



APPLE ATTACK

Naomi Ogden of Pine Valley Farms, Norval, watches Nancy Martin, 7, of Whitby as she tries her bite on the apples hung on a string as part of the Halloween party at the farm Saturday afternoon. (Herald photo)

Speedy approval is sought for Glen Williams watermain

Halton regional staff are attempting to speed up a \$300,000 watermain project for Glen Williams in order to accommodate residents who, according to Coun. Russ Miller, have been without water during the five weeks it has taken to obtain municipal approval.

The region's public works committee recommended approval for the major, two-phase project last Wednesday, two weeks after tenders were opened. Coun. Miller commented that he was "rather disappointed by the long delay."

The bid submitted by 35321 Ontario Ltd., also known as Koil Construction Company of Western, intalling \$298,697.52, was the lowest of two acceptable tenders, according to public works director Bob Moore. Expressing some annoyance of his own over the fact that three of the five bidders involved failed to properly follow tendering instructions and submitted incorrect documents, Mr. Moore informed the committee that all future tender invitations will feature carefully-detailed directions for submission.

Mr. Moore responded to Coun. Miller's concern by offering to send written notice of intent to the contractor so that preparations can begin in advance of regional council's formal approval for the project, expected today (Wednesday).

PUBLICWORKS
Coun. Miller complained that some public works projects are expedited by staff, when there is a degree of urgency involved, by being brought before council for quick approval through a simple variation from the usual rules of procedure. While noting that

no such consideration was given the Glen Williams project, he admitted that he had not personally sought the staff's assistance in obtaining early approval.

The project in question is to be financed under the Local Improvement Act, by which landowners will be charged \$26.25 for each metre of watermain installed adjacent to their properties. Private connections are also subject to special assessment at \$400 each.

Phase one, involving Karen

Drive, Alexander Street, Park Street, Erin Street, Beaver Street and Confederation Drive, is expected to cost nearly \$217,000. At \$22,000, phase two will include another section of Confederation as well as Main Street, Beaver Street and Erin Street. An additional \$41,802 has also been approved for expenditure on engineering costs and contingencies, bringing the total cost of the project to \$343,500. Watermains will all be 200 millimetres or 150 millimetres in width diameter.

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Charity cut-up raises \$874

The cut-a-thon held Sunday by Christiane's for the Halton Hills branch of the Canadian Cancer Society raised \$873.85.

Dee Butwell, publicity chairman for the cancer society, said the society is very pleased with the way the day went. She said much of the money raised was from perms, rather than haircuts, but anyone coming later in the afternoon had difficulty getting fitted in.

"It was just terrific," Mrs. Butwell said. "Some people got haircuts and made donations as well, and some people just came in to make a donation."

Plain-clothes officers may get new titles

The Halton Regional Police Commission has approved in principle a proposal to change the designated titles of its officers in the plain clothes division.

Deputy-Chief James Harding, acting chief, has proposed that officers of rank of Sergeant and Staff Sergeant in the plain clothes division be referred to as Detective and Detective Sergeant respectively. He said the public tends to expect to speak to a uniformed officer when they ask to speak to a sergeant, and when they want a plain clothes officer, they ask for a detective.

The deputy-chief said the greater number of the forces in the department province use this system. The Metro Toronto Police Force has recently gone back from this system to the system now in use in Halton, much to the dismay of the rank and file, the deputy-chief said.

He said the association is in

agreement with the proposal, although it will be brought up in negotiations because the ranks must be included in the contract.

The deputy-chief said the force will stay with the terms "division" and "district" because the community is accustomed to those terms.

"The word precinct is an Americanism," he said.

The commission approved the proposal in principle and moved to pass the decision on to the negotiating committee.

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