

1978: OMB kept busy in Halton Hills

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Part of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's program for alleviating ice-jamming and flooding problems along the Credit River in Glen Williams last year involved dynamite blasting at key points to loosen up thick ice floes. Blasting operations were carried out in late winter as an interim measure to offset the pressure of ice jams

being exerted upon the Glen's paper mill dam. The Authority is now considering the installation of a water control device at the same that will allow staff members to release pressure during certain seasons without endangering wildlife and property downstream.

(Herald photo)

Memorial Hospital is awarded accreditation status indicating a high standard of efficient health care by the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation.

July 12 — Dennis Scullen of Limehouse is sentenced to six months in jail for three counts of fraud. He was convicted of impersonating a Roman Catholic priest.

— Halton Hills mayor Tom Hill announces he will seek re-election.

July 19 — Georgetown's Citizen of the Year, Walter Gray died last Thursday.

— Acton residents are fighting a proposal to sell the Leishman park for use as residential land.

July 26 — Halton Hills, along with most of southern Ontario is struggling through a two month drought that is seriously threatening local crops.

AUGUST

August 2 — Ontario Hydro has consented to the adjournment of Ontario Municipal Board hearings to consider Hydro's attempt to construct a hydro corridor through Halton Hills. Members of the Interested Citizens' Group said more time is needed to prepare arguments against the corridor.

August 9 — Rev. Ken Campbell of Renaissance, a locally based national religious group, is fasting to protest what he calls an indirect government grant to Laurier LaPierre, whose attitudes towards education vary greatly from the groups.

August 16 — The Georgetown and District Hospital has laid off staff in an effort to operate within budget restrictions dictated by the Ontario government's 4.5 per cent increase in the hospital's operating grant.

August 23 — Halton regional chairman Ric Morrow, a Georgetown resident, announces his intentions to retire from public life to spend more time with his family.

— Nellie Pitt, a counsellor at the Countryside residence for the mentally retarded in Hornby, and president of the union local at the home is fired for what she calls "no just cause." Ms. Pitt files a grievance with the Ontario Labour Relations Board as a result.

SEPTEMBER

September 2 — Halton Hills town councillor Pete Pomeroy

announces his intentions to run for mayor.

September 12 — Georgetown was invaded by a team of runners as the film crew from the movie "Running" set up "bon in town to shoot some scenes for the upcoming movie.

September 27 — Two Georgetown cultural organizations held meetings to discuss strategies to bring the town a "badly needed" cultural centre.

OCTOBER

October 1 — The weather cooperated with Georgetown Fall Fair organizers and the result is the town's best fair in years as thousands of people jam the local fair grounds to take part in one of the season's more pleasant traditions.

S. B. McLaughlin and Associates hopeful developers of the Focal Properties subdivision in Georgetown unveil a new deal to the town at a stormy council meeting.

The Herald learns that local cab drivers have begun taking steps to form Ontario's first taxi union in Georgetown.

October 11 — Halton regional council votes in favor of uniform water and sewer rates across the region ending a controversy that has fiercely divided Halton.

The Herald learns that the highly touted River Run subdivision is on the rocks as the developers fail to meet payrolls and are under investigation by the Metro Toronto fraud squad.

October 18 — One of the partners in the River Run development has declared personal bankruptcy and the project has been signed over.

— Members of the Georgetown local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers take part in a nationwide illegal postal strike.

October 25 — A manslaughter trial in the death of Lloyd Sedore in front of the McGibbon hotel last year begins as the first witnesses at the trial of Dale Morette are heard.

NOVEMBER

November 1 — Dale Morette is acquitted to end his week long trial for manslaughter.

November 8 — William Neilson Ltd. announces they will not be expanding their Georgetown plant, as had been predicted and have instead decided to expand their Toronto facility.

November 15 — Pete Pomeroy pounds his way to the top of the polls as he beats incumbent mayor Tom Hill by 4,503 votes to become Halton Hills' second mayor. Throughout the rest of the town, most incumbents managed to hang on to their council and school board seats.

November 22 — Georgetown's Ian Clark becomes Canada's top junior cross-country runner as he wins the Canadian championship races held in British Columbia.

Regional councillor Roy Booth says he will move that the Halton Hills library board's budget be frozen unless a quick solution to the Georgetown library controversy is found.

November 29 — The Ontario Municipal Board approves a proposal that will permit the construction of the National headquarters for the Jehovah's Witnesses outside of the town, despite the objections of residents neighboring the site.

A bid to certify a local of the Ontario Taxi Association at Glen Taxi was defeated as the vote ended in a tie. The union organizers have filed complaints with the Ontario Labour Relations Board about alleged violations by Glen management of provincial labor laws during the certification bid.

DECEMBER

December 6 — Santa Claus parades into Georgetown.

December 13 — Burlington alderman Jack Kalfus is accla-

imed as Halton's new regional council chairman.

December 20 — Plans for a women's hostel in Halton steam ahead as organizers declare the need for the facility and announce plans to seek a site, probably in Milton.

December 27 — The Ontario Municipal Board rules against a request from the town of Halton Hills and decides not to adjourn hearings beginning in the new year to resolve the hydro corridor dispute.



American film and television star Michael Douglas (streets of San Francisco) led an international movie crew into the streets of downtown Georgetown in September to film sequences for the forthcoming feature Running, in which Douglas (shown peering over the heads of his fellow actors) co-stars with Susan

Anspach. The film is the second major motion picture for which segments were shot on location in Georgetown, the first having been Equus, for which Richard Burton visited the Herald's print shop during several sequences the year before.

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