

Letters to the Editor

Reader questions MPP's criticism of Norval highway policing

To the editor of The Herald, Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed has given unjust criticism of the Ontario Provincial Police. As a Norval resident, Mr. Reed should know that the OPP is not responsible for patrolling Norval.

The Shelburne detachment supplemented by the Downsview Traffic Unit, patrols only in the Regional District of Peel.

Speed enforcement is only a part of the spectrum of police work. In recent years, various forces have been using moving radar. These machines can accurately monitor vehicles, speeds as they approach a moving cruiser.

Stationary patrol is often ineffective, as flashing headlights and CB's allow the motorist to slow down before the speed is monitored.

As many local residents can confirm, the OPP has often enforced the east end of the Norval hill. There have been

several days where more than 30 speeding charges have been laid. One luckless driver's speed registered 123 kilomet-

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Thanks, Miracle Mart, for visit to Gardens

To the editor of The Herald

Last Friday players and parents of the G.D.M.H.A. Minor Pee Wee League were given the opportunity to attend a Toronto Maple game at Maple Leaf Gardens. For many hockey fans who attended the game, it was their first time inside the "Gardens".

I would like to thank Miracle Food Mart, the Georgetown store manager Bob Dudgeon, and the meat manager Wally Las, for giving us the free tickets. Thank you, gentlemen.

Yours truly,

Sandy Paddle
9 Dawson Crescent,
Georgetown

Council revises procedures

Although parliamentary rules of procedure rarely generate much interest except among political scientists, town council has proposed a number of changes in its own by-law outlining how business should be conducted.

Expected to receive council's approval next week, a draft by-law will allow the mayor to vote in all council decisions. Under the present rules, the mayor can only vote during committee meetings, in recorded (as opposed to hand-count) votes and to break deadlocks in council.

An acting mayor appointed monthly from an alphabetical rotation of council members will fill in for the mayor when he or she is absent from council meetings, replacing the old rule under which the town's clerk-administrator assumed the chair.

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The original draft of this guideline, scratched by council Monday, suggested that new items would require two-thirds approval from council to bring it up if it was not already on the agenda.

Councillors can address a motion on the floor only once unless they are given permission from the rest of council to give additional comments. Under the new by-law, councillors who draft motions and others who propose amendments to them are allowed additional time to speak as well.

A proposal under the draft by-law suggested that councillors give four days' notice if they plan to bring a motion before council. Councillors, however, deleted the proposal from the by-law Monday night, arguing that it would limit their opportunity to bring resolutions before council immediately.

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at the town offices on Trafalgar Road. Council meets on alternate Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Council and committee meetings are open to the

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PRIZE IN CHARITY RAFFLE

The Seiko watch company donated the prize for a recent Xi Delta Beta sorority raffle won by Barb Squire (far right). The raffle helped raise \$107 for the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded. Presenting the cheque to Association president Mike Evans is Lynda Tyrell (left), head of the sorority's ways and means committee, and the sorority's service chairperson, Etta Mills.

(Herald photo)

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTRE

All the world's a canvas for student mural painters

Students at 16 schools throughout Halton Hills will be able to "make history" starting next week while raising \$2,000 towards the town's new Library Cultural Centre.

The Halton Hills Arts Council has invited all the public and separate schools in the town (Kindergarten Grade 8) to contribute to a gigantic Halton Hills historical mural to be erected on the construction site during the winter and early spring.

Plans call for each school to be given two eight by four foot boards upon which aspiring young artists can depict any aspect of life in Halton Hills in years gone by. Space will be reserved on each board for sponsorship by businesses, organizations, individuals or even the schools themselves.

"We feel this affords children a unique opportunity to get involved in a town project which will affect many of them directly," Arts Council president Gretchen Day explained.

Schools expected to participate are Centennial, George Kennedy, Harrison, Howard Wragglesworth, Joseph Gibson, Park, Glen Williams, Pineview, Stewarttown, Lamhouse, Spryside, Robert Little, Mackenzie Smith, M.Z. Bennett, Georgetown District Christian, Holy Cross, St. Francis of Assisi and St.

Joseph's Catholic School in Acton.

Mrs. Day said the response by school principals to the idea has been enthusiastic. Each school has been given "several pages of suggestions for subject matter" - such as the Lamhouse Kilns, the Acton tannery, and the Barber Paper Mills, as well as everyday scenes in the last century and local historical personages such as George Kennedy.

Bruce Harding, a patron of the Arts Council and a member of the Historical Society, alone contributed 16 suggestions.

"These are only suggestions," Mrs. Day said. "Schools are not restricted in what they wish to depict. This will be an unique work of art, providing plenty of opportunity for imagination and creativity as only children can achieve."

Originally, the Arts Council had planned to have the painting done outside actually on the construction site. Now starting next week, two asphalt or plywood panels will be delivered to each school, permitting students to work on them inside. The Georgetown Decorating Centre is donating all the paint. In order to minimize costs, the Arts Council is hoping to have the boards donated.

Mrs. Day explained that the top 16 inches of each eight-foot

high panel will be available for sponsorship at \$60 per panel.

"A sponsor could either take all 16 inches on a particular panel; or that space could be sub-divided into smaller units such as \$15 for four inches, \$30 for eight inches, and \$45 for 12 inches," she said.

With an eye to the festive season, Mrs. Day added that "sponsorship of a panel would be a really different Christmas present for the person who has everything. It's also an excellent location for advertising for groups and companies."

Members of the Arts Council's Executive will be taking prime responsibility for approaching would-be sponsors. However, should schools wish to sponsor their individual panels, through other school fund-raising activities, they'll have that option.

The deadline for sponsorship is Jan. 5, with the target date for the completion of murals Jan. 29. At that time, the town of Halton Hills will fix the panels to the construction barriers at the site, where they are expected to remain until May, when the barriers are scheduled to be removed.

More details about sponsorship can be obtained from Mrs. Day at 877-0680.

As a variation of the "Shop now-pay after Christmas" theme, prospective donors to

the \$200,000 Library Cultural Centre Fund-Raising Drive are reminded that they have less than three weeks to "Donate now - and save on this year's income tax." A donation made before Jan. 1, qualifies as a charitable deduction for income tax purposes.

All donations should be made payable to the town of Halton Hills, and if donated through a community group or organization, will be so identified by that body in handling them. Receipts will be issued by the town treasurer prior to income tax filing.

People purchasing commemorative seal-plaques for the new theatre with a series of post-dated cheques will receive a receipt for donations dated up until Dec. 31. Similarly, receipts will be issued in following years upon cashing of a donor's final post-dated cheque.

Sales of Georgetown Little Theatre seal-plaques - minimum donation \$10 - continue to rise. There are now only 92 left for sale. Details about the scheme can be obtained by calling John Roe (877-2824), Mary Rae Main (877-0865), Derek Joyner (838-2702) or Ashley Windsor (877-3984).

Most recent donors: Employees of DRG Stationery; Mrs. Greta Lenz (In Memory of John Lenz Sr.); Mona Williams (In Memory of Albert Williams); Dr. C. V. Williams; Pine Valley Squares Halton Hills.



ARTS BOOSTER TENNANT LAUDED

The Rotary Georgetown Club presented Ab Tennant with a plaque in appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the library-cultural centre. Mr. Tennant, who is a member of the Rotary Club in Rexdale, donated \$1,000 to the Georgetown's club's fund-raising campaign when it was being launched, and is a major force behind fund-raising efforts by local community groups and service clubs.

(Herald photo)

Bylaw could bring grant for arts complex ramps

Tentative approval has been given to a proposed municipal by-law designating the town's library-theatre complex as a recreation centre, a move which could earn the town an \$88,000 provincial grant to pay for special features in the building to assist the physically handicapped.

In a letter presented to general committee Monday night, culture and recreation minister Reuben Baqetz said the Halton Hills project appears eligible for the money under the Community Recreation Centres Act, but it first has to pass a by-law stating that the building is a

recreational centre used by the community.

The grant, which reflects the amount requested in the town's application to pay for proposed washroom designs, ramps and an elevator to accommodate the handicapped, will not be available until 1981 or 1982, but the town can apply for the money as soon as the library-theatre building is completed.

In addition to the grant for the handicapped accommodations in the building, (the town had originally applied for \$75,000 under the Act) library-theatre fund-raisers are waiting to hear from the Ontario Heritage Foundation

about whether their application for a \$30,000 grant has been accepted.

While capital funding from the Wintario lottery has been frozen by the province, the town has received \$3,000 from Wintario for portable equipment to be used in the building. Under the lottery's capital grant system, Wintario once matched half of whatever funds were raised towards municipal recreation projects.

The by-law proposal was approved by the general committee Monday night and is expected to be officially endorsed by council next week.

St. George's draw winners

The winners of the St. George's Anglican Church Men's Club draw held Nov. 22 are: Percy Saxe, Rt2 Georgetown, winning the first prize sandwich; the second prize, a gas barbecue, was won by John McNally of Market Street, and the third prize, a \$100 Miracle Mart voucher was won by Guy Porter.

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