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The dedication of long time employees in Halton Hills was recognized last Wednesday by Halton regional councillors. A 15-years service award was given to Ken Falkner of Georgetown, who is administrative assistant in the public works department, to Brent Marshall of Acton who is a

supervisor of north district operations, and to Robert Rolfe of Georgetown who is with the Georgetown Water Pollution Control Plant. A 10-years service award was presented to Georgetown waterworks staff Peter Hayes and Dave Piper. (Herald photo)



The Georgetown Lioness Club will be holding a Kilometre of Coins event Saturday at the Georgetown Marketplace. The event will be an attempt to form a line of coins one kilometre long. The funds raised will go to the Dorset Dialysis Camp. Lioness members Joyce Gosling (left) and Marcella Neely show the actual filter used in a dialysis machine. (Herald photo)

Town taxes could increase by 5.4%

Already the planning for the 1986 town budgets is underway and treasurer Ray King estimates your town taxes will go up by 5.4 per cent over last year, or by \$14.22.

In a report on the upcoming budget, Mr. King said an assessment increase of 2 1/2 per cent is paring down your taxes from the 8.1 per cent projected increase for next year.

He blames the increase on the provincial unconditional grants which aren't expected to go up from 1985 levels.

The town will have a 4 per cent increase, however, in its Ministry of Transportation and Communications grant and a 3 per cent increase in monies from town recreational facilities.

No increase is anticipated in investment income revenues over the 1985 levels. On the expenditures side, Mr. King's report shows a 4 per cent increase in salary, wages and benefits, material, services and transfers and spending on its share of road work co-ordinated with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

The 1986 budget for the town is estimated to require \$4.9 million in general taxation revenue.

A homeowner with a house assessed at \$5,654 in Georgetown can expect to be paying \$277 next year, compared

to the \$262.80 in town taxes paid in 1985.

Mr. King said the rate of inflation is in the area of 4.1 per cent. His report serves merely as a guideline for town councillors as they go about deciding how to spend their operating budget. These guidelines suggest a level of service similar to 1985.

A preliminary budget is to come to council in March, with recommendations by the budget committee.

Our budget on target

The 1985 town budget is on target, town treasurer Ray King reassured councillors Monday night at the council meeting.

He estimated there will be an operating surplus of about \$100,000 if not more, and a surplus of \$40,000 in the urban services.

General government and winter roads clearing meant an extra \$43,000 in spending for the town, but revenue came in of \$45,000 in permits to balance this.

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Talk isn't cheap for hired experts

They say talk is cheap, but that wasn't the case with engineering consultants hired by the town to do drainage work on part of Lots 19 and 20, Concession 1.

According to Clerk-Administrator Ken Richardson, the tendered cost of \$3,104 was escalated to \$6,128 by the firm of Gansby and Mannerow Limited.

"The increased costs were largely due to additional discussions with property owners Leslie, Leresche and Van Der Veen during construction," company engineer David Grahman wrote Mr. Richardson.

The project engineer charged \$37.48 for each of the 33 hours he claimed for the job. There was an additional \$221 charged for mileage, photocopying, telephone and postage.

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Lioness Club win best float

Cloudy skies and rain didn't stop Santa Claus from landing his sleigh to be part of the Santa Claus parade. He was invited by the Lions Club who sponsored the parade.

Don Gordon, chairman of the parade, said hundreds of people watched this year. There were less floats than last year, mainly because the Lions didn't advertise until six weeks ago, Mr. Gordon said. Support from the business community, who help finance the parade, was excellent, he added.

Four judges picked the best floats and bands of the parade. Best Band was the Emerald Cadet Drum and Bugle Corp. The Georgetown Lioness Club won the Best Overall Float. Standard Products won Best Theme Float and the Optimists won Best Service Club Float.

After the parade Santa joined the Lions at their club behind Memorial Arena. The Lions are going to get a very early start next year, Mr. Gordon said.

Car dealer faces charges

A Georgetown car dealer is one of 23 Metro car dealers facing charges under the Combines Investigation Act.

Barry Whitworth of Georgetown Chrysler Ltd. faces three charges: misleading advertising, advertising a product he did not have in reasonable supply at the advertised price and advertising a product but selling at a higher price than advertised.

He is one of 23 Chrysler dealers facing charges under the Combines Investigation Act as a result of advertising a 1984 sale of K cars.

The ads ran in The Toronto Star, The Sun and the Globe and Mail in July 1984, and offered K cars for \$7,777. Court date for the companies is next month at College Park Provincial Court.

Emergency plan starts

Not to be left out, the town is also working on an emergency plan.

Tagging behind the region on this, town engineer Bob Austin said a fourth draft of the town emergency plan is currently underway. He said Monday night he expects to be presenting the plan to the new council in 1986.

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