mrs. Johnston graduated from the two-year advertising program at Sheridan in 1972. She was the recipient that year of the Advertising Advisory Committee Award and the Board of Governors Silver Medal for her outstanding academic achievement.

She is now an advertising copywriter for the Canadian Champion in Milton. Prior to joining that firm she worked at Air Canada in

customer relations.

Mrs. Johnston is the wife of Greg Johnston, Georgetown. She is the daughter of Halton Hills Councillor Len Cox.

During the Wednesday night inaugural meeting one of the three North Halton representatives on the board of governors, H. H. (Bert) Hinton of Acton was elected chairman of the board. A former reeve of Acton and warden of Halton County Mr. Hinton is well known throughout the North Halton community. He is a former director of the Ontario Counties Association and has served on the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Mr. Hinton has been a firm proponent of both Sheridan College and the community college principle, serving for several years on the executive of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario. He was appointed to the board by Halton Region.

Mr. Hinton is a charter member of the board. He replaces John C. Ronson of Mississauga who, this year, completes an eight-year appointment by the Council of Regents.

The third North Halton representative on the board is Dr. C. A. Martin of Milton.

Poles take a beating

Hydro poles, telephone poles and guard rails seemed to be the targets for Georgetown motorists over the past weekend as icy road conditions made travelling unsafe.

Dalbert Page and John Cameron, both of Acton, collided at the intersection of Guelph and Mill with damages amounting to \$250.

The car operated by Francis Damphouse of 19 McGilvary Crescent received \$1,000 damage in a collision involving two small trees and a hydro pole. The accident occurred near 12 Mountainview Road.

Slush and icy conditions contributed to the accident that did \$800 damage to a car driven by Christian B. Dempster and \$200 damage to

a pole located on King Street. Damage was done to the roof, hood, grill and radiator of the vehicle which knocked down several wires from the pole.

Edward Maber of 18 Stevens Crescent was also one of the many involved in accidents on Saturday. Damage to the vehicle exceeded \$700 resulting from a collision on King Street that did \$50 damage to a Bell Telephone pole.

Ellen Nolan of Joycelyn Crescent received \$250 damage to her car in a weekend accident. Icy conditions were listed as the cause of the accident which caused the vehicle to slide into a pole and sign standard.

Barrow stepping down as head

1,400 turn to Contact Centre

Over 1,400 calls for help were answered by Contact Centre volunteers during its first year of operation. It was reported Thursday evening at the agency's first annual meeting held in Harrison Public School. Since its inception in Georgetown in November, 1973, the 24-hour listening and referral service has trained more than 80 anonymous volunteers to lend an ear to the troubled and afford constructive help where possible. There have been 98 calls to the centre in the last three weeks alone.

Guest speaker at the meeting Dr. John Duggan, a psychiatrist, told the members and their guests the success of their efforts has proven the need for a psychiatric resource centre in North Halton. From his affiliation with the mental health services in Wellington County, Dr. Duggan noted that one-third of all the cases are children under 18. He said sometimes mental problems are hereditary. Recent studies have proven that, if a child is aware of this and can recognize the problem, he can receive early treatment.

Dr. Duggan is currently involved in plans to start a similar facility here. He said the Human Services Council, a regional government scheme, involving local service agencies, hopes to have the project underway within 18 months.

Although the Contact Centre has received

27 donations from local service clubs and industries in the past year, treasurer Albert Jarvis disclosed the agency would be applying to the town for support in 1975. Costs he explained are rising.

The office has recently been moved to a safer and more comfortable location. It is especially appreciated by the overnight shift members who report the former office was a fire trap and chilly.

Rev. Peter Barrow, director of the centre, has stepped down from his training post, to be replaced by Ian Carter. Rev. Barrow said they have enough new volunteers now to keep the roster going nearly all month. But new volunteers are always welcome.

Publicity chairman, Mrs. Gail Williamson, has turned her title over to Mrs. Barb Johnson, as she has accepted the position of publicity convener for the Red Cross blood donor clinics.

All other members of the executive must remain anonymous to preserve the confidentiality of the service.

Everyone was congratulated for the success of the operation and special acknowledgement went to Bell Canada for their co-operation. The Georgetown Contact Centre is now listed under "Distress Centre" on the inside front cover of the new Halton-Peel telephone directory.