



CAKE FOR 'CANDIES'

The Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital candy-strippers held their awards night last week in the hospital cafeteria. Two of the award winners showed their appreciation for the honors they received by cutting the cake for their fellow candy-strippers and guests. Kim French received the Award of Excellence, while Sheila Macdonald received the Award of Progress. Brenda Hyde, who received the Award for Service and Assistance, was not in attendance at the meeting.

Region's phone sticker to list emergency no.'s

Telephones in Halton region will soon feature special stickers listing the various municipal emergency numbers, regional council decided last Wednesday.

A recommendation from chief administrative officer Ernie Reid prompted council to approve the purchase of 165,000 telephone stickers, at a cost of just under \$2,000. The stickers will feature police, fire and possibly ambulance phone numbers.

The recommendation did not receive unanimous support, however. Oakville Coun. Ron Planche called the stickers "a poor substitute for the '911' emergency code used throughout major centres in the U.S. and is being implemented in the metro Toronto and Hamilton areas.

"A small kid is not going to know how to dial seven digits," Coun. Planche argued.

Switching over to an emergency number dialing system would cost the region approximately half a million dollars, he said. Such a system was rejected by council earlier this year.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon supported the sticker purchase, calling it a good system which "will serve the purpose well."

One amendment was made to the recommendation: Oakville Coun. Terry Mannell asked that Bell Canada proceed with a 911 emergency number study for Halton region at its own expense.

Oakville dump expands

The provincial ministry of environment has waived regulations governing the expansion of landfill sites in order to approve a temporary, 30-acre expansion to the Oakville dump, where Halton Hills' solid waste is currently being buried.

The Fourth Line dump was less than two weeks away from reaching full capacity when the go-ahead came through last week, enabling Halton regional works crews to extend the site's boundaries without first awaiting the blessing of the province's Environmental Assessment Board.

Although nearby landowners initially expressed concern over regional council's proposal to expand the Oakville dump, guarantees provided by the region have assured them that their rights will be preserved.

The region is still awaiting the outcome of an assessment board hearing on its plan to establish a 246-acre landfill site in rural Milton. Although sanctioned by the Ontario Municipal Board, the proposal is still being debated by nearby homeowners, represented through the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens Group.

In the Milton site, which would serve all of Halton if approved, and a private site adjacent to the Oakville dump offer alternative disposal locations to those in use in Oakville and Burlington.

Energy efficiency

If municipalities are to become more energy efficient, it will be up to local municipalities to handle the planning, town planning board members were told last Tuesday.

Halton regional planner Bob White said the region's role would be to bring forward information and act as a co-ordinator between the province and the municipality. Everyone is virtually teaching themselves what can be done about energy conservation, he said, noting that the most important thing will be to get people thinking in terms of energy efficiency.

Mr. White gave a slide presentation showing what the city of Davis, California, has done to increase its energy efficiency.

Town planner Mario Venditti said the province has practically adopted all the recommendations made by Davis. These include aligning buildings north and south on lots, regulating fences and hedges around properties, landscaping with deciduous rather than evergreen trees, insisting apartments have access to clotheslines, encouraging home industries and downtown renovation, recycling garbage, changing the type of street lighting in the city, utilizing alternate energy sources and encouraging alternate transportation systems.

Mr. White pointed out that there are an estimated 25,000 bicycles used in Davis, even though the population is less than 50,000.

It was also pointed out that using deciduous trees around municipal parking areas and encouraging their use around private and public buildings will ensure maximum shade in summer and maximum sun in winter, thus saving fuel and air conditioning costs.

Coun. Roy Booth asked why both Halton Hills and the region turned down a solar energy housing project on Trafalgar Road near Stewarttown a couple of years ago because they would use up good agricultural land, then dumped waste asphalt from the reconstruction of Trafalgar Road on the site.

Coun. Walter Biehn pointed to the town's divide and conquer program of garbage source separation, suggesting that many residents are unaware it exists, even though it is already available and costs nothing to encourage.

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