



**TOWNSMEN EXECUTIVE FOR 1979**

The Brampton Townsman installed their 1979 officers and executive at a social evening in The Cellar Saturday night. Members of the executive are front row from left: Jack Hall president, Bill Hackney, Joe Lonzo, Dave Voegell, and Bruce MacTavish. Centre row: Lloyd Robinson, treasurer, Ray Stevens, Area Councillor from the Oakville chapter, Roy Saxton, program vice-president, Grant Goodfellow, vice-president of Central Division and a member of Oakville chapter, and Herb McFeters, secretary. Back row: Ross Porritt, membership vice-president, Jack Coulter, John Clark, past president and Bill McChesney. (Herald photo)

## Region okays dump expansion as recovery operation studied

Amid comments that its decision come six years too late, Halton regional council last week took its first substantial steps toward realizing the much-discussed goal of implementing a resource recovery operation that will cut back on and possibly eliminate the need for landfilling.

Last Wednesday, council reaffirmed its commitment to resource recovery "as an integral component of its solid waste management system" and appointed three members to a special committee that will update a plan of action for the resource recovery operation.

At the same time, council endorsed a proposal that will see an existing landfill site in Oakville expanded to accommodate garbage from across Halton as other local sites become filled to capacity during the course of 1979. The expansion, planned as a stop-gap measure to provide landfilling space while the region's proposal for a major dump to be located in rural Milton is being tested by the Ontario Municipal Board, has drawn extensive criticism from Oakville ratepayers.

ALREADY ANGRY Following a presentation by Bill Bowen on behalf of a number of Burnhamthorpe Road residents who are already angry over the unsanitary maintenance of the Oakville site, council gave assurances that the citizens' concerns would be resolved. Among the written guarantees offered was one which precludes any further expansion of the site.

Councillors Bill Johnson of Milton, Walter Mukewich of Burlington and Terry Mannell of Oakville were appointed by council to the Solid Waste Management Committee that will investigate all aspects of resource recovery. The committee will also have representation from the regional planning and public works departments and the local municipalities.

Despite his membership on the committee, Coun. Mannell complained that the decision to form such an investigative body takes the region back to "square one", where Halton County left off just prior to the introduction of regional government. Had regional council handled the landfill problem in similar fashion, he said, its members would still be debating the choice for a site.

SOMEWHAT SLOWER Public works director, Bob Moore agreed that Halton had been "somewhat slower than I might have anticipated" in tackling the resource recovery

issues, but maintained that few changes could have been made. In about six weeks, he estimated, council will have a much better idea of what the future will hold.

Coun. Johnson was critical of the new committee's suggested terms of reference, pointing out that investigating the technology of resource recovery is not the only avenue of approach to the garbage problem. Recommendations are needed immediately by which council can actively reduce the amount of garbage being produced, he said.

Coun. Johnson's suggestion was incorporated into the resolution setting up the committee, which Milton Mayor Don Gordon called "one of the best

motions to come before this council in a long time".

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## Complaints submitted

The Halton Regional Police Commission received a six-month summary of complaints against members of the force Thursday, as set out by the Ontario Police Commission's routine for handling complaints.

Halton Police Chief Ken Skerrett submitted a report, which consisted of a form categorizing complaints, which will be sent to the Ontario Police Commission, and a background summary on the complaints received from July 1, to Dec. 31, 1978, which went into more detail on each complaint.

The largest number of complaints alleged that the officers used unnecessary force in the performance of their duties. As of the end of the year, 70 per cent of the complaints received had been resolved in some way. Other categories of complaint include harassment, improper conduct and inadequate service. A total of twenty complaints were received during the six-month period.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett asked Deputy Chief Fred Oliver, who attended the commission meeting in Chief Skerrett's absence, how he felt about the complaints.

"I'm not happy we're receiving any complaints, but I'm not naive enough to believe we won't get any," Deputy Chief Oliver answered. "I do believe that we don't get many considering the size of the force and the amount of work the men are doing."

The commission commended Chief Skerrett for deciding to include a supplement to the copy of the form complaint being sent to the Ontario Police Commission, saying it was helpful to have a brief summary of the complaints included with the report on the numbers. The chief was directed to continue this practice.

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