

Oakville United Way to canvass local business

The United Way of Oakville will canvas businesses in Georgetown, Acton and Milton for the first time this year since some of the organizations it supports serve North Halton, UWO campaign manager Terry O'Connor says.

He said the purpose of expanding their fundraising drive into North Halton is "as much to gauge public opinion and reaction as to raise money."

Donations will be solicited from industries only this year; however, O'Connor predicted that if North Halton people are

responsive, door-to-door volunteers may canvas this part of the region in the future.

The 1976 target of the Oakville United Way is \$327,443.

Total campaign cost is \$8,000; \$4,000 is reserved for uncollectible pledges; and the annual budget for the Oakville United Way office is \$23,000. In addition, \$1,700 goes to the United Way of Canada and \$1,000 is reserved for special local projects.

The rest of the donations are divided up between 21 service organizations.

Regional services supported by the Oak-

ville United Way are: Family Service Bureau (\$79,000); Community Youth Programs (\$15,060); Halton Consumer Credit and Counselling Service (\$3,289); Halton Helping Hands (\$7,500); Grace House (\$8,000); Victorian Order of Nurses (\$1,000); Multiple Sclerosis Society (\$3,500).

Also subsidized by the Oakville United Way are provincial and national organizations, some which have local branch offices; Arthritis and Rheumatism Society (\$8,700); Canadian National Institute for the Blind (\$17,500); Employment and Welfare

Board for the Hearing Handicapped (\$357); the John Howard Society (\$320); March of Dimes (\$9,100).

Oakville branches of the following organizations are supported by the Oakville United Way: Oakville Big Brothers (\$10,000); Oakville Boy Scouts (\$8,000); Oakville St. John's Ambulance (\$6,600); Oakville Red Cross (\$34,078); Oakville Association for the Mentally Retarded (\$24,000); Mental Health-Oakville (\$5,250); YMCA-YWCA of Oakville (\$29,500); Oakville Social Planning Council (\$18,900).

An analysis of these figures shows that the majority of the money raised by Oakville United Way is used solely for Oakville services.

Including the \$1,000 set aside for local projects, the money given to Oakville groups by the Oakville United Way totals \$137,418. Regional services consume \$117,348 of the donations while national and provincial organizations get \$35,977.

O'Connor explained that the Oakville United Way holds annual budget meetings with the clubs they contribute to. The

organizations ask for money and justify the amount with explanations of projects and expenditures necessary for operation.

The United Way maintains that it is easier for people to donate to them, than to each of the charities they sponsor separately.

The person in charge of the North Halton branch of the Oakville United Way is Richard Chandler. Because he was out of town last week, he was unavailable for comment at press time.



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Complex delayed 'til '77

A controversial bylaw approving a \$600,000 addition to Halton Hills' municipal building has been dumped into the laps of the 1977 council.

Since the bylaw passed third reading June 29 by a single vote while two councillors who have said they would have voted against it were absent, it has been the object of petitions and criticism from all four wards in Halton Hills as well as within council itself.

Council wants to apply to the Ontario Municipal Board to do away with a plebiscite for approval of financing. Its adoption last week of a resolution postpones that application and at the same time circumvents the issue getting on the ballots in December.

Financing of the municipal addition was to be on the sale of about \$300,000 of town property with the balance on a 20 year debenture.

Coun. Ern Hyde proposed the resolution. Although the matter should have gone to the OMB, he said "we must have a reason for not sending it to the OMB and the reason may be in the treasurer's report."

"There could easily be quite a dramatic change in the treasurer's report because of the arena," Hyde said. Repairs to the Georgetown Memorial Arena, originally estimated at \$200,000 will be done for \$137,000.

NOT PASS THE BUCK

But Coun. Harry Levy, a consistent opponent of the addition on the grounds that the need for it has never been established, said: "Let us not pass the buck."

"We have a responsibility and duty to ourselves and the electorate to deal with the issue," Levy said.

Councillors George Matthy and Ric Morrow also said the need of the addition had never been proved.

Coun. Les Duby, a former mayor of Acton said: "We've all learned a lesson in the past two months. If we are going to have public participation we should go to a plebiscite."

In moving that the issue be taken up by the council following the December municipal elections, councillors asked that the treasurer prepare a report for that council.

In a recorded vote councillors Dick Howitt, Ric Morrow, Russ Miller, Ernie Sykes, Joe Hurst, Ern Hyde, George Matthy, Pat McKenzie, Les Duby, Roy Booth and Mayor Tom Hill approved the resolution. Coun. Harry Levy opposed it. Coun. Mike Armstrong was absent.

One month after council originally approved the bylaw, it received a petition of 1700 names more than protesting the proposed expenditure. Two weeks after receiving the petition, council decided to delay sending the bylaw to the OMB for approval.



GEE, I DID IT!

Youth Bowling Council league started Saturday at Georgetown Bowl. In this series of pictures, Pee Wee Bowler Jennifer Boyer,

4, bowling for the first time, wonders if her ball will make it, is elated when a pin is knocked down, then bowls another ball.

Regional police to expand into OPP coverage areas

Halton Regional Police Chief Ken Skerrett said the substitution of O.P.P. officers patrolling Halton with regional constables is a minor change.

"Halton County has gradually taken over more territory since regionalization, so we're not so bad off," Skerrett said adding, "maybe we're the luckiest of all."

Presently, he said only three O.P.P. officers patrol Halton—an area north of Milton extending to the eastern boundary, encompassing part of the old Esqueping township, with a population of 35,000 people. Skerrett estimated five additional Halton

regional policemen and possibly more cruisers would be needed to take over the responsibility of covering this area from the provincial police. The OPP will continue patrolling the highways.

"As far as Halton County is concerned, it's not a big thing," said Skerrett, pointing out that it would mean a major change for counties like Hamilton-Wentworth which have to add 50 or 60 men to their staff to replace OPP constables.

Skerrett feels the March 31 deadline is too soon for Hamilton-Wentworth, and other regions, which require a great increase in manpower, to change over to the new system.

He added there would be no problem for Halton to prepare for the switchover during the allotted six and a half month period.

Halton Hills to handle water bills

Finance committee Monday agreed to allow water consumers in Acton to pay bills at the town's satellite office without charge.

The move follows an outcry by some Acton residents which resulted in a petition of more than 1,000 signatures protesting the action taken this month by regional council.

Last week Coun. Ernie Sykes sought and received commitments from Regional Director of Public Works Robert Moore that consideration would be given to re-opening the office in Acton contingent upon the action taken by Halton Hills council.

H.H. (Bert) Hinton last week appeared before town council to protest the office closing and the requirement to pay bills either at local banks, with an administration charge, by mail or by travelling to Georgetown.

Council gave assurances at that time that it would seek to rectify the matter.



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YOUR MORNING SMILE

Highbrow: A fellow who can listen to the "William Tell Overture" without thinking of the Lone Ranger.

Council to seek assistance for arena Wintario grant

Mayor Tom Hill and members of council will go "cap in hand" to the public seeking financial assistance for \$137,800 renovations to the Georgetown Memorial Arena.

Council last week authorized the mayor to form a committee to meet with local service and community groups seeking assistance after it was explained that recently amended provisions of Wintario grants could benefit the municipality.

Ontario Labor Minister Betty Stephenson last week announced additional Wintario assistance to communities where arenas were closed this year because of revised safety standards.

Georgetown Memorial Arena, one of several across the province, closed its doors in February when an engineering report showed it required extensive structural steel repairs to the roof, first and second floor levels and the main entrance area.

Treasurer Ray King explained that

Halton Hills could receive up to 75 per cent of the cost of renovation through Wintario and the Ontario Community Centres Act.

MATCHING GRANTS

The relaxed requirements for Wintario funding call for \$2 to \$1 matching funds for those arena renovations projects created by safety inspection closures. Normally Wintario provides only \$1 match grants.

Wintario, Mr. King said, could supply up to 50 per cent of the project costs while the remaining 25 per cent grant would come from the Community Centres Act.

He said that "if \$40,000 was raised there is a possibility of financing the cost of the renovations free of charge to the municipality" by using the Wintario funding formula. He added that such a formula would free the approved financing of the project which now includes use of reserve and lot levies funds as well as \$50,000 from the 1976 operating budget.

Coun. Ern Hyde commented that "it would be better to go cap in hand to service clubs whether we raised \$30,000 or \$40,000 because it will bring money out of Wintario."

But Coun. Ernie Sykes urged that any public subscription not rely solely on service and community groups. It is, he said, "public and individual participation in the project" which counts.

People who use "the arenas and the recreation programs should be encouraged to share in this," he said.

INSULATION

Coun. Sykes, who proposed the committee be formed, said that should \$32,000 be raised, publicly it would enable the municipality not only to renovate the existing structure, but to finance the insulation of the building's roof.

Council earlier had referred the question of the insulation to the treasurer for comment since the proposal was not contained within the contract for the reconstruction of the arena.

Cost of insulating the roof is about \$31,000 which would extend the annual ice time by four to five weeks and provide more comfort for spectators using the arena, facilities superintendent Pat Sheehan said. Insulation would also reduce condensation within the building.

Mr. Sheehan said it was his suggestion that the insulation be carried out at this time and argued, "It is a plea to save money in the future" when money becomes tighter than it is today.

SUGGESTION TURNED DOWN

Coun. Joe Hurst came up with what could have been council's salvation in seeking Wintario grant assistance for renovations to the Georgetown Memorial Arena. He proposed everyone get a raise.

But council failed to act on his suggestion that all council members salaries be increased by \$3,300 between now and the end of the year to allow councillors to donate the increased salary as private citizens.

Treasurer Ray King said earlier that municipal funds are ineligible under Wintario grant formulas, but private donations and pledges by service groups are.

Under recently changed guidelines for assistance to those communities which were forced to close unsafe arenas this year Wintario is providing \$2 for each \$1 raised publicly.

Cost of the renovations to the Georgetown arena is \$137,800 and under the formula, Coun. Hurst's suggestion would raise \$6,600 in Wintario grants.

Meanwhile Coun. Les Duby moaned the closing of several Ontario arenas by saying that while Ontario Labor Minister Betty Stephenson says her ministry did not close them, "they sure as hell are going through the right motions to cause municipalities to do that."

HOLD FOR 1977

Coun. Ern Hyde said the proposal for insulation of the building could be held over until the recreation department could include the cost in its 1977 maintenance budget.

Council later approved a contingency fund of \$12,195 for the renovation project to cover any unforeseen repairs discovered while completing the memorial arena reconstruction.

A further approval of \$4,518 for cost of removing and installing new floors and \$65.52 for the splicing of beams.

Dickie Construction Ltd. of Toronto was awarded the tender on the project last month. Completion of the renovations is expected by the end of November with an opening of the structure by Jan. 1, 1977.



FOUR LUCKY WINNERS

Four lucky visitors to the Georgetown Rug Hooking Guild's exhibit at Knox Presbyterian Church Friday took home hand-made rug prizes. The first prize, a hand-hooked rug, was won by M.E. Van Cleas of Lucinda Place, Georgetown.

Door prizes included a hand-hooked tea cozy, awarded to Mrs. J. Slater of

Limehouse; a sculptured mushroom, won by Bev Land of Brampton; and a hand-hooked poodle, given to Marg Silvego of Acton. Rug Hooking Guild President Betty Daniel stands beside a 34 by 54 inch rug made by some of Georgetown's best hookers, according to the sign she holds.

Second try for Site F drilling

A second attempt will be made to begin stage two hydrogeological drilling on the proposed waste disposal area at Site F.

The works committee last week approved a recommendation despite objection from Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur who argued that the motion was premature.

"This is contrary to what regional council has said," she said. "It (council) is not prepared to support this before they have the reports on Sites A and H."

Site A report was tabled two weeks ago but the extension of the existing Burlington landfill site was found to be too expensive. The five year life of the site would cost as much as and probably exceed \$1 million.

As well, operating costs were high, land costs for the proposed 200 acre extension were suggested at \$15,000 per acre because of the clay content of the land and a leachate drainage system must be connected to a sewer system for treatment.

SITE H REPORT

M. M. Dillon, consulting engineers who have been conducting various landfill studies for the municipality will present a report on the feasibility of Site H at the regional council meeting today (Wednesday).

Mrs. MacArthur argued against the use of the Site H which is located west of urban Milton on a former brick yard.

A previous resolution approving the \$19,000 study was defeated by council June 2. Works committee also approved a \$2,800 conceptual design study for Site F.

It is uncertain what the fate of the recommendation will be when it is placed before council for ratification.

Wallace Wells, senior environmental engineer for M.M. Dillon said that any opposition by residents of the area to allowing drilling crews onto private property can be overcome by drilling on road allowances and private utility right-of-ways such as Ontario Hydro and railway lines.