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## Landfill site accident nearly fatal

"A Ward 2 resident was damn near killed," at Georgetown's Armstrong Avenue landfill site Friday, according to Coun. George Malby.

Town works committee wants the region which operates the facility to take steps to prevent any similar occurrences in the future.

Coun. Malby explained that the Esquimes resident had driven his car into the dump area Friday afternoon when a bulldozer being operated nearby backed into the vehicle and pushed it 30 feet down an embankment.

The motorist still in the car at the time, escaped uninjured, but was told bluntly by the bulldozer operator that he shouldn't have even been there.

The committee further requested the region place a portable container near the dump entrance so that citizens can unload refuse without driving into the dump areas where landfill work is underway.

In a resolution which was forwarded to the region, the committee asked for an explanation of a sign posted at the dump entrance advising visitors to "Enter at their own risk".

Coun. Malby criticized the region for what he called its "blatant, ignorant attitude" toward its responsibilities in the accident.

He said he had been told that similar accidents have occurred in the past at the dump.

### TOWN OFFICES

## Public exposed to unsafe conditions

The public is exposed to dangerous conditions when anyone enters the works department yard, town engineer Robert Austin told finance-administration committee Monday.

Speaking on a report of the office requirements of the town's department's, Mr. Austin said that besides the danger to the public, some town buildings are below provincial standards and others too cramped for efficient work.

The danger to the public exists when any member has to visit the works department or the building inspector in the last two bays of the works garage behind the municipal office on Trafalgar Road, he said.

The results could have been, but were not, disastrous.

And working conditions in the two bays at the end of the works garage are "psychologically depressing," he said, citing that temperatures in the windowless area cannot be raised to 20 degrees Celsius in the winter, other offices on some days are only 10 degrees; the sound of equipment moving in and out of the garage penetrates the walls and "we find we are trying to justify to the public the reasons for being here and it is, to say the least, very embarrassing."

He said that there is no storage space for engineering records nor a board room to meet with developers, consultants or the public on engineering or building items.

He called for serious consideration to constructing an addition to the administration building to increase efficiency between department heads and staff.

Treasurer Ray King, brought to light in his report where the town is contravening two sections of the Industrial Safety Act.

Reporting on the finance department, he said at 36 Main St. S. Georgetown, where a 13 women, five man staff plus two fire department members are employed. The Act specifies that if there are more than nine female employees, two ladies washrooms with toilets and washbasins are required. There is only one.

Another section of the Act requires that where there are more than 10 females, a room or other space affording reasonable privacy and equipped with one or more cots and chairs must be provided, unless such facilities are provided at a first aid station. The town has no such room at present, he said.

Besides inadequate storage space for records and supplies, the finance department has no suitable room where auditors can review account books. Auditor's currently work in one half of a staff lunch room, itself a former board room.

If Area 2 Fire Chief Ken Buikema could be transferred out of the 270-square foot fire department occupies to the Maple Avenue fire station, thus allowing a lunch room and a lounge-sick room and if approximately \$17,500 was spent to correct heating, wiring, plumbing, the roof and

There are 250 traffic movements per day of municipal equipment and 4,000 vehicles per day using Trafalgar Road, he said.

"From a safety point of view, it is most important to separate these works vehicles from any private vehicles on the municipal property," the engineers report states. However, a separate entrance along the south border of the town property for town vehicles "... would not alleviate this situation as long as private vehicles travel to the engineering and building inspection offices at the west end of the property."

"Further," his report states, "we have had occasion where a child, whose parents were in the building department, was playing under a grader while the grader was running and

## Council pay hike soon?

Halton Hills councillors are expected to tackle the touchy subject of whether to give themselves and Mayor Tom Hill a 10 per cent raise in salary at a budget meeting, Feb. 22.

The sensitive issue surfaced Monday in finance and administration committee which unanimously moved that it be forwarded to council, but not after some opposition to the

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MR. AND MRS. DONALD WINDMILL

## FIRST BAHAI' COUPLE WED IN HALTON HILLS

By FRANK NIBLOCK

With the words "We will, verily, abide by the Will of God", Donald Frederick Windmill, 31, and Sherry Lee Emmerson, 18 became man and wife at the first Baha'i wedding to take place in Halton Hills.

The Baha'i service took place at Don and Sherry's new home in Acton on Saturday. A small group of family and friends attended the service.

The Baha'i wedding service differs from conventional wedding ceremonies in a number of different ways. Instead of a minister officiating the service, a Baha'i chairman hears the couple's vows.

The Halton Hills district has not yet been incorporated by the government and so its chairman was unable to perform the ceremony. Sherwood Moore, chairman of the Oakville Baha'i assembly married the couple.

Sherry and Don planned and wrote most of their own ceremony. The Baha'i faith states that the only words that must be said by the couple are: "We will all, verily, abide by the Will of God." Their service included readings from Kahlil Gibran's "The Prophet", selected readings from the Baha'i Tablet and a closing prayer read by

Sherry's grandmother, Mrs. Lena Emmerson of Georgetown.

The couple is also required to sign two marriage certificates, the usual government one, plus a Baha'i certificate. Before Sherry and Don were able to marry they had to get written consent from their parents, Leslie and Florence Windmill of Oakville and also from Sherry's parents, Grant and Joan Emmerson of Georgetown.

Don who is not a Baha'i explained that they had intended to have two ceremonies, a Baha'i one and one at a church, but that the minister would not agree to marry them unless they promised to join his church. Don said that they did not wish to join the church and decided on just the Baha'i service.

After the reception at their home Sherry and Don left for a week-long honeymoon in this area. When they return Don will return to his job at Morris Transport in Oakville and Sherry will return to school at General Wolfe high school, also in Oakville.

Mrs. Niblock is a Georgetown resident currently enrolled in a journalism course at Sheridan College.

## Crazy boat race returns after one year absence

This spring will see the return of the Crazy Boat Race on the Credit River following a one year absence.

The return of the annual event was announced Monday by sponsors the Georgetown Jaycees. Emphasis this year will be on safety and fun for a shortened course of five miles.

An annual kick-off for spring the Crazy Boat Race was cancelled last year for safety and pollution problems, a club spokesman said. This year the 10th annual event will take place April 2.

The Jaycees have planned a "grander affair" this year by

seeking competition between area and local service clubs and the media.

With the race starting at Terra Cotta on the Credit River at 12:30 pm it will provide to be an afternoon of wet fun.

Crazy Boat Race Chairman Ted Barrow has organized Safety and Clean Up committees to look after participants and their craft.

Pennant planting and new obstacles will be added to the shorter, safer course.

Mayor Tom Hill has consented to act as honorary judge. Crazy craft, kayaks, rubber craft, one- and two-man canoes are open for competition. Prizes and trophies will be awarded for each category at a "Victory Dance" following the race.

Dance chairman Dale Thibideau has arranged the (River) Way Jay Club in Norval to host the dance.

"Rocking Horse" will be the dance band for this big occasion. Everyone is welcome and tickets can be reserved by calling 877-3855 or at the door.

Entry forms for the race may be obtained by calling 877-1714.

Be sure to witness the launching of the Credit Belle.

A portion of the proceeds will be for the Georgetown Memorial Arena Fund.

For more information on this contact Ted Barrow at 877-9151 or Larry Nichols at 877-6080.

## Man criticizes arrogant attitude

A Glen Williams resident Monday criticized the town works department for a "smug, superior, non-communicative and negative" attitude which displayed last week when he requested its assistance in solving a flooding problem on his property.

Richard Nowina complained to the works committee that the measures which the department implemented last fall to prevent the flooding have been unsuccessful. He claimed that his appeals for help to the department over the past weekend resulted in an inadequate and "frustrating" response.

Town engineer Bob Austin was requested by the committee to investigate the current situation and report back Feb.

28. He agreed to have his department monitor and, if necessary, to divert the water run-off which is finding its way into Mr. Nowina's basement.

Mr. Nowina explained that the water from thawing snow has again begun to seep into his well and into the basement of his home near the corner of Main and Prince Street. The water descends from an adjacent hill and makes its way, along a swale which the works department constructed last October following the owner's initial complaints.

Mr. Nowina said the department has not lived up to its promise to keep the drainage ditch free of snow. Works superintendent Frank Morette

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## ULTIMATELY NORTH HALTON

# United Way study sees two campaigns

A two-region concept of United Appeal fundraising has received limited support for Halton and Hamilton-Wentworth Regions.

The suggestion is contained in a report of United Appeal boundaries which also suggests "ultimately" expansion should take place into North Halton.

"The communities in North Halton may be recognizing the desirability and the inevitability of a United Way but they need assurance that their sense of local identity and their ability to support existing services would not be jeopardized," the report states.

Over the long-term expansion into North Halton would only be successful with the support of the local communities the report adds.

United Appeal officials instituted the report after it was found that Hamilton-Wentworth-Burlington was split into two regional areas with similar organizations offering the same service but in two different jurisdictions.

The officials also expressed concern over mobility of residents which resulted in people working in one municipality and living in another and concern over donations taken through payroll deduction which may be made to organizations which do not operate where they live.

The report, a 70-page document released after nine months of study also proposes no action be taken to expand the present UW services in Oakville and Burlington until extensive discussions are held with non-member agencies in North Halton.

Volunteer agencies in North Halton last year rebuffed an attempt by the Oakville United Way to canvass Georgetown and district industry for financial support.

North Halton representative Terry Baines said the report recognizes that "ultimately" the United Appeal will expand into North Halton to provide funding for local services now sponsored by annual individual canvasses or through service clubs.

The report recommends that the existing Hamilton-Wentworth-Burlington United Appeal continue, making only such changes as the two bodies agree.

The committee reviewed four possible alternatives:

- the system currently existing, Hamilton and Oakville United Ways;
- three United Appeals: Oakville, Burlington and Hamilton-Wentworth;
- two United Appeals: Halton and Hamilton-Wentworth.

—one federated UW organization covering Halton and Hamilton-Wentworth and Burlington.

"Agencies in both Oakville and Burlington are sensitive to the problems of North Halton, but funding problems, and the consequent lack of resources, prevent them from providing effective assistance," the report states.

Four agencies in Halton; the Victorian Order of Nurses; Multiple Sclerosis; Halton Helping Hands and Halton Consumer Credit Counselling Service; have extended regional services while several other organizations have indicated.

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## Acclamation for Serjeantson, Ward 4 election cancelled

Marilyn Serjeantson has been acclaimed councillor in Ward 4 following the close of nominations for a March 7 by-election in which she was the only registered candidate.

The acclamation Monday followed the late afternoon withdrawal of announced candidate Harry Levy who cited business pressures during the next month which made campaigning difficult.

"This is just like I won a poker pot," Mrs. Serjeantson commented, "I was two hours after non-nominations closed that she had won the pot." "I'm

glad I don't have to fight another election."

The question of a by-election in Halton Hills since council announced the move immediately, following the election of former regional Coun. Ric Morrow as Halton Region chairman.

Council appointed Ward 4 Coun. Mike Armstrong to succeed Mr. Morrow as regional representative and then called the election for a vacant town councillor. The election is a by-election as two previous elections made by the for-



MARILYN SERJEANTSON mer Halton Hills council when members have died.

The action also resulted in a charge of discrimination by Mrs. Serjeantson since she would have been the logical successor in Ward 4 based on the previous precedents. Mrs. Serjeantson ran third in a four-man race Dec. 6 losing to Mr. Armstrong and Coun. Peter Morris.

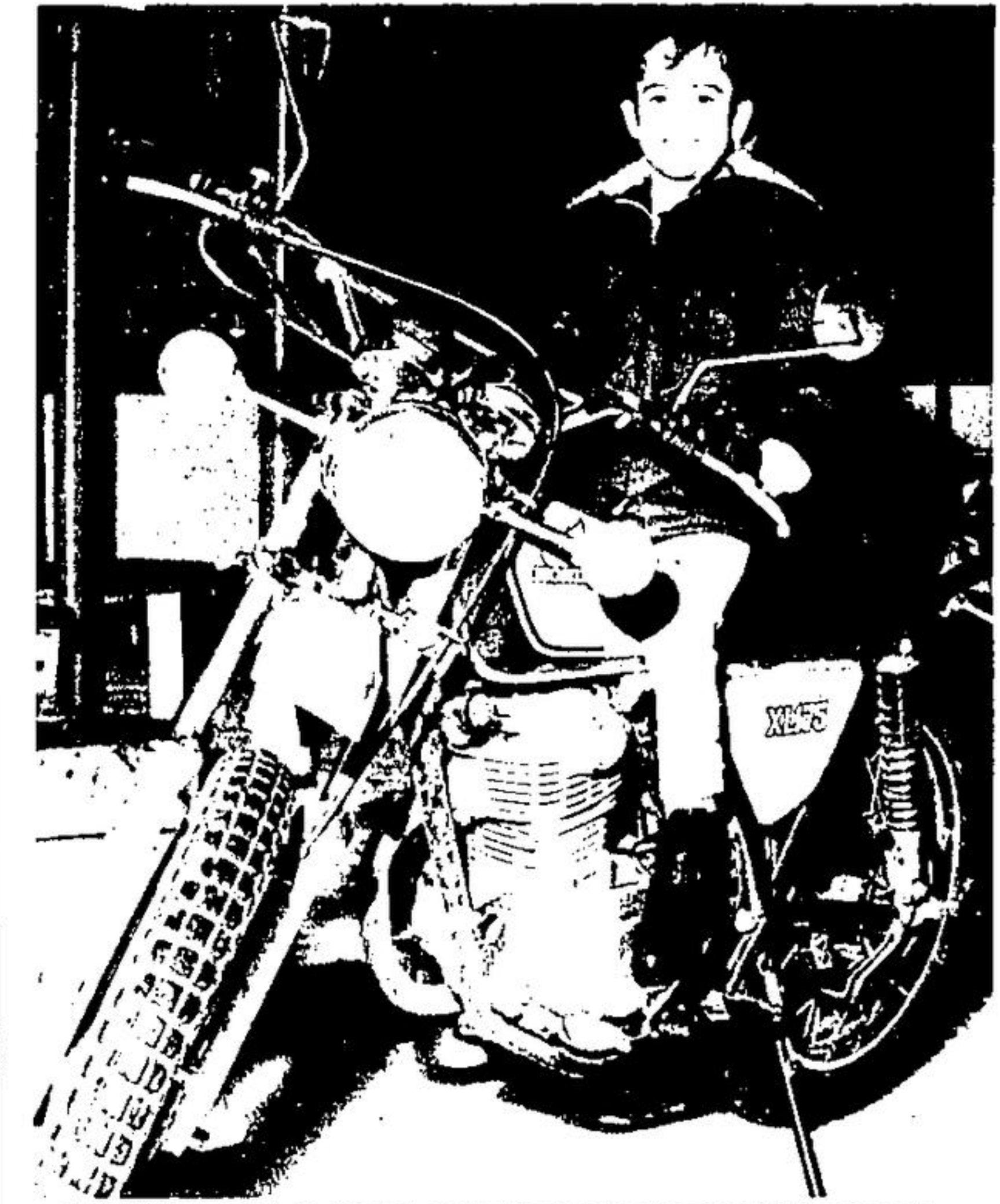
Administrator-clerk Doug Pritchard said Monday Mrs. Serjeantson will likely be sworn into office at council's next regular meeting Monday.

## Nine men suspected in Abitibi mischief

Nine men, each terminating employment at Abitibi Provincial Paper as a result of a cutback of staff announced last fall, are believed connected with an undetermined amount of damage resulting from mischief, police said Monday.

Police said company officials reported a valve on a clay machine was opened Friday pouring the substance over a floor. Also reported was oil poured into a vat used in the coating process of papers treated at the plant; glue poured onto a vacuum table, and a fluorescent lamp smashed.

Warned more than a month ago of impending lay-off, the men were officially notified of the lay-off Friday.



**CAUGHT!**

Halton Regional Police captured two men and a woman following a robbery of about \$200 from a Mac's Milk store at Moore Park Plaza Monday.

The robbery occurred at about 10:30 p.m. and the suspects were captured less than five minutes later on a rural road in Halton Hills, Police Superintendent Floyd Schwartz said Tuesday.

Police recovered between \$170 and \$200, he said.

No violence or weapons were used in the robbery, Supt. Schwartz said. The robbers used threats to get the money, he said.

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# Record number of frozen, broken water services

Extreme cold temperatures and heavier than average snowfall this year have caused more than 500 watermain breaks and frozen services in Halton.

Regional works crews, sometimes employing water purification plant and sewage treatment plant personnel, were forced to work around the clock in some cases to restore

services.

"Low temperatures, combined with a lack of a January thaw, has affected our waterworks throughout the region," operations manager Don Morrier said, adding that he can't place a cost estimate on the work for at least another week.

Some members of the works committee speculate the cost

could run as high as \$200,000.

Worst hit of the four municipalities is Oakville which recorded 40 watermain breaks since the new year. Last year the municipality had 118. As well, Oakville had 116 frozen services.

Burlington came second with 28 watermain breaks and 201 frozen services. The city had 54 watermain breaks

during all of 1976.

**FIRE RESULTS**

Halton Hills has experienced 15 watermain breaks compared to 35 for all of last year and reported 105 frozen services, one of which is also reported to have caused a minor electrical fire in a Georgetown home last week.

Milton fared well despite

the cold temperatures reporting nine watermain breaks, one short of the total for 1976, and only 15 frozen services.

Frost penetration as deep as five feet is causing the breaks, and may necessitate major construction to lower water and sewer lines to prevent recurrence of the problems, Burlington Coun. Vern Connell

said.

If the present trend continues, Mr. Morrier said the total for 1977 would far exceed the totals for 1976. Most of the breaks occur at night or on weekends.

"In a single weekend, in January, we experienced a total of 16 watermain breaks throughout the region," he said. "At the same time this

year, our forces had to cope with 437 frozen services in a five-week period, compared to about 20 in all 1976."

The abnormal number of problems has necessitated the shifting of crews from Burlington and Milton into Oakville. "I believe our forces performed admirably well under very severe working conditions in an effort to

restore service."

Priorities on repair were placed on "assurance of fire protection and private residences occupied by elderly or families with small children," Mr. Morrier added.

The backlog of frozen services is almost nil, he told the committee, and in most cases at least temporary water services have been made

available.

"The response from the public . . . has been quite understanding and patient, and it would be appreciated if they could bear with us for a while longer," Mr. Morrier added.

He said its predicted southern Ontario may get some form of new meteorological record this winter.