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B.C. administrator Halton's new CAO

A 39-year-old Burnaby, British Columbia administrator has been named the new chief administrative officer for Halton Region.

Regional councillors unanimously approved John Fleming to take the Region's highest public service position last week, at a special council meeting.

Mr. Fleming was selected from 65 applicants for the job which pays between \$78,250 and \$83,300, Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said.

He will start Sept. 15, replacing Dennis Perlin who left for a job with the City of Toronto in April.

"Fleming is a quieter individual in his presentation," Mr. Pomeroy said. "You'll notice the change right

away if you're comparing him with Dennis. He's quiet and soft-spoken."

"John is probably more of a delegator than Dennis," he said. "There'll never be another Dennis Perlin. He was unique in the way he administered the region and there'll never be an equal (to him) in that respect."

Mr. Pomeroy said the selection committee was looking for different qualities than in the seventies when Mr. Perlin was hired.

He noted Halton has survived the financial problems of the past decade. "We have a solid financial department now and top quality regional administrators here," the regional chairman said.

There will be more involvement in major issues by the Region's senior department heads now, with the new

administrator taking the lead mainly in crisis situations, Mr. Pomeroy said.

Mr. Fleming has a Bachelor of Arts degree received from Queen's University in 1968, a Master of Social Work from the University of Toronto in 1971 and credits towards a Master of Business Administration degree.

For the past four years, Mr. Fleming has been director of administrative and community services for the District of Burnaby in British Columbia.

There, he looked after the police force, and was responsible for six departments: solicitors, clerks, personnel, fire, health and management. He did labor relations work and had corporate planning responsibilities.

"He hasn't got extensive experience in garbage disposal, but they have the same problems in the Vancouver area as we have here in Halton (regarding garbage)," Chairman Pomeroy said.

One of the crucial criteria in hiring Mr. Fleming was that he have a background in public administration, Mr. Pomeroy said. Council was also interested in having somebody with financial background, someone who has dealt with budgets similar in size to Halton's.

Before working for Burnaby, Mr. Fleming was deputy commissioner of social services for Metropolitan Toronto and special assistant to the Metro chairman.

Halton had candidates applying from coast to coast, with excellent qualifications, Mr. Pomeroy said.

In the home

25 steps to prevent violence

There was no lack of recommendations made in a report on family violence prevention released last week.

Called "Action for Change", the report of the Halton task force made 14 recommendations to the social service sector, 25 recommendations to the police and judiciary services, and another 10 to the school boards.

It's fine to list recommendations, but how do you implement them? The task force suggests a committee be set up called "Action for Change", and that it be sponsored by Halton Region's social services department.

"By sponsorship, we do not imply responsibility for the committee," the report states. "Rather we mean clerical and staffing support."

Funded by grants from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services, including a grant from the Ontario Women's Directorate, the report gives facts on wife beating and the myths about family violence.

The task force recommends Burlington have an emergency shelter for victimized women and their children. Halton Women's Place in Milton is the region's only emergency shelter and its location is an obstacle for women commuting to work, looking for jobs or for housing, the report says. A needs assessment should be done to decide the role and location of a second facility.

The task force also recommends Halton develop affordable housing with guaranteed access for victims. Halton Housing and non-profit housing have long waiting lists and women are frequently forced to return to their husbands because there are no housing alternatives.

It wants the province, through the region, to provide victims with an allowance once they leave the emergency shelter, an allowance to help establish themselves.

The committee also wants child care workers at the emergency shelter to help children coming from these violent homes.

Halton Regional Police has a "victims services unit" only in Burlington, and the task force would like to see it expanded to include Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville, as well as expanded to include a victim's assistance component.

As well, the police force should start up a domestic response team to investigate family violence and pro-

vide follow-up services to victims, task force members say.

In the line of counselling, the report wants to see specialized group counselling for victims of abuse and for perpetrators.

Doctors, and other health care providers should be educated about family violence, the recommendations say, so should all police front line officers and their superiors, judges, defence Legal Aid and crown attorneys.

In all cases of wife assault, police should lay charges, the task force says. The decision to lay charges should be up to police, independent of the victim's wishes, the report says.

In schools, children should be taught family violence prevention as a compulsory credit, not an option. Give teachers training so they know how to help students from violent families build healthy self-concepts and positive relationships, the task force says.

The task force wants corporal punishment removed, a step the Halton Board took this spring, and the Halton Separate School Board is considering this fall.

In the hills

Campfire stories

Relax in front of a blazing campfire and enjoy some interesting tales about wildlife and nature. Saturday July 26 there is a program at Terra Cotta Conservation Authority starting at 8 p.m. You can enjoy some stories about the animals who roam about the Terra Cotta area.

Ramp repairs

If you haven't been down that way, you may not know it, but the Ministry of Transportation and Communications has opened the one and off ramps to the James Snow Parkway and Highway 401. During the last couple of weeks, the Ministry has been making repairs to the ramps.

It will be some time yet before they begin to complete construction of the bridge that burned this spring when a gas tanker caught fire underneath it.

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Subdivision bid

The construction firm which whisked the town's clerk administrator away this spring has won a contract to do reconstructing work in the Glen Lea subdivision.

Graham Bros. Construction Ltd. of Brampton had the lowest tender of two firms bidding for the job.

"The relatively low number of bidders on the project and the tendered price being higher than the estimate appears to reflect the fact that the construction industry is quite busy at the present time," the engineering firm handling the tenders reported.

The engineer's estimate for the job to be done was \$198,032. The Graham Bros. tender was \$228,027.

The overrun of \$27,027 is to be made up from the town's contingency reserve fund.

GO buses for Acton to Milton?

Rash Mohammed will be carrying a lot of messages with him when he meets with Ontario's GO Transit officials soon.

Last week, the Regional Planning Director was requested to ask the provincial body if there can be a GO Transit linkup for people in Acton. Coun. Pam Sheldon said she'd had requests that there be GO buses connecting with the GO system in the south.

"There's never been a north-south linkup," Coun. Sheldon said. "It's now, more important than ever, with the Beardmore problems, we'll have a lot more people using the link to get from Acton to Milton."

She said improving the transportation link is necessary for employment, and noted not everybody is a two-car family.

"When we meet with the provincial people we'll convey your message," Mr. Mohammed said.

He said he would also ask about arranging a weekend transit service on the trains.

Terra Cotta film nights

Every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. is film night inside the Visitor Services Centre at Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

You and your family will enjoy a number of colorful and informative films scheduled for the summer. July 29 - The Nature Art of Robert Bateman - this film focuses on the Art of Canadian Naturalist and Painter Robert Bateman.

August 5 - The Railroader - a short film starring Buster Keaton as he travels across Canada on a railway track speeder.

August 12 - To be Announced.

August 19 - The Rise and Fall of the Great Lakes - a lone canoeist lives through the changes of recent geological history of Ontario.

August 26 - Man the Polluter - a humorous cartoon with an important message that enlarges on man's capacity to ruin his nest or ignore it.

This program is sponsored by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. Films are free with admission into the Area. Terra Cotta Conservation Area is located on Winston Churchill Blvd., just 2 km north of the Village of Terra Cotta.

\$8,874 expansion

Until the new municipal complex is built, town councillors are spending \$8,874 to make life in the town's Trafalgar Road administration building more bearable.

What's council getting for \$8,875? They're getting eight large and three small windows that need replacing (\$3,625), additional steel shelving for the storage room (\$900), two exhaust fans for the existing washrooms (\$350), additional lighting in the office and expansion of office floor space to the front door, removing the existing stairs (\$3,999).



What better way to bend a politician's ear than by having a picnic lunch with one? That's exactly what Roger Gervais did at the Acton old-fashioned picnic Saturday at Fairy Lake. The divisional officer of the local St. John's Ambulance chapter shared a picnic lunch put together by Mrs. Serjeantson. The lunches were auctioned off to the highest bidder. The town councillors were part of the luncheon package. (Herald photo)

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Hunt report won't be changed

The recommendations made by the Region's task force on hunting will stand as they are, and Halton Regional staff won't be allowed to change them.

This was resolved at last week's council meeting, upon task force chairman Pam Sheldon's insistence.

The original motion in the Regional council agenda gave Regional staff leeway to suggest changes to the task force recommendations, "if needed".

"The wording of the motion suggests to me they could possibly change the intent of the task force findings. I want assurances from staff that there won't be major changes made to the intent of the task force," Coun. Sheldon insisted.

"Any fundamental changes to the report should only be made by the citizens' committee and not by staff," she said.

The task force was set up in February to study whether Halton's one-year-one ban on hunting in the agreement forests should stay.

Last month, a report by the task force returned the deer hunt to the forests, extending it from the previous four days to five days.

Much correspondence was received by Halton and the task force on the hunting issue, and last week, Regional staff got the go-ahead to prepare a report on the public com-

ments. As well, council dissolved the task force and thanked its eight members for their time and effort.

The task force recommendations are to be commented on by the agencies affected by them, such as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Halton Regional Police.

"I believe the task force came up

with a good solution. I believe in the decisions of that committee," Oakville Mayor Bill Perras said. "I don't see what's to be gained by sending this to staff for analysis."

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said he wanted staff to comment on the recommendations because a lot of them will be expensive to implement.

Mental health costs above budget limit

The North Halton Mental Health budget for 1986 is ready for provincial approval, and it's \$55,956 more than last year's budget.

That's \$43,444 more than the four per cent increase the province is allowing.

Why so much more? The program is getting a new nurse therapist (\$35,303), a position approved by the Ministry of Health last year; \$1,255 in increased benefits for the nurse therapist; \$3,949 for added travel costs by present staff and the new nurse therapist; and \$2,937 for a raise for a therapist working in the program.

The program also wants more, above this \$55,956. In order of priority, they would like to have an assis-

tant nursing director (\$33,455) to oversee administration of all health department mental health programs; more travel money to help pay transportation costs for clients (\$1,500); \$3,519 more for the program's social worker who currently earns \$36,519; and \$55,416 to cover increases in psychogeriatric and psychiatric service fees and related clerical costs in North Halton; and \$32,300 to expand children's mental health services in the north with social worker and pediatrician fees increased.

The North Halton Mental Health program is 100 per cent provincially funded and only expenditures within the provincial budget can be made.

Use of strap to be reviewed

If your child is in the Separate School system, he may still be strapped and sent home.

Corporal punishment hasn't been banned by the Halton Separate School Board, the Board's Superintendent of Education told The Herald.

That's a decision a committee will be making in the fall.

"We think it's used very rarely in the system and I expect a statement that it ought to be used rarely," Dennis Nolan said. "We haven't banned it, but it's heading very much in that direction."

The committee to consider banning corporal punishment is actually a committee set up to establish a code of conduct for Separate School students. The Halton Separate School Board currently has one for high school students, but the Ministry of Education requires one for students in Grade 7 and up.

This spring, the Halton Board of Education banned corporal punishment, following a review of its 1969 policy.

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Table listing car models and prices: 1985 CAMARO S/C, 1985 TEMPO 4 DR. GL., 1985 LYNX, 1985 CITATION, 1984 T-BIRD, 1984 PONTIAC 6000, 1984 PHOENIX, 1984 CAVALIER H/B, 1984 MUSTANG, 1984 TEMPO, 1984 OMNI, 1984 CHEVETTE, 1983 CROWN VICTORIA, 1983 CUTLASS.

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