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## Halton's Social Services facing financial woes

# Children and seniors' funding cut

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Regional councillors last Wednesday blasted the provincial budget for causing a shortfall in the region's financial support for private day care serv-

ices and Halton Centennial Manor.  
Halton's social services department is scrambling to find extra money for the seniors' manor and to keep private subsidized day care afloat until the end of

the year.  
Council adopted a series of proposals from its health and social services committee which one representative described as "Draconian" to stave off financial disaster in the

social services department.  
Even with proposed reductions in the day care programming five staff lay-offs, the department still needs \$159,000 from the province or else it may be forced Nov. 1 to drop purchase of service agreements for two months with private day care facilities.

Day care centres operated by the region are not directly affected by the provincial cutbacks. As many as 283 youngsters in private day care facilities could be affected by shutting off subsidies.  
While the region sponsors funding for youngsters in private day care if their parents qualify, it receives 80 per cent of its money from the province.

and Burlington residents. Neither municipality has a regionally-owned day care centre.  
Concerned that the region might start cutting back services without sufficient discussion with the ministry, Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkeiwich suggested waiting until Sept. 13 before considering program reductions.

hopes of about 100 families on waiting lists last year when it announced additional funding for the region's program, and has now dashed them with budget cutbacks.

## Gravel extraction

Continued from page A1 going to have to fight this on its own, though," he added.

Mayor Pomeroy also said the matter might also be raised at tonight's (Wednesday's) town council meeting. Town planning staff are already studying the document and will represent the municipality at public hearings to be held later this month, he said.

The mayor said he would not question the province's need for that part," he said, "but I believe that if you own land there must be some degree of compensation if the province comes along and wants it. If they implement this, they must identify resources inside their own property as well."

According to the Foundation for Aggregate Studies, the Mineral Aggregate Policy for Official Plans contained in the ministry proposals has not received Cabinet approval, does not conform with "normal

provincial planning mechanisms" and is not endorsed by the ministry of municipal affairs and housing, as is required under the proposed new

Planning Act.  
The policy would negate any type of future residential, commercial and industrial development, the foundation says.

## Old Mill

Continued from page A1 retailers, it is necessary that the suppliers be of sufficient size to fully satisfy their needs," he explained.

Beaumont's retail operation, the Old Glen Mill, will continue into the foreseeable future in its historic structure, but the building is no longer efficient to meet modern retail demands. It is "quite suitable for expanding retail operations," Mr. Penrice added.

Mr. Penrice will assume duties as marketing manager with Hanson-Mohawk and will give technical assistance at the firm's three plants. Hanson-Mohawk manufactures a wide variety of hosiery as well as toques and mitts at its 65,000-square foot Hull plant, where Beaumont's knitting equipment will be moved.

Plans to add 85 more spaces in the region's subsidized day care program have temporarily been scrapped. Cutbacks approved by council if the ministry refuses additional funding will put the region's level of day care service back to what it was last November.

It is expected that the cutbacks will have their greatest impact on Milton

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