

The year in retrospect

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regional treasurer Don Farmer says.

Council approves a \$7 million five-year capital forecast including a \$778,000 allocation for expansion of town offices sometime in 1978. Council also delays for two weeks second and third reading of a bylaw to allow a 10 per cent increase in pay for councillors and the mayor.

Divisional court overrules the application by the Interested Citizens Group for introduction of alternative routings evidence at expropriation

hearings in Acton for the Bradley-to-Georgetown hydro corridor. The ICG plans to appeal the decision.

High school students in Halton Hills report finding summer jobs difficult and according to some "hopeless."

Council investigates a proposal for the Georgetown branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society to rent space at the recently vacated Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance building on James Street.

No major problems occur as

the ice breaks up on the Credit River. Credit Valley Conservation Authority officials monitor the river particularly at Churchville and Glen Williams where ice jams usually occur.

Council and library board are to meet to discuss the fate of the proposed \$875,000 library for Cedarvale Park. Controversy has been mounting about the project over cost and location of the library.

Department heads recommend to finance committee that Jan. 1, 1979 be a target date for construction of additional office space at the Trafalgar Road municipal building. Also included in the report are suggestions for short-term solutions to problems revealed in an earlier report which showed cramped quarters for some departments and exposure of the public to truck traffic at the offices.

Council also refuses to support a call by the Brampton and district labor council for an end to price and wage controls. A labor representative says he's disappointed considering the large number of jobs lost in Halton Hills over

the past five months.

Pay raises for councillors and Mayor Tom Hill are passed without comment. The salaries are: mayor \$12,100 and councillors \$5,910.

Negotiations are continuing at Beardmore and Company where workers are seeking a new contract after the existing contract expired Jan. 17.

Neilson's Chocolates in Georgetown announces the transfer of part of its operation back to Toronto resulting in the loss of 12 jobs at the Halton Hills plant on Guelph Street.

A late breaking story on The Herald's front page reveals that a contagious disease has been identified in Halton. Essentially the disease is identified as diphtheria after death.

Halton Children's Aid Society seeks a 60 per cent increase in budget. Halton region, responsible for 70 per cent of funding, balks at the increase. The CAS stands firm. The issue won't be resolved until the autumn.

Halton board of education rejects a \$5 million increase in budget proposed by Halton

Hills trustee Bert Hinton. The proposal draws support from the other Halton Hills trustee Don Long.

Buck Rodgers, 19, a wrestler from Georgetown district high school is named to the Canadian team competing in the Junior Pan American Games in June.

The International Bantam Hockey Tournament is robbed of about \$500,000, tournament officials reveal.

Seven hydro and public utilities commissions in Halton begin discussions in restructuring along regional lines.

Council approves the Cedarvale library site but trims costs to \$750,000 following a meeting with library board. Councilors Walter Biehn and Roy Booth remain opposed to the site.

Diphtheria is confirmed as contagious disease reported in Halton. An Oakville woman is reported to have a positive reaction to tests for the disease after seeing a family doctor about a respiratory infection. The situation becomes confused as details surrounding the disease are revealed each day.

Halton region is expected to

trim a proposed 31.9 per cent hike in operating budget. Largest increases come from areas beyond the control of council - police, Children's Aid Society and conservation authorities.

APRIL
More than 600 tests for diphtheria prove negative as the story on the disease continues to envelope the media in Halton. The contact by an Oakville teacher is explained at a press conference by medical officer of health Dr. Joseph Chamberlain. The woman was treated while on vacation in Florida after having been seen by a family doctor who sought an analysis of a throat swab taken during an examination. Dr. Chamberlain told the press conference that pupils at two public schools in Oakville were being tested and some residents at Oaklands regional centre for retarded children are in isolation.

Fire chief Mick Holmes, chief for area 1, is officially named fire chief for all of Halton Hills. The appointment is made following the resignation of area 2 chief Ken Bukema.

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders win the OHA intermediate

title by defeating Fort Erie 6-5 in overtime.

A presentation is made to council to explain the dispute between Focal Properties Ltd. and Halton Hills. Focal has been opposing all development in Georgetown until it receives permission for a development south of Silver Creek on Mountview Road south. A compromise is being sought.

The ICG receives permission to seek an appeal to the Ontario Court of Appeal to overturn a divisional court ruling which said it could not present evidence of alternative routing for a hydro corridor proposed to run through the Halton Hills fifth concession.

Everett Biggs, former Ontario deputy minister of environment, announces his intention to seek the candidacy of the Progressive Conservative Party in the newly-created federal riding of Brampton-Georgetown.

Orangeville Kiwanis Club announces its intention to start a service club in Georgetown.

Timmins Northstars default to the Georgetown Raiders in a

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Library issue on-going through the whole year

On Jan. 25, the Ontario Municipal Board will begin its hearing into the proposed construction of a new library building in Cedarvale Park, an issue which has plagued council since the beginning of last year.

Council decided in 1973 that the library facilities were in need of expansion, and hired architect Paul Martel to draw up plans for the expansion. The cost estimate for the proposal was \$200,000. The OMB granted the library board approval at that time for a \$400,000 debenture to build the expansion. The plans submitted by Mr. Martel were never used.

During the changeover to regional government, a new library staff was hired. The new chief librarian, Betsy Cornwell, recommended changes in the expansion plans and the project was delayed. When the plans came back to council with the changes, the price had gone up to \$500,000, and council scrapped the idea.

In 1976, the library board decided that a new building was the solution to the lack of facilities in the Church St. building. The board requested council deed them a piece of property in Cedarvale Park, which council did during the fall of 1976, prior to the December election.

On Jan. 24, 1977, the library board presented a preliminary proposal to council for a new building which would cost \$575,000. The building was to be built on the 1.93-acre site decided to the board by council, which included a popular tobogganing hill. By law, the town is required to have the entire funds for the project before any contracts can be awarded.

Despite mounting opposition to the Cedarvale site, council approved construction of the

Support police officer

To the editor of The Herald:

I was very dismayed with the recent action taken by Police Chief Ken Skerrett who acted as judge and jury in the conviction of Sergeant Fields. This officer was convicted on the testimony of Gary Sparling's father, who was absent when the alleged "slap" took place.

Many youths think after a few drinks these antics are smart. But who is the first to complain when an officer is needed?

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Lynne Childs

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new building at a meeting on March 30, provided the OMB would permit them to use the \$400,000 debenture granted for expansion of the old building to help finance the new one. The approval was for budgetary consideration, to allow council to set up funding for the project.

In May, council withdrew its support for the project when faced with a petition of over 3,000 signatures, all opposed to the Cedarvale site. Library board chairman Joan Laster questioned the validity of the petition, saying some residents had told her they had signed thinking the petition was in favor of the site.

In June, Council reversed its May decision to withdraw support from the project, despite continued opposition, and moved to issue a building permit for a building of 15,000 square feet. It was at this time Betty Fisher and John Ferguson, both opposed to the Cedarvale site, submitted an affidavit to the OMB, requesting that the board review its decision to allow the \$400,000 debenture to be used for the new building instead of the expansion.

The OMB rescinded its approval of the use of the debenture for the new project, and received affidavits from the chief librarian, the town engineer, the town planner and the town treasurer, all in support of the project, at a public hearing on July 29.

In September, the library board unveiled the design for the new library building with

only two members of the public present, and none of the opponents of the project in attendance. The design cost \$18,000, which must be paid whether the design is used or not.

In mid-October the OMB announced that it would be holding a public hearing on the proposal for the new library building. The hearings are scheduled to begin on Jan. 25 and will be held at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. At the time of the OMB decision not to allow the debenture to be used on the new project, the board expressed its concern that the public did not receive sufficient opportunity to make its opinions known.

Late in 1977, the library board received a shake-up in the retirement of board chairman Jo Laster and board member William Boyle. Mrs. Laster's position has been filled by Betty Fisher, one of the leaders of the opponents of the Cedarvale site. Mr. Boyle's seat was filled by Michael McMahon, a teacher at Georgetown district high school. The position of chairman will be open for election in 1978 as a result of Mrs. Laster's retirement.

There are three alternatives facing the OMB when the hearing begins this month. The library board can be ordered to expand its present facilities, or it may be allowed to proceed with the new building on the Cedarvale site, or it may be ordered to choose a new site altogether.



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