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## Council Notes

### Parking fines stay with town

A proposal from UNICEF Ontario suggesting the province's municipalities donate parking fines collected during council's Tuesday night meeting. UNICEF pointed out that the town of Hearst, Ontario, collected \$63 in parking fines last Oct. 31 and donated the amount to the charity. This year, that council resolved to make the Halloween parking fines collection an annual contribution. Halton Hills council received and filed the proposal, which also suggested that the town proclaim the week prior to Halloween as "UNICEF Week for Safe Water". UNICEF says it wants to eliminate life-endangering diseases transmitted through water in underdeveloped countries by 1990.

### Funds for town lock-up

Barrie, Ontario, believes that the province should start paying for keeping inmates in county or regional jails. In a resolution sent to Halton Hills for their support, Barrie city council wants the Municipal Act amended to include municipally-operated correctional institutions among similar facilities eligible for provincial funding. The town can charge provincial training institutes and jails located within its limits \$50 per inmate to help pay for municipal services provided to the building and its residents. Government assistance is needed for county and regional jails operated by the municipality because they are a burden on the taxpayer and because residents are not included on the municipal census, the town cannot use prison statistics when it applies for annual per capita grants. Halton Hills council received and filed Barrie's resolution.

### Quiet on economy

Another Ontario municipality has decided to seek province-wide condemnation of a proposed federal economic policy. During Tuesday's town council meeting, councillors decided to receive and file a recommendation from the town of Fort Francis, Ontario, calling on the federal revenue ministry not to disperse with tax indexing in the anticipated fall budget. The government has been indexing tax exemptions according to the inflation rate since the early 1970s. De-indexing, Fort Francis council fears, will reduce real consumer expenditures during this decade while the government takes a bigger bite out of our paycheques.

### Enumeration waits

Ontario's annual municipal enumeration has been postponed this year while government officials await legislation this fall which suggests that enumeration be held only during election years. There are distinct advantages to ratepayers, municipalities and school boards, the province's revenue ministry maintains. It means the province will be establishing a four-year property assessment cycle in which 1980 will be the market value year for taxation in 1983. (Municipal elections are held every two years). The next assessment rolls will be drafted from 1984 market values and available for taxation in 1986 for 1987 taxation. The ministry says the new system will greatly assist long-range planning for town councils and school boards. Enumeration also lists electors for municipal and school board elections, provides a list of possible jurors for court duty and provides population figures upon which the province calculates a municipality's annual per resident grants.

### Terry Ct. bash tomorrow

Not wanting to blunt the "social and neighborhood spirit" of Georgetown's Terry Court, town councillors Tuesday night gave the street's residents permission to hold a dance this Saturday night. However, council reminded organizers that the cul de sac adjacent to Cedarvale Park must not be cut off to emergency vehicles or pedestrians travelling to and from the park via a walkway which joins the street with the Cedarvale play area. If the event is rained out, it will be held Sept. 19. The dance is scheduled to run from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

## Sittler, McLaughlan may attend 42-hour muscular dystrophy marathon

# Dance-athon starts tonight

Canadian folk-rock musician Murray McLaughlan will be dropping into Georgetown this weekend to support a local muscular dystrophy fundraiser, riding the crest of

success with his latest LP release, "Storm Warning". Arriving at the invitation of his nephew, Georgetown resident Kevin McLaughlan, Mr. McLaughlan will be on

hand at the dance (scheduled to begin tonight (Friday) evening and continuing through to Sunday at Gordon Alcott Arena) to sign copies of his new album.

Dance organizers Kevin, Russ Bairstow and Trevor Hoy are inviting everyone to "come out and boogie" during the marathon, but add they would prefer participants to be at

least 12 years old. Sponsor sheets are available from Kevin (877-4564) or Russ (877-4770).

A number of radio personalities will be at the arena when the marathon is launched at 6 p.m. tonight. Invitations have been extended to CFRB hosts Dave Hodge and Fred Locking while Kevin will join CKMW-Brampton personality Cliff Damas in the sound booth to keep discs spinning.

Meanwhile, Murray McLaughlan will be performing tonight at the Ontario Place Forum.

Participants are asked to pay a \$2.50 admission fee (\$3 for spectators) and, once inside, spectators can pay an additional dollar if they decide to join in the fun.

Dancing will continue in 45-minute stretches with 10 to 15-minute breaks every hour for a bite to eat or just to catch one's breath. Records will be given away as spot prizes throughout the marathon.

Other celebrities who will hopefully be able to make the event are hockey stars Daye Keon and Darryl Sittler and the baseball Blue Jays mascot, B.J. Birdie.



Murray McLaughlan, popular Canadian folk-rock musician, will be in Georgetown this weekend to support a muscular dystrophy dance-athon which begins tonight (Friday) at 6 p.m. in the Gordon Alcott Arena. Mr. McLaughlan, uncle of dance organizer Kevin McLaughlan, will be on hand fresh from an Ontario Place concert to sign copies of his new album, "Storm Warning". Everyone is invited to come out and support this worthwhile event, which guarantees tons of fun.

## Grants prompt council talks on town energy conservation

Town council is expected to discuss a unique provincial energy conservation program later this month which could encourage the town to heat some of its buildings without oil.

Under the program, announced by the province's energy

ministry last July, the government has invited municipalities to apply for assistance — up to \$50,000 for each project — to switch from oil-fired systems to alternatives.

It's the first phase of a \$165 million energy conservation

program unveiled last October and is scheduled for a three-year term. Another part of the program invites municipalities to apply for grants enabling them to employ an "energy auditor", a specialist in analyzing energy consumption and ways in which energy costs may be reduced.

This part of the province's current approach to energy conservation is jointly funded by the energy ministry and the ministry of housing and municipal affairs and will provide up to 80 per cent of the cost to employ the auditor to a maximum of \$20,000 in the first year

of the three-year program, \$18,000 in the second year and \$15,000 in the final year.

Although all municipalities in the province are eligible, the government has stated that it expects regional municipalities to employ the energy auditor on behalf of member towns.

The ministry has said it believes there is no shortage of qualified people to perform the energy auditor's work and it is optimistic that auditors will complement the work of "energy co-ordinators" employed in about 150 municipalities in the province.

## Local VIPs in there pitching for Lions Fallfest

An awesome display of horseshoe pitching is expected at the Georgetown Lions Fallfest being held at Georgetown Memorial Arena next Saturday (Sept. 19).

It's Big Red versus Big Blue

The festivities at night will feature a dance commencing at 8 p.m. with music provided by the famous Kitchener Oktoberfest Band. Door prizes will be drawn and Fallfest food will be available at extra cost.



in the celebrity division, as such notables as Mayor Pete Pomeroy, MPP Julian Reed and MP John McDermid display their talents.

Openings are still available in all categories, and anyone wishing to enter a team, can contact any member of the Lions Club. Entry fees are \$3 per twosome and must be in by Thursday. The tournament begins at noon and will run to 5 p.m. Teams will be advised of

Tickets are available at the door or from any member of the Lions Club. Cost of the afternoon event is \$1 per person or \$5 for all day, including the dance. Reserve your tickets early and enjoy a day of Bavarian-style festivities.

For further information regarding tickets or horseshoe pitching, phone 877-4816, 877-2413 or 877-8547, or write to P.O. Box 73, Georgetown.

### Green light from council

The Georgetown Lions have been given permission to hold a Lions Fallfest parade Sept. 19. The parade will begin from the Zellers store in the Georgetown Market Place and continue along Guelph Street to Mill Street and then into Georgetown Memorial Arena where the Fallfest will be held.

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