

Town wants control of education spending

Halton Hills council has endorsed a resolution calling for ultimate municipal control of spending by boards of education.

At its inaugural meeting of 1976 Monday night, town council endorsed a resolution presented to it by the council of the town of Port Hope calling for a change in provincial legislation which would grant municipalities in Ontario the opportunity to deny any requests from boards of education for funds which exceed a 10 percent increase over the previous year's spending.

The resolution, in explanation, noted that "municipalities have no control over education costs that are taking a disproportionate share of the annual municipal tax levies" and "when setting their own priorities for basic municipal services must consider the overall tax levy including

the education requisition". Therefore, the resolution concludes, town councils should be "given the authority to reject a requisition for education costs that exceeds ten percent increase over the previous year's requisition."

One of only two councillors to oppose the resolution, Councillor Pat MacKenzie told council that "the board is an elected body the same as we are. They are responsible to the electors just as we are..."

"I don't think we have the right to ask for that kind of ultimate control over another elected body."

But Councillor Roy Booth countered stating, "If we're going to be the ones who are the fall guys when it comes to explaining the increases in levies we should be in a position to have some control."

"As it stands now we are the ones who

have to pay but we're also the ones who have no control over where or how the money is being spent."

He rapped the Halton Board of Education for "overstepping its guidelines" and for "constantly taking a bigger bite out of the pie."

Councillor Ern Hyde suggested that the same 10 percent limit be placed on the region's request to the town for funding but later admitted that was "just a pipe dream."

Town councillors are planning to bring up the request for municipal limits on educational spending during a meeting with Premier Bill Davis and several Cabinet ministers, including provincial treasurer Darcy McKeough, scheduled for Hamilton later this month.

The mysterious Limehouse bust? See 3.

Campbell quits Ren.

Founder of the Halton Renaissance Committee, Rev. Ken Campbell, has resigned as chairman of Renaissance Ontario and Renaissance Canada which he organized about one year ago.

Robert N. Thompson, former leader of the Social Credit Party, MP for Red Deer, Alberta, for ten years and now a member of the Progressive Conservative Party has been named Rev. Campbell's successor as chairman of the Renaissance Canada.

A successor for chairman of Renaissance Ontario is expected to be named in the very near future.

Rev. Campbell's resignation came the same day the committee called for the resignation of Halton Board of Education trustees. The trustees were asked Friday to hand in their resignations for their continued support in what is described as a stonewalling motion of censure of the committee and Rev. Campbell.

Rev. Campbell's resignation and the new appointment were announced Friday at a

press conference held at the home of Oakville Councillor, Gord Reade, who took over the chairmanship of the Halton Renaissance Committee from Rev. Campbell last year.

The board unanimously endorsed the motion Dec. 11, rebuking Rev. Campbell and the committee for their criticism of Dr. John Meyers and the education program he is developing with the Hamilton and Halton boards, and the provincial ministry of education.

Councillor Reade challenged the validity of the education board's report, stating that no one had approached any committee members to get their statements.

Rev. Campbell organized Renaissance two years ago after he failed to get a satisfactory response from Halton Board of Education officials to his complaints about the appearance at his daughter's high school class of members of the "gay lib" movement. He has since conducted a strong campaign against the unresponsiveness of education officials and trustees to the wishes of parents

and taxpayers and against the liberal, permissive philosophy of some educators.

In announcing his resignation, Rev. Campbell stated his satisfaction with the achievements of Renaissance to date, and his feeling that its leadership is in responsible hands to carry it forward to its goals.

For his part, Rev. Campbell will return to devoting all his time to preaching the gospel as his contribution to improve society, he stated at a press conference Friday.

Thompson, who now lives in Fort Langley, B.C., is assistant to the president of Trinity Western College and president of his own consulting firm, Thompson Associates. He is also a director of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Rev. Campbell said that Mr. Thompson has followed the development of Renaissance closely since its inception and shares its objectives, particularly concerning equal government support for alternatives to the public school system.



Halton Hills first new citizen of '76!

OUR FIRST BABY FOR THE NEW YEAR. Georgetown's New Year's baby arrived a day late but nevertheless David Christopher Thomson has been honored as Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital's New Years child, David, who arrived at 12:26 p.m.

Friday weighing 10 lbs. 1 oz., is the first child for Christine and David Thomson of 94 Baylawn Crescent. Standing with Christine and David Jr. is Carol Pellart, a Registered Nursing Assistant at the hospital.

Quiet Christmas for town's smoke eaters

The Georgetown Fire Department were treated to a bit of a Christmas holiday this year. According to Georgetown's Chief Ken Bulkema, "the people treated us very well this Christmas."

"The people let us have our Christmas dinner and our New Year's dinner in peace," continued the Fire Chief.

However, despite the chief's optimistic

note on the holidays, he did point out that the number of fire incidents in the month of December increased slightly over the number of incidents in December of 1974. The chief did stress that this increase was slight.

When asked the reason for the somewhat quiet Christmas and New Years for the fire department, Chief Bulkema straightly answered, "people were more careful and that's all it takes."

At approximately noon on Tuesday, December 30 the Georgetown Fire Department took control of a blaze in the home of Allen Martin in Norval. Estimated damage to the home was set at \$1,000 with the cause of the fire being an overheated stove pipe which was located too close to combustible construction.

The department's second call for the day came about ten hours later when they were summoned to the 17 Sideroad at the Tenth Line where a vehicle was on fire. The empty car, which contained no engine, was parked along the side of the rural road.

On Monday, December 29, to begin the week for the fire department a small bush fire caused the men to head down to Beaver Street in Glen Williams. However, the small blaze was put out in no time. A malfunction in the fuel system is the believed cause of a car fire on Wednesday, December 31. The vehicle was parked in front of Zeller's Department Store in the Georgetown Market Plaza. Minor damage was caused to the car.

To start the New Year off in a busy fashion the department was called to Moultrie Crescent where a burned out furnace motor in one of the homes resulted in very minor damage.

For precautionary measures the fire department stood by at a home along the Sixth Line and 10 Sideroad (Ashgrove) to keep an eye on a fuel delivery truck which pumped 200 gallons of gasoline from a home tank. Apparently the household tank was filled with gasoline instead of oil and the fire department kept a close eye on things while the gasoline was taken out



Firefighter at the scene of Tuesday's fire near Norval

500kV line route changed

An Environmental Hearing Board report released Monday recommends to energy minister Dennis Timbrell that the portion of Hydro's proposed transmission line known as the Bradley to Georgetown Line be altered between Colbeck and Limehouse to preserve more prime agricultural land.

The report follows public hearings held last fall in Hillsburgh into Ontario Hydro's selection of possible routes for the 500 kV line. "The selection of a route between points 33 (near Colbeck) and 95 (Limehouse) was not an easy task for the board in view of the considerable amount of evidence presented at the public meeting which was directed towards moving the selected corridor away from the area between Colbeck and Limehouse entirely," the board reports in its evaluation to the minister.

"...there was no evidence other than that

given by Ontario Hydro which specifically supported any one of the alternatives A.B.C., D. or C-D. Citizens' comments at 10 recent construction or drawing attention to particular areas upon which a 500kV transmission line would have severe impact, did assist the board in its review of the area, however they did not favor any one alignment over another.

"Accordingly," the report continues, "the board undertook an extensive field survey, viewing the area in great detail both from the ground and the air to assess the impact of the various alternative routes and to select the best alternative."

The decision on an alternative route, the board comments, "will minimize the overall impact of a transmission line upon people, agriculture and the environment... Considerable emphasis is placed upon the ability to minimize environmental,

agricultural and social impact by the use of careful construction practices and tower siting. These considerations will determine the exact alignment of the transmission line."

The board recommends that "where ecologically sensitive areas are being crossed, the board... urges Ontario Hydro to consult with local conservation agencies and the ministries of environment and natural resources in developing the detailed plan for tower siting and construction."

In dealing with the problem of crossing prime agricultural land the board noted "it was concluded that the impact of a transmission line upon agricultural production affect any one individual's farm operation. Thus reducing the number of farming units traversed is of major importance in reducing the impact upon people."

Copies of the Environmental Hearing are being widely distributed in the Limehouse area.

"I want to receive comments on this report from the people in the area who are affected by the transmission line," Mr. Timbrell said.

"I have asked local residents to send me their comments before January 31, 1976 so that the government can take their views into consideration before a final decision is reached."

The energy minister added that no work will be done on the section of the transmission line between Colbeck and Limehouse until after that time.

Hydro has been given approval to begin work in the sections of the line between Bradley Junction and Colbeck and between Limehouse and the Milton transfer station.

Thieves hit Georgetown

A rash of break-ins have plagued Halton Regional Police Force over the past week. On Tuesday, December 29, six break-ins at local businesses were reported to police.

Spokesman for Georgetown Chrysler on Mountainview Rd. N. reported that thieves gained entry to their building by prying open a small window on the south side of the building. The suspects rifled a cash register and vending machines, taking an unknown amount of money. A vehicle belonging to the dealership, parked inside the garage, was also stolen.

By gaining entry through a bay door at McCallum Fina on 189 Guelph St. thieves got

away with an unknown amount of money taken from the cash register.

J's Texaco on 184 Guelph St. was also illegally entered by thieves breaking a window at the rear of the building. Four quarts of motor oil were stolen.

Hornby Garage in Hornby, reported that someone broke the rear door of the garage, smashed the window and a bolt locking the door. Money was taken from the cash register.

Central Auto Supply on 152 Guelph St. in Georgetown reports that entry was gained to the shop. Nothing was taken however it did appear that thieves did search for money.

Sport and Tack on 128 Guelph St. was saved from

possible burglary thanks to the safety bars placed on the rear window. Entry was attempted but was unsuccessful because of the bars.

The front door window of Roger's Shell on Guelph St. in Norval was smashed for another illegal entry. Nothing was stolen from the service station.

Muri Allison Equipment, Hwy. 7 in Halton Hills reported that entry had been gained to the premises by breaking a small hole in the pedestrian door. Thieves reached through the hole and unlocked the door. One snow machine was stolen from the premises.

A Georgetown resident reported to police that one English saddle, one halter and

two lead ropes had been removed from the barn at his residence. A juvenile later admitted to the theft.

On Wednesday, December 31 an unknown female called the police department and advised police that a car had blown up on the 17 Sideroad west of the 10th Line. Upon investigation the vehicle was found to contain no license plates, no hood and no engine and it is believed that fire was set by using gasoline. The matter is under investigation.

A vehicle was entered while parked on Mountainview Rd. N. were removed. Police are investigating a possible suspect.

The theft of 16 assorted 8-track stereo tapes was reported to police. A black case holding the tapes was also stolen from the car parked at

Halton Hills calls for return of the wolf bounty

An increasing problem with wolves since the bounty on them was removed two years ago has Halton Hills council now calling for reinstatement of the bounty by the province. After approving reimbursements of \$130 and \$250 to two area farmers—Chester Early

of Concession 10, the former Township of Esquesing and Russell Perry of Norval—for the loss of two sheep and four sheep respectively, council Monday night decided that these latest two losses warrant action.

"I don't know what kind of action we can take," commented Councillor Ern Hyde, "but we should be taking some kind of steps." Approvals for reimbursements for dead sheep have become a regular monthly event this past year for council.

The council also decided to request the region to support its call for the wolf bounty, but that did not sit well with Councillor Roy Booth who noted "wolves not controlled by farmers or hunters will control themselves."