

# Social service groups vie for \$550,000 pie

There's \$550,000 in grants monies to be doled out by Halton Region this year, and 42 groups waiting with their hands outstretched.

The health and social services committee began the month-long process of allocating the grants dollars this week.

Next week, Regional Council is expected to approve grants for the majority of the applicants. Those who want more than a four per cent increase over their 1986 grant will have to fight for it Feb. 28.

That's when a special health and social services committee meeting will be held to consider grants for new applicants, and for applicants wanting money beyond the four per cent Regional budget guidelines.

Although grant requests total \$637,390 this year, social services administrator Adelina Urbanski said the vast majority of organizations have kept their grant request within the four per cent guideline.

Grant requests by organizations serving children have exceeded this

guideline, generally because of expansion of services, Mrs. Urbanski said.

So far there are four new organizations making a bid for Regional dollars, and one of them is from Halton Hills, the Physically Handicapped Citizens Association led by Georgetown's Pat Woode. The group wants \$14,500.

Mrs. Woode will have to explain what her Association does and why it should get a grant, Feb. 28. Final council approval of grants for new

applicants and for those wanting more than four per cent is March 18.

Last year, Halton gave away \$521,700 in social services grants. This year's grants monies are up 5.5 per cent over that.

What are some of the local agencies asking for? Halton Big Brothers wants \$6,300 (11 per cent more), Halton Helping Hands \$73,313 (4 per cent), Open Door \$4,300 (4 per cent), Acton Social Services Information Centre \$33,810 (4 per cent), North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded \$16,460 (4 per cent), Halton Recovery House \$6,320 (4 per cent), Halton Social Planning Council \$114,642 (27 per cent), North

Halton Distress Centre \$4,541 (4 per cent), North Halton Hospice \$2,380 (4 per cent), St. John Ambulance for Halton Hills \$455 (4 per cent), Halton Hills United Way \$7,000 (same as last year).

## Public is welcome to budget talks

The first meeting of the town's 1987 budget committee was held yesterday (Tuesday), starting at 9 a.m. in the council chambers.

Coun. John McDonald is chairman of the budget committee and plans to hold further full day budget sessions.

The public is welcome to attend the discussion and learn how a town budget is arrived at. The budget is due to be finalized by the end of next month.

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Says Grossman

# Tax windfall should go to farmers

By ANI PEDEHIAN  
 Herald Staff

"Sorry, we can't afford it," isn't an acceptable answer when it comes to agriculture, declared provincial Progressive Conservative leader Larry Grossman last week.

Speaking to about 40 Federation of Agriculture members, Mr. Grossman said the provincial government's tax windfall of \$99 million should provide more to agriculture than agriculture is now getting.

The unexpected Treasury figures give the province nearly a billion dollars in tax revenue.

"That's like you winning the 649 (Lottery). No exaggeration," Mr. Grossman said. He had predicted the tax revenue increase earlier in the year.

The Liberal government plans to give agriculture 13 per cent more than the new revenue.

"If I were in government, I would give more in direct support to agriculture," Mr. Grossman declared. "If they're not spending all their surplus, they should give it back."

Evelyn Gillies of Milton told the PC leader the provincial government hasn't opposed the use of farmland for dumps. Halton Region has selected an agricultural site in Milton as its second choice for a landfill, and the matter is now going to the Environmental Assessment Review Board.

"Obviously, if there is any reasonable alternative to using farmland, that reasonable alter-

native should be taken," Mr. Grossman said.

He said that even at the Review Board, there should be a stage where the question of alternatives and suitability are addressed, with a clear priority given to non-agricultural lands for landfilling purposes.

In order to protect farmland, the current government is opposing severances, yet when it comes to taking farmland out of production for a landfill, the government isn't taking as strong a stand, Mr. Grossman observed.

Everyone seems willing to complain about the problems in agriculture, yet no one is coming up with the solutions, Ed Segsworth said. He congratulated Agriculture Critic Ross Stevenson on his suggestions.

Mr. Segsworth said Canadian farmers are being threatened by the United States farm bill and the European Economic Council subsidization.

Mr. Segsworth said it takes up to 30 months for farmers to get their money. It makes farmers look like they can't manage their cash flow when they go to the bank and say they expect to produce so much and sell so much.

He suggested the stabilization numbers be used as cash flow projections, although some farmers don't think that's the way to go.

He said a sugar poney is necessary and gave his support for fuel ethanol.



**SMOKE FREE**-Georgetown District High School students stand with Principal Barb Singleton as they cut a ribbon to signal a smoke-free environment at the school. The students gathered around the courtyard for the picture for a special reason. For many years, the courtyard was a haven for smokers at the school. Students won't be allowed to smoke in the building or on school property.

# Staff is exempt from ban to stop student smokers

By ANI PEDEHIAN  
 Herald Staff

Teachers are exempt from the smoking ban at Georgetown District High School.

"The first thing I asked was, why don't the teachers have to quit when we have to," Student Council president Debbie Pentecost, 17, said.

"When you think about it, it's fair. It's harder for the teachers to quit, because they've been smoking for many more years than the students," explained Jana Steele, 17, a Grade 13 representative on student council.

"It's not really fair for the other teachers, but it's up to the other teachers to say," Jana said. Teachers are restricted to smoking in the staff room.

Principal Barbara Singleton openly admits it's a double standard, but she says students punished for smoking on school property yet to disregard

smoking by teachers.

"It is a double standard. I have no trouble admitting that. It's my decision to do that," Mrs. Singleton said. "I don't support a ban for staff. That's a hard decision, not a principal decision."

Of 115 GDHS staff, including secretaries and the caretaker, 11 smoke, she said.

She spoke personally with each of them and received a commitment that they'll try to quit smoking, Mrs. Singleton said.

"Already three smokers have quit. They are math teachers, Gilly Bosman and Mike Sherlock and caretaker Bob Hasty. Several others have reduced the amount they smoke."

"I'm really happy to see Mr. Sherlock quitting," Jana said. "He used to chain smoke at our student council meetings."

Peer pressure only works on students, not on adults when it comes to quitting smoking, Mrs. Singleton said. The approach is different for each age group. Adults quit of their own volition, for compelling reasons.

In the staff room, there are smokers to reduce the smoke for non-smokers who also share the room. The school principal, who doesn't smoke herself, believes happy teachers make better teachers. Although her goal is to make the school smoke free, she doesn't want her staff at one another's throats over the issue.

"Because I've never smoked myself, I have to learn what's the psychology of quitting," Mrs. Singleton said. "Every kid who quits, I interview and find out how they did it."

Along with controlled smoking classes by Halton Board of Education's Dick O'Brien, the principal has a number of resources she can refer staff to: a Streetsville hypnotherapist and a Toronto Shiatsu clinic for acupuncture.

For teens, the horror stories about lung cancer don't seem to make enough impression to convince them to quit the habit.

"Health reasons aren't part of kids' reasons for quitting. They don't want to hear about it," Mrs. Singleton said. It's different for adults.

As well, youngsters, when they start to smoke believe they will quit, whereas the person who's been smoking 10 years believes he won't be able to quit, she said.

What about a ban on smoking? Mrs. Singleton says it may work, but she would never support it being done on a short time frame. A two to three year time frame is needed, to give smokers time to change, and give them support for it, she said.

"Sticking it to them and letting them suffer, won't work," Mrs. Singleton said. "The kids will be suffering under unhappy teachers. You have to treat these adults with respect and concern."



## Splish, Splash

Wilfred McEachern's cup was running over with fun Saturday at the Saturday Centre open house. The centre at St. John's United Church in Georgetown is for children with special needs. Wilfred is seen here with volunteer Janice Rea. The

children and volunteers meet twice a month at the church. If you are interested in this program to provide relief for parents call the church at 872-2531 or Karla Rattenbury at 877-5758. (Herald photo)

# Holy Cross begins Grade 5 immersion

Big things are happening to the French programs at Holy Cross Separate School.

This year, the school began a Grade 5 French immersion program, drawing students from St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's in Acton.

Next year, the French immersion program will include Grade 6 students. As for French as a subject, students at Holy Cross will be able to take it starting in Grade 1, next year. The French class will be 20 minutes daily. Right now, French as a second language, is taught in Grade 4.

"There's a great deal happening within the (Halton Separate School) Board and at the school in the French programs," Holy Cross Vice-principal Richard MacDonald said.

Last week, a handful of parents turned out to hear the Board's French language consultant Michel LeCavalier speak on French immersion. Their concerns about their

children getting behind because of the French program were put to ease, Mr. MacDonald said. Parents were shown teaching materials used in the program.

Obviously, the programs are better suited for those students who do well in English language study. The reading and language development of youngsters is looked at rather than the maths and academics, Mr. MacDonald said.

The new Grade 5 French immersion program at Holy Cross has 20 students, of which seven are boys and 13 girls. Ten were Holy Cross students, three came from St. Joseph's in Acton, and seven from St. Francis in Georgetown.

It helps in sharing the school building with French language school Ecole Sacre Coeur, the vice principal said.

When there are French presentations, plays or activities, students from both schools can attend, Mr. MacDonald said.

## In the hills

### Friendly visitors

Do you have some spare time? The North Halton Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Social Planning Council, is looking for people to be friendly visitors.

In Acton a volunteer is needed to spend a couple of hours a week with an elderly man so his wife can go shopping.

In Milton an elderly man would like someone a couple of hours a week for some conversation and an occasional drive. For further information contact 877-3219.

### La Leche meeting

La Leche League of Georgetown is continuing series of informal meetings is open to all women interested in breastfeeding. Babies are always welcome. The next meeting will be held at 7 Park Ave., Georgetown, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 877-0819.

### \$10 land fee

For an annual fee of \$10 over the next five years, Nigel Reform of Church Street East in Acton will be allowed to have his home encroach on the Willow Street road allowance.

Monday night, councillors also approved the same deal for Peter and Elizabeth Bot. Their home on Georgetown's Maple Avenue encroaches on the Maple Avenue road allowance.

### Summer jobs

If you have an interest in working with children in an aquatic setting, the recreation and parks department is hiring lifeguards and instructors. Pick up an application form at the recreation and parks department on James Street or at either the Acton or Georgetown swimming pools.

### Wills planning

A seminar is being held for parents with handicapped children about wills and estate planning Feb. 19 at Milton District High School.

The meeting doesn't have an admission charge and the starting time is 7:15 p.m. The seminar will cover important issues and principles about planning your will. The seminar is presented by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

### Big Brothers bowl

The Mayors of Oakville and Milton are set for a friendly game of bowling in support of Big Brothers of Halton's Bowl for Millions campaign. Despite a broken leg, Mayor Bill Perras with the help of a team of Oakville Councillors, will bowl against Mayor Gord Krantz of Milton and his team of Councillors Feb. 14th at 4:30 p.m. The event takes place at the Oakville Bowlerama located at Trafalgar Village in Oakville.

The Mayor-a-thon will kick-off the celebrity bowl festivities at Trafalgar Village which also is the last event planned for the annual Bowl for Millions week during February 7-14.

The Mayor-a-thon promises to be a most entertaining, if not heated, competition between these Municipal representatives.

Anyone interested in bowling for Big Brothers should call 845-8456 or 878-7556 to obtain pledge sheets and for further information.

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