

Sewer back-up unveils insurance loopholes

"It was nightmare, an absolute nightmare," Anne Linquist described the scene in her basement two weeks ago when raw sewage seeped up from a laundry room floor drain.

And now she and her husband Oliver find themselves in a responsibility squeeze many homeowners don't know too much about: exactly who is responsible for the mess in their room which destroyed everything from rugs to children's toys?

Sent hurtling downstairs at about 9:45 that morning by the screams of their seven-year-old daughter Kathy, Mrs. Linquist found her stranded on a couch while raw sewage, still belching from the drain, rose higher and higher.

Meanwhile, a next door neighbor called the Halton region public works depart-

ment's emergency number. When no one arrived a half hour later, Mrs. Linquist explained, local works department employees were contacted and eventually helped clear the blockage before the sewer cleaner truck arrived at 11:40 a.m.

Besides being annoyed at the region's long delays in sending help (she claims it took a member of the region's works department an hour and 35 minutes to reach the scene), Mrs. Linquist was told earlier this week that the region's insurance adjusters have decided that the public works department is not responsible for the blockage which resulted in the basement flood.

What's worse, the Linquist's home insurance, like most people's, doesn't cover damages caused by blocked, backed up sewer mains.

The person who channels most of Halton region's insurance claims is Marge Main. She explained that the region has to be found guilty of negligence which caused the back-up before it pays for damages.

Once the region's works department submits a report on the incident, Mrs. Main said, an adjuster examines the claim and attributes responsibility.

If it was something unforeseen or beyond the region's control like vandalism, the works department can't be held responsible, Mrs. Main added, acknowledging that few insurance companies will cover homeowners for sewer damages.

The works department's Don Morrier, manager of maintenance and operations, said that he had heard rags may have caused the stoppage which led to the disaster in the Linquist home.

Whether the rags accumulated in the pipes or were suddenly added to the sewer system by vandals, remains uncertain, but he assured that the town's sewers are cleared annually.

The reason for the delay in arriving at the Linquist home, he added, was due to the works department's skeleton weekend crew being tied up on a project in Acton. When they heard about the backed up main, "they dropped everything and came as fast as they could," he said.

Now that the region has been cleared of any responsibility in the incident, Mrs. Linquist said that the next step will be to appeal to the public works and planning committee. She told The Herald that she has already been in touch with committee chairman Bill Johnson and expects her tale to be included on a committee agenda in the near future.

Our councillors strongly support region's garbage recycling plans

Halton Hills isn't about to discard "solid waste source separation" with the next garbage pick-up.

The town's general committee, pleased with the municipality's own successful program of recycling garbage from weekly trash, has staunchly supported a proposal for a more integrated program promoting source separation throughout the region's four area municipalities.

Initiated three years ago as a pilot project funded by the provincial ministry of the environment, source separation has continued in Halton Hills, offering residents, through a pick-up service, the opportunity to dispose of glass, newspapers and tin at the municipal yards on Trafalgar Road in Georgetown.

Town engineer Bob Austin reported to committee members Monday night, that

about 420 metric tonnes of glass, metal and newspaper were collected for recycling in 1980, although the town incurred a \$19,000 loss in the program. Approximately 65 per cent of the town's residents have taken part in the source separation scheme at one time or another, he added.

While he expressed doubt that source separation would ever become very profitable, Mr. Austin said that by working with provincial and regional agencies to improve pick-up and delivery to recycling industries, source separation should be successful.

A recent study exploring the marketing potential of certain waste products has estimated that after the first several years of a region-wide integrated source separation program, 20 per cent of Halton's garbage could be recycled. Currently, only

about three per cent is steered away from regional landfill sites and turned back into reusable resources.

Glass, newsprint, fine papers and corrugated cardboard make up the most profitable groups of materials which can be readily recycled, the marketing report notes. However, Halton Hills has been recovering certain metal containers as well.

Coun. Walter Biehn maintained that the local program would be more successful if it is heavily promoted in the town's newspapers, explaining that a lot of new residents may not know about the program.

Councillors at the regional and local levels are optimistic that an extensive source separation program in Halton will slow the mounting crisis about where the region will dispose of its trash in the future as dumps in Oakville and Burlington reach their

capacities. As the region and the town of Milton head into court to start to determine the fate of Site "F", the region's proposed new garbage dump, at least one Milton regional councillor has suggested the money would be better spent developing a source separation program rather than adding another landfill site.

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Hunt opponents ready to lock horns June 24

Despite a relatively slow return on her newspaper petition, anti-deer hunt lobbyist Debbie Kilmer says the response she has had from other rural residents is encouraging.

Although she declined to give the number of people who have indicated their opposition to the proposal for another three-day deer hunt in Halton this fall, she said that at least two opponents are members of

the Guelph Rod and Gun Club. Mrs. Kilmer told The Herald Monday that the hunters feel

Further discussions on Halton's proposed deer hunt for 1981 will be held during a special evening meeting of the public works and planning committee June 24. Three weeks ago, questions raised by two Limehouse women, Debbie Kilmer and Pauline Martland, prompted council to postpone approving the three-day hunt while more information on whether or not the hunt effectively controls the region's deer population is collected.

Halton's deer population is too tame to provide for an exciting, challenging pursuit and

feel that "true hunters" should head for wilder country.

Collaborating with neighbor Pauline Martland, she managed to convince regional council three weeks ago to delay its approval on the hunt proposal until more information on Halton's deer population has been obtained. Meanwhile, the provincial ministry of natural resources has bolstered its arguments for the hunt and a special evening meeting of the region's public works and planning committee has been called for June 24 to discuss the matter.

She and Mrs. Martland resent being labelled "urban dwellers" as they meet opposition to their campaign, Mrs. Kilmer said, pointing out that they have both spent much of their lives in rural -- and even wilder -- areas of Canada and England.

"We're not just too little ladies in Limehouse," Mrs. Kilmer said. "There are also a large number of men who oppose the hunt."

"We have nothing, absolutely nothing to gain by doing this. We're just concerned citizens."

Maple Lodge workers sentenced

Herald Special Effects are still being felt in connection with a strike last September at Maple Lodge Farms.

Six employees were convicted in Brampton Provincial Court last week on charges stemming from incidents, which occurred during the strike.

Convicted on charges of intimidation are Marianna Carvahlo, 51, Maria Rodrigues, 33, Maria Filipe, 28, all of Brampton, Maria Correia, 40, of Mississauga; Antonio Almeida, 37, of Toronto.

Each of the convicted persons received sentences of one year probation, except Gallegos and Almeida, who received six months probation.

A seventh man charged Joao Moiz, 23, of Brampton awaits trial, which is scheduled for November 17.

More than 300 members of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) local 1105 took part in the three-week strike, which

began Sept. 15. During the strike several violent incidents erupted resulting in injuries to strikes on the picket line and police.

At the time union officials claimed the police were taking sides with management in the dispute and several complaints were laid against the police. Police denied the implications saying their job was to enforce the law and protect people.

Two police officers were sent to hospital after one was hit by a car and another had his foot run over by a bus.

Charges were laid against several other strikers but they were subsequently withdrawn.

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Resident asks town to relax kennel bylaw

An RRI Georgetown man may yet get permission to construct a kennel on his property, even though it doesn't comply with the town's tough new kennel bylaw passed in February.

Asking for an exemption from the regulation, David Laing told the town's general committee Monday night that when he purchased the property from the Cedar Springs Motel in 1979 and later tore down a dilapidated existing kennel, his plans to recon-

struct fell within the town's guidelines.

However, when he applied for a building permit two weeks ago, he was told his new animal compound would be too close to a neighboring property line under the current regulation, which calls for at least a 100-foot separation.

While some committee members opposed exempting Mr. Laing from the bylaw, fearing it would start a precedent among future kennel owners, most felt that a properly run kennel shouldn't

create the noise problems which compelled citizens to fight for more stringent kennel controls three years ago.

In a motion drafted by councillors George Maltby and Pam Sheldon, Mr. Laing was given permission to build the new kennel as long as the compound houses only six dogs and the kennel license ends when the Laings decide to move.

In addition, Coun. Russ Miller amended the proposal to ask that the Laings seek consent from neighbors before going ahead with the project.

Despite the committee's initial approval, it may be a while before the Laings can start building the 10-foot by 16-foot shelter they envisioned when they applied for the construction permit. Officially, the bylaw exempting them from the kennel regulations has to be drawn up by the town's solicitor and then forwarded for approval to council.

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No trespassing! Rivers can be private property

Herald Special There is no list of rivers in Canada which are legally navigable waters so the most cautious approach for users in Southern Ontario is to treat all rivers as non-navigable waterways unless they are used for commercial boat traffic.

What does this mean to the canoeist or boater? Unless the river is flowing through public lands, the bed of the river and the river banks on both sides are private property and the public has no right to the use of the riverbanks for any recreational or other purpose without the permission of the owner.

The Trespass to Property Act, 1980, clearly states that every person who enters on premises without the permission of the occupier and does not leave the premises immediately after he is directed to do so by the occupier of the premises or a person authorized by the occupier is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$1,000.

The rights of canoeists in the summer and snowmobilers in the winter, as well as other users of the river can be summed up as follows:

Unless there is an explicit public reservation on the river banks, the user has rights only by permission of the owners - he can not trespass, fish or camp without the owner's permission.

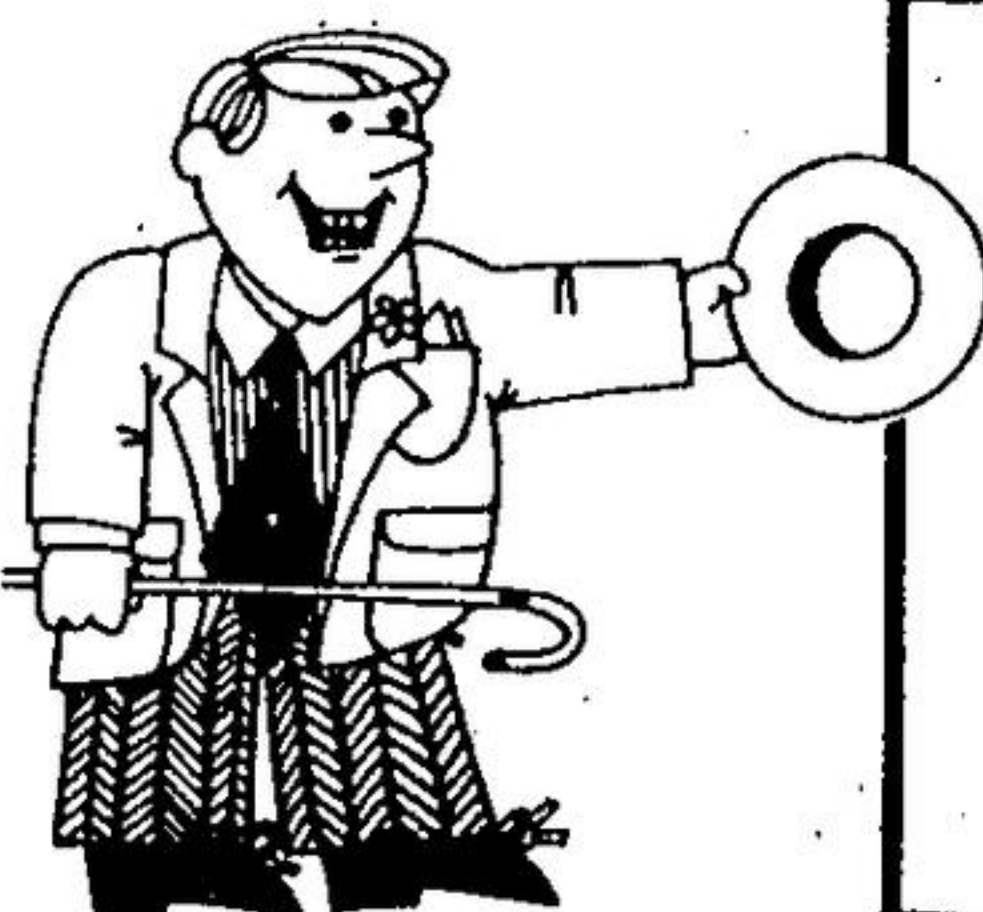
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