

Decision due by year's end on control of Main Street

The question of whether or not the responsibility for controlling and maintaining Georgetown's Main Street should be transferred from Halton region to Halton Hills will likely be cleared up by the end of this year, according to regional public works director Bob Moore.

Mr. Moore made the prediction at last week's public works committee meeting, when it was decided that the transferring of authority over the main streets of Georgetown and Milton should not be considered again until Halton Hills council has formally addressed the question, as has Milton council.

The need for a provincial government subsidy to offset the cost of replacing traffic signal lights at Main and Mill Streets in Georgetown had prompted the town to ask the region whether a transfer of authority is feasible. A minis-

try of transportation subsidy would be available only to the town, municipal officials learned, and the region has no intentions of replacing or repairing the signal lights at present.

DEFER DECISION

Town council voted last month to defer its decision on the signal lights "pending the outcome of the proposed transfer" and directed that all maintenance costs should be referred to the region until the "transfer is concluded."

Mr. Moore strongly endorsed the transferral proposal but pointed out that Halton Hills and, formerly, the old town of Georgetown have always maintained the signal lights at that intersection. The committee tabled his recommendation, advising the region to avoid participation in any maintenance scheme, until the town can further consider the proposal.

"There is probably no doubt that both of these business district streets should be out of the region system," Mr. Moore commented in a report. "Continual requests for street closings for parades being referred to region for approval is just one example supporting transfer. I understand that within area municipality staff level, there may be some difference of opinion, and that Milton

does not support our proposed action."

Coun. Russ Miller of Halton Hills tried unsuccessfully to have the committee table all further consideration of the

proposal until a forthcoming report on the entire regional road system is completed. Mr. Moore said that the committee will be discussing a preliminary aspect of the report

November 14.

"It just appears that Halton Hills is not being treated the same as the other area municipalities," Coun. Miller commented.



PENNIES FOR UNICEF

Kristen Roach, 3, collects pennies for UNICEF from Lisa and Lianne Graham while Debbie Lawrence watches. The girls were attending an International costume Halloween party at St. Andrew's United Church Saturday afternoon sponsored by Parents Without Partners. (Herald photo)

No new radar units

The Halton Regional Police Force does not have any hand-held radar units, and Acting Chief, James Harding doesn't expect to purchase any in the future.

This came to light at last week's police commission meeting, when a request was submitted for five officers to receive in-depth instruction in the use of the radar system presently being used in Halton. The instruction is to be provided by Tri-Bar Industries, manufacturers of the equipment now used in Halton, in Peel Regional Police Headquarters.

The Halton force uses a vehicle-mounted radar system. The portable units have come under criticism recently following evidence that they were not reliable.

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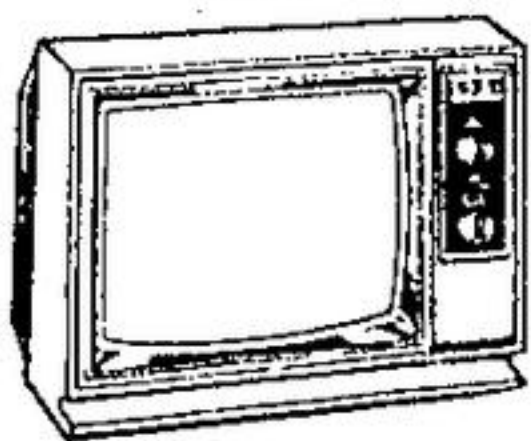
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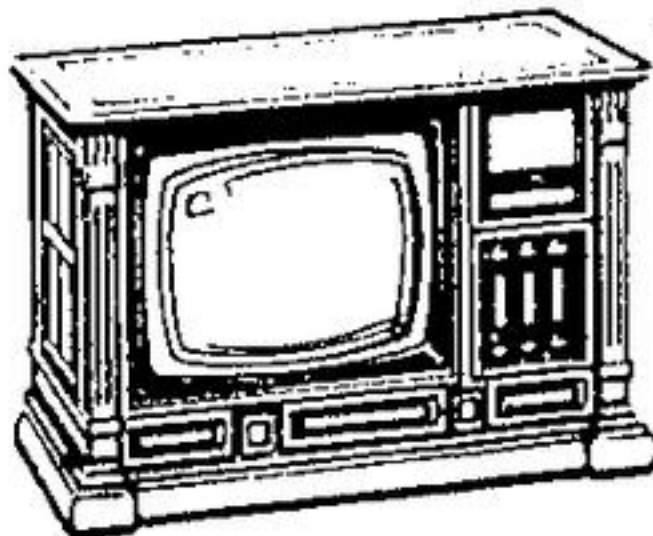


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