

# Town asks province for share of rejected regional rates grant

Haltom Hills council has decided to ask the provincial government to pay a portion of the \$900,000 start-up grant being offered to Halton region for the implementation of uniform water rates.

Despite strong appeals by its Halton Hills members, regional council last week refused for the third time to honor the province's wishes and change its municipal water billing policy so that residents of all four area municipalities would pay the same rate for the service.

If such a move could instead be approved by council before Dec. 31, the province is willing to pay Halton \$900,000 to get a

revised program underway without any member municipality having to absorb an initial financial loss.

The resolution endorsed by council Monday is aimed at getting a portion of the total grant for Halton Hills so that the residents of Georgetown and Acton will not have to face the substantial tax increase anticipated as a result of extensive improvements made to Halton Hills' water systems during the past year.

Copies of the resolution have been forwarded to Premier William Davis and the ministers of the provincial treasurer, and intergovernmental affairs.

Mayor Tom Hill explained that he had introduced the resolution in the hope that Ontario's Progressive Conservative government might somehow be influenced by the "heavy Conservative" faction on regional council and regional Chairman Ric Morrow, a strong supporter of uniform water rates.

Coun. Pat Patterson, one of several Halton Hills residents who observed last week's regional council meeting, pointed out that the region must operate as a single entity if it is to work at all.

"If any of you want to see three hours of entertainment at no cost, just go to one of

those meetings," he told his colleagues last night. "Nobody there knows what they're doing."

Pat McKenzie, regional councillor for Ward 1 (Acton) noted that there is "considerable support" at the region for a resolution that would create uniform rates for both water and sewer services. Regional council seems unwilling to support uniform rates for the individual services, he said.

Mayor Hill reminded council that the resolution which regional council endorsed last week rejecting uniform water rates was three months in the making and involved several reports and meetings among

the four town treasurers and other officials. It is unlikely a new resolution tying sewer and water services together can be presented to the current regional council, he said.

"I'm almost sure the councillors from south Halton fear regionalization because they're afraid of single-tier government," Ward 4 regional Coun. Mike Armstrong commented. "Maybe the timing of the (uniform water rates) re-

solution was wrong, but the quicker they accept regional government, the quicker we can get these problems solved."

Coun. Armstrong added that Coun. Erikson of Oakville showed a "poor attitude" at the regional council meeting when he announced he is opposed to regional government and is only representing Oakville voters at the meetings "to keep the monster in check."

## Cabinet shuffle fuels ICG hopes

Special to The Herald

John Minns, spokesman for the Interested Citizens Group (ICG) said Friday the resignation of Larry McKeough and the appointment of James Auld to the cabinet post of Natural Resources and Energy may influence the provincial government to rethink current policy for the proposed Bruce-to-Milton hydro corridor.

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The ICG has opposed the Bruce-to-Milton route until an independent study examines alternative routes and environmental affects, but Ontario Hydro has proceeded "full speed ahead" on the Bruce to Milton route without an independent study.

Mr. McKeough made the political decision in 1974 to proceed "full speed ahead" with the Bruce-to-Milton route against Ontario Hydro's "good system planning" decision to construct a Bruce-to-Kitchener line, said Mr. Minns.

"Mr. McKeough made a political decision to abandon Kitchener plans because of what was termed public pressure in the Kitchener area. However, he indicated full speed ahead for the Milton route."

Mr. McKeough was at opposition to an independent study, said Mr. Minns and "as a member of cabinet his opinions were very heavily listened to."

Mr. Minns said that "if one of the reasons he (Mr. McKeough) resigned was because he was not getting the support of the cabinet on some of his views, then perhaps it shows that there is an opportunity for the government to rethink its position and modify its policy on the transmission lines from the Bruce plant."

"Many things have changed since 1974," said Mr. Minns, such as a decrease in hydro's projected growth rate, an interconnection between two existing lines to provide Kitchener with power and the present capacity of existing lines to use all power generated from the Bruce plant. And changes since 1974 also include four different ministers of energy, said Mr. Minns.

"Perhaps the new minister (Mr. Auld) will take time to look at the current needs of the people in the Guelph-Kitchener area... and take a look at the necessity of building transmission corridors that are uneeded," said Mr. Minns.

"We welcome the new minister because it will give the people (an opportunity)... to deal with a gentleman who is very politically expedient."

"He is a very able politician who may be able to assist us in having the government review its four or five year old policies that appear to be controlling this situation."

But Mr. Minns said: "Whether or not he has an in-depth knowledge of the energy port-

folio and the serious questions that face this province remain to be seen."

As the fifth energy minister in the past four years, Mr. Auld succeeds Larry McKeough, Dennis Timbrell, James Taylor and most recently Reuben Baetz. Mr. Baetz had a promising start to the energy portfolio but less than a promising end, said Mr. Minns.

"Upon assuming the energy portfolio, Mr. Baetz said 'When somebody is suddenly told that a hydro line is going through his back yard, he has to be told why.'"

But "he has not been able to enlighten us about the reasons," said Mr. Minns.

"It was increasingly difficult for us to deal with Mr. Baetz... his good intentions seem to be lost in governmental policy."

And as the ICG's injunction proceeds ordering Ontario Hydro to stop work on the Halton Hills section of the Bruce-to-Milton line and as the OMB hearing to decide the Halton Hills corridor issue is only four months away, Mr. Minns says of Auld: "He is an avoicer of confrontation."

The ICG is in the process of investigating Hydro's current long-range forecast, which is a document published by Ontario Hydro periodically, and comparing it with the 1974 requirements.

Former energy minister James Taylor once said, "Ontario Hydro have not caught up with today's consumer society." He said Hydro has not taken into account the effect of their high rates, and the amount of power being consumed.

Ontario Hydro has employed a growth figure of 7 per cent load growth per year to forecast its long-range needs and make plans. In actual fact Mr. Minns said, growth was 2.2 per cent in 1977, and to date in 1978, actual growth has been zero per cent.

"Therefore, how can the government justify wasting trillions of dollars of the taxpayer's money on a hydro line which is not needed and has not been studied?" Mr. Minns asked.

"He appears to be a very able politician, and he's well respected in his riding," Mr. Minns said. "He's truly a politician's politician."

"He's been involved in energy matters before," Mr. Minns continued. "Specifically, the attempted absorption of the Gannock Power and Light Corporation by Ontario Hydro." The Gannock Power and Light Corporation is one of the few independent power corporations left in Ontario.

"However, since a great number of things have changed since the ministry of energy was created, it remains to be seen whether Mr. Auld will think for himself or simply follow the inflexible policies set by Mr. McKeough and carried out by the Deputy-Minister, Malcolm Rowan," Mr. Minns said.



Kate Smith (right) from Scotland examines corn on the Robinson farm at RR2, Georgetown. Kate, a member of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs visited Mary-Jean Robinson, a Halton Junior Farmer last week as part of Kate's 1 1/2 month visit to Ontario. The 600 acre farm in Scotland which Kate works for as a secretary has 560 acres of pasture for dairy cattle and 40 acres of barley, but no corn.

## Heat poses problems for Scottish visitor

Special to The Herald

Kate Smith chose the wrong summer to visit Ontario for an exchange between the Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs and the Canadian Junior Farmers.

"The only things I don't like about Ontario are humidity, mosquitoes, skunks and ground hogs," says the young Scot from Dumfries in southwest Scotland. For the past 3 1/2 months, Kate has enjoyed a week's stay with 15 different farm families, but endured the often hot and humid summer weather of 1978.

"Some families must think I'm lazy but the humidity makes me so lethargic," says Kate.

Sixty-eight degree Fahrenheit temperatures are average for Kate's part of Scotland in summer and 80 degree weather is considered a heat wave.

"Though mosquitoes have bothered Kate to some extent, they haven't bothered her as much as a girl from Ireland on the junior farmer exchange program."

"She has her arm in a cast because of mosquitoes," says Kate.

Ontario may have humidity, ground hogs, mosquitoes, and skunks, which look like a black fly and bite like a mosquito and rabbits.

"We have rabbits (as pests) and moles rather than ground hogs," she says.

Even with Ontario's ground hogs, mosquitoes and hot humid weather, Kate has enjoyed experiencing rural Ontario farm life. She has visited 15 farm families for one week near Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Wolfe Island, Kingston, Westland (Ottawa), Niagara, Welland, Thorold, Aylmer, New Glasgow (St. Thomas), Durham and Ayrton. Her stay with Mary-Jean Robinson of R.R.2, Georgetown is the last of the week-long farm visits before Kate enjoys five weeks of "free time" and then returns to her job in Scotland.

Kate, a secretary for a 600 acre dairy farm in Scotland says "if (farming) is very much a business more over there than here (in Ontario), Scottish farms hire 'much more labor' while families do much of the work on an Ontario farm, says Kate.

Kate's job as secretary includes keeping the accounts for the farm which employs six men and two women, calculating food rations for the dairy herd, sketching cows for registration purposes and ordering general supplies and feed.

Kate describes Scottish

farms as "much more intensive and mechanized...and much more automatic." In three months, Kate has seen only two Ontario farms which have milking equipment as automated as the farm she works for in Scotland.

During her stay in Ontario, Kate has also noticed that "there's so much land that's going unworked (here) that you could get into farming... if you have the incentive and initiative."

In Scotland, land costs \$2,000

"just for an acre of average land" and most of the land is being used. In Ontario, there are many farms which are not being farmed.

"I don't think you really realize just how much good land you're going to waste," Kate says.

When Kate returns to Scotland in five weeks time, she will remember the opportunities Ontario offers to a young farmer such as available farmland, and "miss the people and the place."

## Limehouse news

By Mrs. A.W. BESTON  
Herald correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. William Sanford are home from a trip to New Zealand, Australia and the Orient.

Mr. Ed Ryan is recuperating after removal of a cartilage from his knee in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cooke and Mr. Stephen Cooke of Harrison and Mrs. Stuart Smith and Mrs. E. Crymble were recent visitors with the A.C. Patterson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Guppy of College Park, Maryland and Mr. and Mrs. Barnolph of California visited Mrs. Mileham recently.

Congratulations to Stephanie Lister and Paul Traphin of Kitchener who were married in Holy Cross Church on Friday afternoon. The reception was held at Someplace Else, Huttonville.

Miss Peggy Agnew of Portadown, Northern Ireland and Miss Nan McLean of Coleraine also in North Ireland were

Although living in the midst of bombings and threats of bombings they say life goes on as usually as here. weekend visitors with Mrs. John Glynn.

## Five calls answered

A fire in the basement of a home on Haylawn Crescent was one of five calls answered by the Halton Hills (Georgetown) fire department this week.

The fire in the basement was a flash fire, caused by the ignition of fumes from gasoline which the residents were using to clean paint brushes. Fire prevention officer Larry Brassard warns against using flammable liquids such as gasoline for cleaning, particularly in closed quarters. The fumes collect along the floors, and it can take no more than the pilot light from a water heater to set the fire, he said.

## Sidewalk sale

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Saturday. Axis is made up of Don Corley, Leo Postlethwaite, Sharon Richardson, Jim Perri, Ed Chiasso, Mike Smith and Norm Allen. They will be performing material mainly from the 50's and 60's with a few more recent songs thrown in. Their repertoire includes such artists as Elvis, Chuck Berry, April Wine, the Rolling Stones and Moxie.

Axis will be playing from 8:30 to 10:30 Friday night, and from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday. The band members are inviting all those headed back to school to come out for one last fling before the end of summer.

Not all the displays and entertainment will be related directly to education. Paul Barber will be playing the organ to entertain spectators, and the Georgetown group Axis, will be performing at a street dance Friday evening, and again during the noon hour



## PIONEER FENCES

Stump fences were the pioneers' version of barbed wire. It's been a good many years since these stumps were hauled into place on a farm south of Limehouse, but they

## First day is not a worry, says kindergarten teacher

The first day of school brings mixed reactions from students of all ages. Some hate to give up the freedom and return to routine, books and homework. Others freely admit to being bored and welcome the prospect of returning to work. The ones with the most misgivings are usually those going to a new school for the very first time.

Little ones heading off to Kindergarten for the first time have already met their teachers in most cases, one Halton Hills Kindergarten teacher says.

"We have an orienteering in the spring," Kay Taylor says. "So the children can visit the classroom and see some of the things they will handle in September. We also go out and meet the youngsters in their homes. Once they've seen us in their home they accept us as a friend and they aren't quite as worried about their first day."

Mrs. Taylor, who teaches Kindergarten at George Kennedy public school suggests that parents emphasize how proud they are that their little one has grown up sufficiently to accept responsibility rather than letting them see they are upset that their baby is leaving them.

"Talk about school matter-of-factly," she says. "Dad goes to work, Mom has her work, the child goes to school. But don't oversell it or they'll immediately become suspicious. Mention it as a place where they'll do things and learn things and the teacher will help them with the hard parts. Emphasize the help they're going to get when they run up against something they find difficult. You'd be surprised at the children who worry about not knowing how to do something like read or print when they first come to school."

Mrs. Taylor suggests that a parent walk the route to school with the child during the week before classes begin so that the child will feel confident about making the trip.

As soon as he is able to make the trip independently he should be encouraged to do so because most children will be embarrassed by having an escort after the first couple of weeks.

She also suggests that mother let the child choose something he will wear, himself that he feels comfortable in.

"He'll feel better about going off that first day if he's happy with his clothes," she says, "and we don't assume that mother's sense of dress is revealed in the fact that a child is wearing red pants and a purple shirt. If that's what he wants to wear then it's what he's going to feel comfortable in and he'll be happy. That's what we want and parents don't need to be concerned

over how the child looks so long as he's content."

Mrs. Taylor reminds families to make sure everything that a child brings to school is labelled.

"There's nothing sadder than seeing two little ones crying their hearts out over an umbrella that they're both positive they brought to school and we can't sort it out because there's no name on it," she says.

Since most Halton Kindergartens now start their day with a health hustle the little ones should be dressed for vigorous exercise, she says. There just isn't time to waste in changing clothes for gym classes so parents are encouraged to dress their little ones in suitable clothing to survive getting all sweaty.

Some type of footwear suitable for use in a gym is required but if parents want to let their children wear a jogging shoe type all day rather

than good shoes and rainers to be changed into for gym that suits most teachers very well.

"It cuts down on all the laces we have to tie in September when they haven't learned to tie shoes yet," she says, "and it gives us more time for the gym activities themselves."

Shortly after little ones start Kindergarten they will need a paint smock of some sort to protect their clothes. Again the advice is to keep it simple, an old shirt that the teachers can throw in the washing machine as the need arises is far better than a fancy apron or a plastic cover of some sort that won't stand up to frequent washings.

Mrs. Taylor likes to see children bring a bag to carry home-hand work complete during the day.

"There's no need for a fancy school bag," she says, "just an old Loblaw's bag with handles he can hang onto is just fine. If they take things home

in their hand it just never seems to arrive. They drop it or the wind takes it or something. They really need something to put their work in and it is easier to hang onto if it has a handle."

Since hand work or daily work is often displayed in the classroom for a few days children won't always have something to bring home. That doesn't mean they've done nothing that day and parents are encouraged to ask their youngsters to tell them about their day rather than to ask specifically what they did in some learning area.

"Children vary greatly," she says, "but as soon as they are socially happy in the classroom they'll be encouraged to produce something."

Mrs. Taylor is a "back to work Mom" and has spent two years teaching Kindergarten at Kennedy school. She also spent seven years teaching Grade One's who had not had Kindergarten experience.

## Schools are preparing

Preparations to receive a new group of first year students in Halton Hills' middle and high schools are gearing up. Principals are in the schools daily and secretarial staff are also back on duty.

All the Grade Sixes and new Grade Sevens entering Centennial middle school on Sept. 6 will be receiving letters early next week giving them the name of their home room teacher, their home room number and telling them where to assemble on opening day. The letter will also contain information on locks and lockers, gym clothes and any school supplies needed for specific classes.

Centennial classes being at 8:45 a.m. and end at 3:20 p.m. Noon hour is 11:35 a.m. to 12:35

p.m. Principal Ron Chatten says there are no new staff members in the school this year.

Stewarttown senior school students will find out the identity of their home room teacher immediately after school opens. The day will begin with an assembly at which time the home room teachers will be introduced and classes will adjourn to that home room for further orientation. During the afternoon the students will follow a condensed version of their normal schedule.

Principal Logan MacDonald prefers students to bring nothing, but themselves the first day. Parents will receive a letter that day giving them information on locks and gym clothing which their students

will need, although such information has already been given to the students during the orientation day earlier in the year, he says.

Stewarttown classes begin at 8:50 a.m. and end at 3:10 p.m. Special education teacher Paul Hynds is the only new staff member.

McKenzie-Smith students can check out where they belong on opening day by inspecting lists posted in the school next week.

Principal Gary Dawkins says there are no new staff members at the school. Classes begin at 8:50 a.m. and end at 3:20 p.m. Noon hour is from 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

Acton high school sent out timetables to all its students this week. Grade Nines will also learn what they require to fill in their information cards on the first day and the bell schedules. Student hand book will be passed out the first week.

Classes begin at 8:45 a.m. and run to 3:15 p.m. with five 70-minute periods in the day.

At Georgetown district high school new students will hunt for their name in lists posted in the front door and beside the cafeteria. The day will begin with an assembly for ninth graders in the cafeteria at 9 a.m. to introduce them to the principal and vice-principals and then continue with sessions in their home room at 9:30. If someone is missed they should report to student services to register and receive a timetable.

Again the school day is divided into five 70-minute periods beginning at 8:55 a.m. and ending at 3:15 p.m.

## Town to recognize outstanding athletes

Individuals and groups who have brought provincial, national or international recognition to Halton Hills for their athletic or cultural achievements will in future be invited to council meetings to receive a medal of merit marking their accomplishments.

Council Monday accepted recreation director Glen Gray's recommendations for the presentation of such awards on a semi-annual basis.

Those who have achieved a wide measure of recognition for their efforts will be considered for the council medals by Mr. Gray and a special committee of council. If chosen, they will attend the first council meeting in January or June.

The new policy will not affect those who have been slated for some form of recognition by the town over the past year, council agreed. They will receive special awards at a forthcoming function.

Mr. Gray made an extensive study of the criteria that recognition and honor rights assume in a number of neighboring

municipalities. In most cases, volunteers as well as athletes are treated to a special banquet, the cost of which ranges up to \$500 and is absorbed by the towns. Burlington council invites those who have achieved special status to its meetings for official recognition.

**Peel man is charged**

Halton regional police have charged a Mississauga man with two counts of committing an indecent act following two separate incidents in Acton Aug. 18.

The first incident occurred in front of a Mill Street east residence and the second in front of Toth's Shell Station on Queen Street. Two women complained that the man, while seated in a car, exposed himself.

Charged with two counts of committing an indecent act is Edward R. Smith, 36, of Mississauga. A court date has not yet been set.

## Transfer register this Monday

Parents whose children will be transferring to Halton schools from outside the region can register there any day starting Monday.

The advice is to call either the closest school or the north education centre if you are unsure of which school your child should attend. Both places have maps showing the boundaries of the schools and can direct you to the school in your area.

Older children transferring in from other schools will have been given an information package to bring with them when they register in their new school. Parents registering

kindergarten students will need a birth certificate for the child and proof that the family supports public school. A tax bill can do for this.

Principals like to meet new students and show both parents and students around their school when they register. This is also their opportunity to answer questions on the system or the routine in the school. As a result principals encourage parents to register their children during the coming week rather than waiting until classes begin on Sept. 6.

Inquiries on bus routes can also be str...ed out through the schools.

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