



"After 29 years, Joe leaves Main Street," Joe McClintock said Friday, his last day of work behind the counter at Joe's Tuck Shop. The affable gentleman spoke fondly of his years as a merchant along Georgetown's Main Street, where the Tuck Shop has been serving customers for almost 30 years. The store will now be taken over as the new headquarters of another well-known local business, Flash Taxi Ltd. (Herald photo)

# Budget shuffle: \$37,000 unfound

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A \$122,200 chunk may be lopped off the \$600,000 regional deficit next week if council agrees to use savings from its various departmental budgets.

The region's finance and administration committee last Wednesday adopted a recommendation from the treasury department to use \$47,000 in savings from the health unit, general welfare

assistance and the police department as well as money allocated to the Credit Valley Conservational Authority and Halton's Bonnie Place to fill in the \$600,341 vacuum in the 1980 operating budget.

The treasury department also recommended adding \$75,000 earned from the sale of regional land to Halton's Women's Place.

Council approved a motion last month to use \$440,826 in

regional reserve funds to recover at least 60 per cent of the deficit, effectively cleaning out \$320,402 remaining in the reserve for working funds and a further \$120,424 left in the road construction reserve.

The region will have another \$37,315 to recover if the recommendation to use the savings is approved. However, the treasury department is still investigating the possibility that a further \$103,191 may have been miscalculated in the region's books. The amount equals the difference between building inspection charges for construction in progress and accounts already paid by developers.

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The committee accepted a motion by Burlington Mayor Roly Bird, suggesting that the treasury department study a program which would review the level of service Halton region delivers through its various departments.

Mayor Bird said a yearly review of services would help

the region decide if cutbacks can be made without seriously depleting the level of service provided.

"I don't want it done at budget time," he said, "because we are too hurried and scurried and we don't have time to do a realistic review."

Mr. Bird added that the

reviews should be part of an "ongoing process" within the regional administration.

Meanwhile, department heads are expected to submit reports to council by September 24 listing their expenditures to August 31 and estimating any deficit or revenue expected at the end of the year.

## New 'fail-safe' controls for regional budgets

A step-by-step series of controls has been approved by the region's administration and finance committee to prevent the possibility of another deficit.

Recommended last Wednesday by acting regional treasurer James Stewart, the five "fail-safe" type procedures ar-

rise from a review of the kind of controls Burlington and Oakville exercise over their budgets.

As usual, both the capital and operating budgets for Halton will be based on the level of service maintained during the previous year with any new expenditures authorized by council.

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## Tuck Shop won't be same without Joe

"There's a winner for you, Marg," Joe said last week as the customer turned and walked out of the store clutching a crisp, new Wintario ticket.

But it was one of the last lottery tickets Joe McClintock sold as the cheery fellow behind the cash at Joe's Tuck Shop on Georgetown's Main Street. After 29 years of serving what he calls "good steady customers", Joe retired Friday, on the eve of the store's take-over by Ken and Viv Shaw of the Flash Taxi company.

The street gave us three months to survive," Joe said, "but they're all gone and we're still here."

Close to schools and other downtown businesses, Joe's Tuck Shop has been a regular stop in the daily routine of customers for years, kids coming in to buy any of a wide assortment of penny candy, adults after an aromatic choice of tobaccos.

Four years ago, Joe sold the store to his daughter, Mary, but always put in a few hours' work on weekdays. Now that Flash has bought the operation, customers can expect the same fine service, and they won't have to worry about stepping out in the rain to hail a cab.

Familiar faces on Main Street, Joe and his wife Margaret have a combined 79 years of business experience in Georgetown. Margaret's family owned Long's confectionary more than 35 years ago before she and Joe took over in 1945.

The McClintocks established Joe's Tuck Shop in 1951. "Other merchants along

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