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Halton mayors meet to plot strategy over riding redistribution Boundary protest builds MOTHERS

By CHRIS AAGAARD

Herald Staff Writer The federal Electoral Boundaries Commission is discovering that riding thanges proposed for Halton and Peel regions aren't as clear cut as they might have hoped.

Lobbies in both regions have criticised some of the riding changes, charging that they fall to consider traditional community ties.

In Halton, the region's four mayors were expected to join regional chairman Jack Raftis yester (Tuesday) to plan an appeal to be made at boundary change hearings in Hamilton Friday. Instead of four ridings in the region, they would prefer to see three, a proposal which has been presented to the commission by Halton Conservative MP Otto Jelinek at similar hearings last weekend in Toronto.

Proposed changes to the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act were made public late last year following studies by the independent commission. The commission has, among other suggestions, proposed that the Brampton-Georgetown riding and the neighboring Hal-ton riding, which includes Acton, be readjusted.

The commission has proposed that Georgetown, Acton and Caledon should form a new riding called Halton Hills-Cale-

Now a part of Halton riding, Milton would become part of the proposed riding of Halton-Wentworth. Urban Burlington would remain a riding of its own and part of Mississauga would help form the Oakville riding.

But, arguing that Halton has sufficient population within its own boundaries to form three ridings without combining outside communities, the regional delegation is expected to advocate comblning Milton and Halton Hills in one riding and allowing Oakville to become one riding without a share of Mississauga's population.

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suggests new ridings, Mr. Jelinek said, they should "keep in mind the historical significance of communities and regions."

"What I would like to see - and not everyone is going to agree with me is to try to keep three ridings within the region. That would put Georgetown back in with Milton and Acton. I think there's a historical significance in that Georgetown is a part of Halton,"

The riding, he said, which would include a chunk of largely rural north Burlington, might be called North Halton.

There is no "significance" in bringing a small portion of Mississauga in with Oakville, he commented.

The Halton Housing

Authority is concerned

about the danger a ditch

poses near 18 public hous-

ing units on Acton's

Authority representat-

ive Ann Gabriel asked

council Monday night to

consider including a pro-ject in the public works

budget this year to either

remove the ditch or make

it less of a threat to

In some places, she

said, the ditch, which

stretches along the west

side of Holmesway Place, is four feet deep and can fill with water if the

annual spring run-off isn't

carried away by adjoin-

children in the area.

Holmesway Place.

"It will be up to the commissioners concerning where they want to go with the riding issue," Mr. Jelinek said, "but I'm certainly not happy with the type of change that has taken place."

Meanwhile, Brampton-Georgetown MP John Mc-Dermid has also been at hearings in Toronto. lobbying for change in the proposals on behalf of his Brampton constituents.

Older sections of Brampton in the city's west end would remain linked electorally with Georgetown in the new Halton Hills-Caledon riding South Brampton would join the northern portion of Mississauga to form a new riding. Mr. McDermid has ex-

pressed fears that the

invites a serious accident.

the area, they are very

concerned and are pre-

pared to come and talk to

Council decided to refer

the matter to the 1983

budget committee. While

plans to lay storm sewers

along nearby Coblehill

Road and the Holmesway

Place area are in the

A rash of false alarms

at the Silver Creek Tow-

you about it."

"In talking to parents in

The idea of forming a new federal riding from

the municipalities of Milton, Acton and Georgetown,

as well as a chunk of north Burlington "has merit",

Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy told The Herald

Monday. "It looks like the best proposal to me out of

current proposals destroy Brampton's unity.

"Brampton - Georgetown is working quite well as an entity now," Mr. McDermid said. "If they have to violate the boundaries of our ridings it should be more towards the Halton Hills area as opposed to down in Miss-

issauga."

'Best idea I've seen'

Acton ditch posing threat

Ironically, the new Brampton - Mississauga riding takes in Brampton's city hall. Brampton councillors have proposed that Brampton should be divided into two ridings. One riding, Mr. McDermid, sald would include Caledon, while cutting out Georgelown.

This coincides with the Hallon proposal to have Georgetown join and Acton and Milton to form a

objectives common."

town's public works long-

range forecast, it may be

a while before the town

can finance the project.

Town engineer Bob

Austin told councillors

that his department is

considering less expens-

ive ways of dealing with

the problem until the

storm sewer project can

get underway. It may be

possible, he said, to raise

False alarms a concern

at Silver Creek Towers

so common that nobody

moves," deputy fire chief

Firefighters are con-

cerned that residents

Bob Hyde said.

new riding. Hearings into the boun-

dary changes will last until February. The maps, taking into consideration the results of the hearings, will be re-designed by June and may be presented to Parliament for debate in the autumn session.

Mr. McDermid said that MPs will have an opportunity to propose further changes during the debate. It will then be turned back to the commission, further changes made and finally, presented to the Speaker of the House for proclama-

tion. From the time the new Act is proclaimed, the boundary changes won't come into effect until a year later.

the bed of the ditch at a

But laying new storm

sewers around Holmes-

way Place can't be done

without storm sewer work

along Cobblehill Road, he

said. At 1982 rates, it

would cost about \$92,000

for the storm sewer pro-

ject and \$142,000 for

accompanying road re-

has developed much like

the old story of the boy

Pulling the slarms as a

malleious act can carry a

maximum of two years

who cried wolf.

construction.

cost of \$3,500 to \$4,000.

all of the ones I've seen," he said. It differs from the

proposal to link Halton Hills with Caledon "a great

deal". "Caledon is more oriented toward Peel.

Although it's difficult to separate local and federal

concerns, there is still enough of a tie to make some

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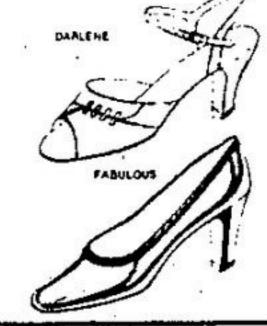
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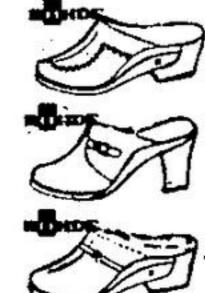
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ers apartments on Park "Children find this an Avenue have worried fireintriguing place to play with boats and toys," Ms. Gabriel said, expressing "It's gotten to be an When the commission concern that the ditch Student

ing culverts.

lesson

Continued from page A1 I gave her back the slip of paper. She smiled. The evening had been a

very enlightening one for me. I shared happiness, sadness, respect and love. Usually it's very hard to feel love for people you don't know very well, and harder still to love people who are handicapped, even though their handicaps lie only in the eyes of the beholder. But although I had just met these people, it was definitely love I felt for them, and I knew at once that they were not handicapped, but in fact "handlcap-

I made a lot of new friends and learned some valuable lessons. And I will probably always remember to be thankful for being able to be thankful. The people of "Friends in Deed" mean a lot to me, and I hope each and every one of them continues to succeed in life, but most of all, to enjoy it. I wish them all the best for now and for always, as I'm sure each of us at Acton High School does.





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