

Lower standards studied for federal housing grant

Planning board members discussed Tuesday lowering building standards to qualify the municipality to collect \$1,000 from the federal government for every new housing unit built.

Town planner Mario Venditti said the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has established "an incentive grant program aimed at providing affordable accommodations." CMHC will give money to any municipality which grants a building permit to a developer who conforms with CMHC standards.

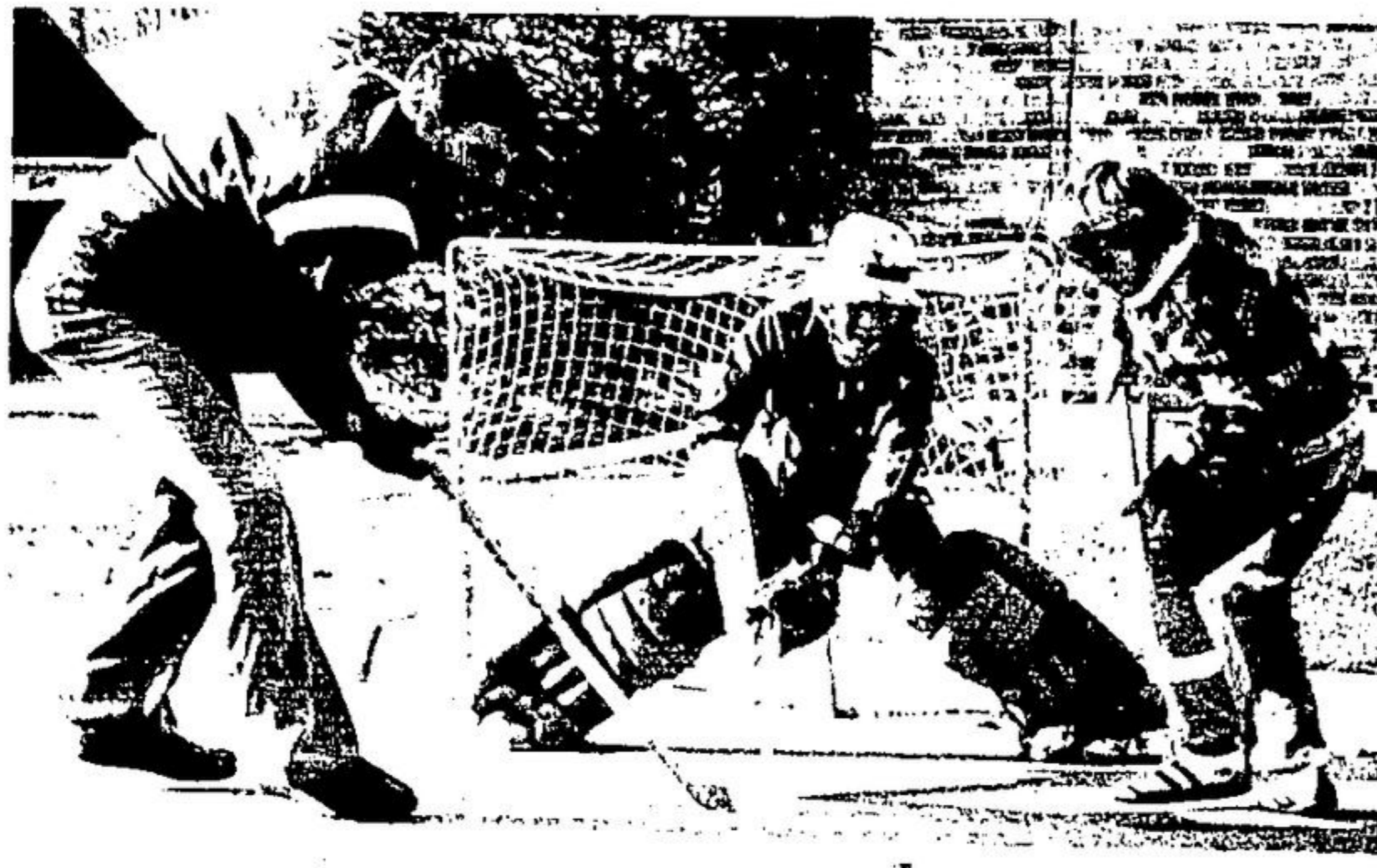
Following the preparation of a report on standard variations by Mr. Venditti, planning board will consider participating in the CMHC program.

However, there are discrepancies between the two sets of standards. Halton Hills demands one bedroom apartments to be 800 to 900 square feet, while CMHC is satisfied with 600 square feet for a one bedroom and 800 square feet for a two bedroom.

Coun. Russ Miller, pointing out that "CMHC standards do not conform to local zoning and building permit rules," wondered if town standards are too high.

Also in doubt, Coun. Les Dudy asked if CMHC standards are adequate.

Mr. Venditti reminded planning board that money received by participating in the CMHC project could be used to service roads, maintain municipal facilities and the like.



IT MUST BE FALL

Road hockey has returned to the streets of Georgetown as aspiring hockey stars and those just looking for a good time get in a little more time sharpening their hockey skills. Pictured above are (from left to right) Ross Elliott, goalie Bruce Keatner, who certainly has the bottom corners well covered and Greg Law.

Discipline expectations to control inflation: MP

Consumers must "discipline their expectations to combat inflation and the present economic recession," Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook says.

In a text prepared as a reply to the recent Throne Speech, but never delivered to the House of Commons, Mr. Philbrook said Canadians must "reassess our practices and work together in good faith."

He said gradual change may be the key to combating both economic recession and inflation, but adds that people tend to think of both as separate elements. Previous government experience in dealing with these factors has never dealt with both at the same time.

"There is no doubt that Canada's inflation rate has dropped dramatically in the past year since our own brand and timing of controls were introduced," he said.

While some Canadians are reluctant to give credit to the federal anti-inflation program for the decrease in inflation, "if it is a coincidence, it is a remarkable one."

Dr. Philbrook said the unemployment rate has not

dropped much in the past year, but then it has not worsened either.

Capital investment in Canada will continue strong because such investments are made on the basis of long-term commitments and "it is difficult to imagine wise investors sinking money into a country that did not tackle its number one problem of inflation with the determination that Canada has."

Foreign trade may have been lost by Canada through inability in world markets to compete and lack of individual productivity Dr. Philbrook believes that temptations to be less productive may be evident, but that "we still have what it takes to be competitive."

"All Canadians," he said, "businessmen, laborers, government workers and citizens can make Canada both a force and a hope by pulling together."

Unemployment is "unacceptably too high," Dr. Philbrook said, "and it is as high as predicted by some sources."

"Our lost time through strikes, lockouts, illness and personal problems such as alcoholism is still a major concern," he said. "Unfortunately certain groups bear

Police and Children's Aid opt out of regional HQ

Halton Region Children's Aid Society and regional police will not have facilities in the proposed regional headquarters building.

Administration committee chairman David Coons made the announcement at a meeting last week saying he'd been told the proposals for inclusion of the two agencies is too expensive.

Halton Region is preparing architectural plans for the construction of the headquarters at the junction of the Queen Elizabeth Way and Fronte Road.

Mr. Coons suggested that two of three agencies involved

are not in a position to proceed with construction, and in view of the capital required, that the region continue with the program leaving those agencies out.

The design of the new building would be modular allowing for a future expansion of the headquarters if any group changes its decisions.

Halton Coun. Jim Watson, however, said that a major point in seeking a headquarters was the unification of all regional services and the decisions by the CAS and the police defeat that purpose.

He condemned Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett for recommending the police not take part in the building program. "Maybe he could explain why?" Mr. Watson asked.

"I sure could," Mayor

Barrett replied. "The reason was \$1 million."

Mr. Watson said he couldn't serve on the building committee when the region is split on the issue adding that if "we go ahead, it is Mickey Mouse."

When Mr. Coons said that he had reservations about keeping the total cost of the headquarters at \$1.4 million his comment brought a charge of influencing a council decision from Oakville Coun. Carl Erikson.

"That's a ridiculous statement to make," Mr. Erikson said noting that more than \$2 million is in the bank and budgeted for the project.

He said it is unfortunate, to "screw" the matter up at this point by making it an election issue. Mr. Erikson said he does not see the project running over budget.

Region debates report disclosure on PUCs

Any recommendations contained in the long-awaited Lamb Report on restructuring of public utility commissions in Halton may never be implemented.

Regional council is expected to debate today a proposal for provincial advice on how to restructure the commissions. The recommendation comes from administration committee.

Oakville Coun. Carl Erikson proposed the action saying the report should be released publicly. One month ago the committee urged the PUCs to take similar action but nothing has occurred.

"I have told the press," Mr. Erikson said, "that if the PUCs don't release the report I will."

He said a suggestion from the province to study the matter had been rejected by council earlier in favor of the local study.

Mr. Erikson said council was led to believe that the report was designed to help make a decision on the future of the PUCs, "and that is why we turned down the offer of a restructuring committee (from the province) to make a formal report."

Board seeks meeting with PTA on policy

Before the Halton board of education issues a policy statement on the use of community schools by Home and School Associations, parent advisory councils or similar groups, it will ask for input from those organizations.

At Wednesday's meeting the board agreed to send a draft copy of the statement to different groups. The board hopes to make its policy decisions by Dec. 15 but may hold over until the new year.

Recognizing that community and parent groups need to become more familiar with school programs and philosophy make better use of the school facilities and resources and to promote two-way communication, the board's proposed policy is to encourage the principal to promote community groups.

The community council will be accountable to the principal but responsible for raising its own funds.

There may be times when the school is used more than the principal wishes. Emerson Lavender, director of education told the board, "but that comes with the territory."

The policy statement

originally called for by trustee Ernie Bodnar, was designed not to infringe on any present arrangement between schools and municipal agencies such as recreation departments, Lavender said.

Confidently cast your cares to God, clergyman says

By REV. TOM BRELSFORD, Mountinview Baptist Church.

How often have you had nights when you simply could not sleep? Nights when you have tossed and turned, awake until the wee hours, sleeping fitfully if at all. How strange that things we shrug off in daylight and refuse to allow to bother us become monsters that plague our minds when we're trying to sleep. Our problems loom larger when the house goes still and dark, and our imaginations concoct word and wild ideas and we become anxious, fearful and fretful. The really burning question many people have is: How can I lie down at night and sleep? Many of us can lie down easily enough, but our minds and imaginations control us so greatly that we simply cannot sleep.

That's one reason why I'm continually impressed by these words of the psalmist, David, in the third psalm, "I laid me down and slept. I awakened, for the Lord sustained me." What was David's secret? How was he able to move from the terrors of the night to the joys of the morning? He was writing at a time when all of life was on the verge of collapsing

around him. His son had started a rebellion against him, and this king of Israel was forced to flee for his life, complaining to God, "how are they increased that trouble me?" While we aren't in quite the same situation, in that few of us are kings facing insurrection, still it seems there are times when our troubles increase and we just don't know how to handle them any more. It's at these points that we need to understand David's secret, for when his problems were greatest, he could even then know the blessing of trouble sleeping when our circumstances are favourable. The problem always arises three days before the mortgage payment is due, as your child's temperature rises to 102, the day after Aunt Fannie called to tell you she's arriving next week to stay for two months, and is bringing that horrible cat that always marks the furniture and upsets your dog, which is expecting any day now, and which has also just chewed up the research papers your son has spent four weeks working on, while that son has just wasted his morning trying to fix an unfixable dishwasher for you, and what will he say when he sees what the dog has done, and so on. It's as these things pile up that we begin to think we just can't go on, and we spend our nights tossing and turning. How come David could?

David saw in God the answer to his difficulties. "But then, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head." As great as his problems were, David had a shield that protected him from all his fears and from all his enemies. As Paul said, "God will not

allow you to be tempted above what you are able, and will, with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it." And then, as great as his problems were, David knew that God was his glory. As great a lord as he was, as great a king as he was, as great as his armies were, David took no glory in them, but only in God. Before he became king of Israel, not even his father thought very much of him. But God, did, and gave him a glory greater than any other king of Israel. Part of our problem is that we tend to glory in the wrong things, in our riches, or our education, or our ability to go it alone, or our position, or breeding, or looks, and appearance, and these things give no relief when our troubles pile up. David gloried in God and slept. But not only that David had no need to continue walking around with his head down, inquiring about all his troubles, for God was "the lifter-up" of his head. A defeated, dejected, depressed person, who has spent the night awake, often can see only his own shadows, unable as he is to lift his head. That's the way David should have looked. But when he awakened, his head was held high. His problems hadn't disappeared. In answering his prayer, God hadn't removed the difficulties. The enemies hadn't walked away while David slept. But David had renewed strength and courage, and could face the circumstances that enveloped him. That's a good secret to know, the next night we're tossing and turning, isn't it? That we can confidently cast our cares on God.

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Efforts continue

Efforts are continuing by members of the Save Duntar Committee to collect data on the closing of the Duntar Fine Papers operation in Georgetown.

The committee are deeply concerned about finding employment for Duntar employees," the groups says in a prepared statement issued Monday.

"The job situation in Halton could be extremely serious this winter," it said, "already layoffs have taken place in other local industries."

Approaches have been made to Frankel Steel of Milton which is expanding operations, but no commitment has been reached with the company.

Bill Johnson, committee chairman, says the Frankel Steel operation may require skilled people and will not be fully operational before late 1977.

The committee has approached several other industries including one involved in the fine papers industry, but no further commitments have been made.

Halton Hills "desperately needs" an industrial commission to attract industry to this area, the committee feels. Meanwhile a telephone and secretary to handle inquiries. The new telephone number is 877-2929.

Royal winners

Patricia Burke of Samson Farms, Hornby, mounted on her horse Make Way, took two honours in the Royal Winter Fair's horse show Thursday.

She placed fourth in both the hunter pony class, over 13 hands, and the "Crang" challenge trophy pony hunter stake.

In the children's pony competition for mares or geldings, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wilcox of Pen-Y-Lane Farm near Hornby came first with Heather Bosshire.

Callaway's Little Lady, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Don Heath of Hornby placed fourth in the same division.

WORKSHOP PLANNED

A general workshop for Canadian Red Cross Society volunteers and other interested persons is tentatively scheduled for sometime in April, 1977, possibly in April, Georgetown and district branch of the Red Cross reports.

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