

ONE OF LARGEST IN PROVINCE



Mayor Tom Hill (above, second from right) accepts the keys for the Halton Hills new tanker from David McKee of Gallinger Motors in Milton. Looking on are Fire Chief Mick Holmes and Deputy Chief Bob Hyde. Below, the old and the new.

Town receives fire tanker

Halton Hills fire department took delivery last Tuesday of the largest tanker for firefighting use in Ontario. The 2,500 gallon vehicle cost \$39,000 and was ordered through Gallinger Motors of Milton. It took 51 weeks from time of order to time of delivery.



The tanker has a pump which can be dismounted for use in a stream or a swimming pool and can respond by itself to a grass fire because of its capacity.

Firefighters believe the unit will be excellent for responding to fires in rural Halton Hills. Although the unit is stationed in Georgetown it will also be available to firefighters in Acton if the force there requests it.

The tanker is the first vehicle in the fire department to be equipped with an automatic transmission which means it can be driven by any member of the department.

Built on a Ford chassis, the unit weighs 52,000 pounds and is aluminum. At present the tanker is chrome yellow but firefighters expect that it will be painted red later.

The unit has a portable 1,500 gallon tank which will allow the vehicle to leave the scene of a fire to get more water. It can pour 850 gallons of water per minute on a fire.

Further delay in plan for Main Street homes

A public meeting to hear objections and concerns of residents adjacent to a proposed 15 unit subdivision of single family dwellings on Main Street South was deferred last week until planning board members are satisfied that all engineering concerns are settled.

Coun. Pete Pomeroy noted that town engineer Bob Austin

had expressed certain reservations about the road which would be built to serve the subdivision and how it would connect with Main Street South. The fact that plans for upgrading Main Street South are still incomplete made it difficult for Mr. Austin to give final specifics on how and exactly where the new road should be built, he said.

Valleyview Road resident W.E. Binkley drew a show of agreement from some of the eight interested residents present when he said he wanted the board to know he objected to the principle of building subdivisions on open land. The proposed development

is immediately south of Valleyview Road.

When the board decided to postpone making recommendations to council on the subdivision plan the interested citizens were told they would be given another opportunity to speak to the board on the matter when it was again brought up for discussion.

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