

New sewer and watermain promised for Ontario Street

After years of paying municipal levies for services they do not receive, the residents of Ontario Street in Georgetown have been assured that a new

Budget increase 'modest'

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policy is "unpopular" with the more numerous Burlington councillors, its implementation has been delayed until next January at the expense of Halton Hills ratepayers, Mayor Pomeroy said.

"I only hope that when this land banking policy comes up, (the Burlington members) realize that (Halton Hills) is at your mercy when it comes to sewer surcharges," the mayor said, "because we're getting killed on this."

Mayor Pomeroy said that he and other Halton Hills representatives had similarly voted in favor of large expenditures for the purification of Burlington's water supply.

Burlington Mayor Roly Bird responded that he has never made, and will not make a deal on any issue. Claiming to be confused over Mayor Pomeroy's concerns regarding the sewer surcharges, he expressed support for the regional land banking concept as long as the region stops "jockeying around" on the issue of industrial development.

DOES FIT
Mayor Bird admitted that the proposed \$2.3 million allocation under consideration "does fit a situation we have in Burlington", but said the city has had some 4,000 acres of serviced industrial land sitting vacant for years waiting for investors.

After Oakville Coun. Laurie Mannell successfully amended a motion allocating the funds by stipulating that no offers will be made on any lands until the region approves a land banking policy, the motion was handily approved.

Ironically, Mayor Bird left the meeting by the time the vote was taken.

Another major addition to the capital budget and forecast was a \$14 million allocation for resource recovery, a commitment to which the region has made since controversy arose over its plans to establish a huge dump in rural Milton.

BURIED WASTE
Aimed ultimately at greatly reducing the amount of solid waste which must be buried, the long-range resource recovery program will see facilities built to incinerate or reclaim much of the garbage produced across Halton. A \$1.3 million waste transfer station is among the buildings planned, designed to temporarily house garbage in north Halton before its transfer to other regional waste facilities.

CAPITAL BUDGET
The region's 1979 capital budget allocates funds to sanitary sewer work including modifications to the Lakeview subdivision pumping station and a forcemain along Main Street in Acton as well as the installation of new sewers along Churchill Crescent and Main Street South in Georgetown.

Among the roadwork projects slated for 1979 are preliminary engineering for the reconstruction of regional road 19 through Norval, engineering and property acquisition along Steeles Avenue between Trafalgar Road and Winston Churchill Boulevard, storm sewer construction along Maple Avenue between Guelph Street and Silver Creek, as well as preliminary work on portions of Maple Avenue, Trafalgar Road and Mountainview Road in Glen Williams.

Similar projects, including resurfacing, are scheduled this year for a half-mile stretch of Maple Avenue between Highway 7 and Main Street, the Mountainview Road-River Drive intersection and Mountainview Road between Highway 7 and Guelph.

New traffic signals are planned for the Trafalgar-Maple, Mountainview-River and Mountainview-Campbell Gate intersections.

WATER PROJECTS
Eight different waterworks projects are slated for Halton Hills this year, mostly involving the installation of mains. The capital forecast allocates \$360,000 to 1980's plans for adding 4,550 cubic metres of capacity to Acton's municipal reservoir; \$47,000 for exploratory studies on the availability of water to Stewarttown and Norval, also during 1980; and the installation of eight-inch and ten-inch sanitary sewers with a pumping station and forcemain for servicing Glen Williams, a \$383,000 project scheduled for 1982.

sanitary sewer and watermain will soon be installed in their neighborhood, even though a \$211,000 allocation for the project has been deferred until 1982.

Halton Hills Coun. Roy Booth spoke for the residents last Wednesday when he questioned a decision by the regional public works committee to defer the allocation from 1979 to 1982 in the region's capital forecast.

Regional council's acceptance of that decision and its approval of the 1979 capital budget and 1980-83 forecast coincided last week with its approval of a subdivision agreement that will see 64 semi-detached homes built

just off Ontario Street.

Coun. Booth was assured by both public works committee chairman Ron Planche of Oakville and Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy that the services will be installed by the firm building the new homes, Beacon Developments Ltd., prior to the completion of its construction project.

Mayor Pomeroy said the subdivision agreement approved by council requires Beacon to provide both the watermain and sanitary sewer during the construction period. Coun. Planche added that the region's \$211,000 allocation will be forwarded as soon as the funds become available.

Servicing plans call for the installation of a 450-millimetre sanitary sewer and a 150-millimetre watermain along Ontario Street between Ewing and Ann Streets. The watermain is estimated to cost \$62,100, while the sewer will cost \$149,000.

Coun. Booth had pointed out that many residents of the street have their homes serviced by septic tanks but have still been billed by the region for a sewer surcharge along with other nearby homes on full servicing.

Beacon Developments plans to build 64 homes off Ontario Street, creating three new municipal roads to be known as Beacon Gate, Jason Crescent and Elena Crescent.



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