Mayor off to good start, seeks budget cuts

By PAUL DORSEY Herald staff writer Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill wasted little time getting down to the business of budgeting at Thursday's meeting of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA), the first meeting of the Authority he had

attended this year. Mayor Hill demanded reductions in budget requests by the CVCA's information and education advisory board, threat-

By MAGGIE HANNAH

Herald staff writer

issues that bogged down talks

between elementary teachers

and the Halton board of

· Doug Lawless, head of the

Ontario Education Relations

Commission, said Monday that

it is the commission's

responsibility to appoint a

factfinder during negotiations

but this is not usually done so

tong as things are moving

education last week.

A fact finder should be appointed this week to look over

ened to personally consult the ministry of natural resources over budget spending and suggest that the advisory board itself should be disbanded.

The board had listed about \$80,000 in projected expenditures for 1979 which include the development of pond catwalks, nature trails and classroom facilities at the existing Vaughan House in the new Silver Creek Conservation Area near Georgetown.

Beginning next fall, the CVCA will be busing students from across Halton to the area for one-day seminars on conservation and ecology, at a cost to the students of \$1 each per day.

About 5,000 students participated in a similar education program at Terra Cotta Conservation Area during 1978. Mayor Hill took exception with CVCA plans to use the Vaughan House, now fully

of an impasse" in Halton's The present PTR stands at 23.5 collective agreement that

extra elementary teachers

across the area says

Education Director Em-

merson Lavender. At the

average pay rate of \$20,000 per

teacher under the present

Expect fact finder this week

in stalled board, teacher talks

owned by the Authority, for its educational program. The CVCA originally planned to rent out the building, he ob-

"I for one think we're spending too much on education," he asserted. "If I had my way, I'd scrap the whole advisory board. An \$80,000 budget for education is just ridiculous. There's no way I'm going to support an expenditure like

could cost the board over \$1

million dollars just for the

PTR is probably the last

stumbling block and "if we

could get over that we could

probably have a settlement,"

have dismounted and begin

Council will hear the re-

commendation next week to

ratify the committee recom-

walking their blkes.

mendation

Mr. Priestner says that the

elementary level.

that on the house. If you do, I'll take this thing right downtown sive. (to Queen's Park.)" Advisory board chairman

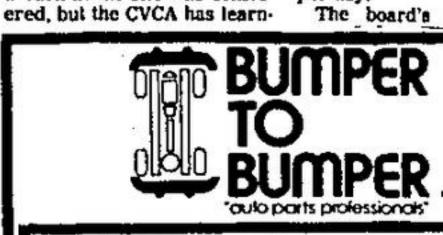
Robert Harris pointed out that the CVCA has been planning for the past two years to move its educational centre to Silver Creek park. Board members, he said, have decided that the Vaughan House is the logical site for classrooms. Authority member Frank Leavers added that initially, the renovation of a barn at the site was consid-

ed the job would be too expen-

Honorary authority member Roy McMillan recalled that the CVCA Foundation purchased the Vaughan House more than a decade ago and specifically designated it for educational uses.

CVCA chairman Grant Clarkson noted that the stone house is "virtually Indestructible" and, as such, can easily stand the rigers of four classes per day.

The board's budget esti-



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males, comprising one of four budgets the full authority will consider for 1979, was referred back to the board for further

reductions. A budget for reforestation, land use and wildlife totalling \$50,060, one for parks and recreation totalling

management amounting to \$1,697,400, have been submit-

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smoothly. However, the commission has been "notified fairly expensive requirement. Georgetown fair this weekend

By MAC McGILVRAY

Scheduled for Friday and Saturday of this week Georgetown Fair is truly a country fair. It started back in 1846 and has been continuous until the

present day. Fall Fairs originated in Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1792, and since then has spread to well over 200 towns and villages in

When the harvest is gathered and the autumn days set in, the fair is a place for friendly competition between urban and rural dwellers, to vie for the best pies, cakes, crafts,

flowers or pumpkins. The fair also provides enter-tainment — the last gasp of summer activities in the open air. The big Happyland midway will provide rides and games for the younger set, while the horse shows and viewing of the cattle and shee will attract the older citizens.

If you haven't attended a country fair in recent years, make it a point to be at Georgetown Fair this week-

Julian Reed, M.P.P. for Halton-Burlington will officially open the fair at 2 p.m. "Steamer" Emmerson will be master-of-ceremonies, and Jesse McEnery will call the

horse entries. On the program will be music and dancing and other events. The Girls Pipe Band will be taking part, and the stilt walker who thrilled CNE crowds will also be on hand at

Georgetown fair. The directors look forward to a large exhibit in their new building at the west end of the grounds, and the armories will be full of commercial displays by local merchants.

talks and a factfinder will be to 1. Lowering it by even one appointed probably "within a student would require 55 to 58 week" he says. Teachers' demands for a lower pupil-to-teacher ratio

(PTR) has created the impasse says Bill Priestner, chief negotiator for the Halton Board. Lowering the PTR becomes increasingly appealing to teachers as dropping enrollments threaten their job security more and more each year.

To the board, however lowering the PTR represents a

There will be no entrance for

motor vehicles by way of the

main park gate (pedestrians only) but entrances and limit-

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entrances.

Committee agrees to fence accesses Finance-administration illegal riders because they are committee has recommended either gone by the time the

fencing and installing a gate, policy appear, or the riders

at two entrances to Fairy Lake from the Lakeview subdivision The move, approved Monday, followed a request from a delegation of area residents

protesting the use of the property by motorcyclists. The recommendation calls for a fence to be placed across

the access at the end of Elizabeth Drive and a "cow gate" to be erected across a second entrance at the end of Elmore viewing at a small entrance Drive.

Ward 3 Coun. Roy Booth who recommended the action to committee said that while the "cow gate", a set of row fences allowing pedestrian access only, might provide a hardship on persons pushing baby. prams, the hardship faced by area residents over noise from motorcycles using the park area must be considered.

Committee also called for a Admission to the grounds is report on signing park proper-\$2.00 for adults; students and ties against use by motorized senior citizens \$1.00; children vehicles after spokesmen Peunder 12 free, and parking ter Papillon and George Van der Eyken said underage, un-With the fair being almost licensed riders were using the completely rained out last year the directors are hoping

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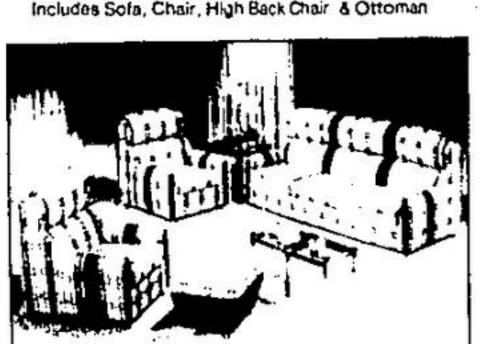
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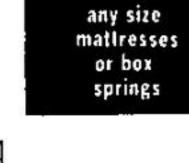
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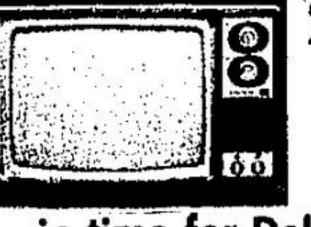
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