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Can't do it all

The town of Halton Hills should hold back on temptations to hire more staff in 1987.

The town coffers just aren't big enough to absorb the costs required to pay the salaries of 12 new staff. When our tax base increases after the Enterac development and other housing projects are underway, the town will be in a better position to justify more employees.

There are several reasons to delay a hike in expenditures by hiring additional staff.

At the moment, the town hasn't increased in size to the point where more employees can be hired. Like any business, there are times a department just has to make do with the people it has, until the time is right to expand.

Also, the long-term expenditures of new staff has to be considered.

If all 12 employees were accepted, the town would have to pay as much as \$150,341 this year, as well as increases in pay and benefits in subsequent years.

Already the town has committed itself to building a municipal complex. The new town hall will cost \$4 million. The people shouldn't have to tolerate too many budget surprises in one year.

Until the town grows, and the town coffers with it, the town cannot afford to take on too many people or projects.

One exception would be the hiring of staff in either the engineering or planning departments if they could expedite new business coming to town. Increasing staff to bring in more revenue is a cost-saving measure in the long-term.

The town can't do it all in a year. That's why we prefer councillors to proceed with caution when it again comes time to discuss new staff hirings.

Talking garbage

Garbage may not be the most interesting topic around one's dinner table. It doesn't rate our attention the way political scandals, human tragedy and budget speeches do.

No one wants to talk about the crisis many municipalities face trying to get rid of their garbage.

In Halton we are reaching a distressing situation. One regional councillor says he's tired of talking about energy from waste plants. Politicians won't look seriously at incinerating garbage until they've run out of places to bury it, said Coun. Bill Johnson.

That's a sad commentary. We need to look at future ways of handling an already burdensome problem of disposing of our garbage.

While Halton will eventually open a new landfill, the chosen site will not last forever. The more we continue to live in a throw-away society, the faster our new dump, with a 20 year life-span, will be filled.

At Halton Region, other councillors reaffirmed their commitment to energy from waste, which is encouraging. But the public has yet to be convinced. In 1983 a preliminary study for an EFW site in Oakville was rejected by the public.

The provincial government has been slow to show leadership on this crucial issue. The federal government has not renewed its support, refusing to hand out fire grants for projects to local municipalities.

Perhaps Coun. Johnson is right when he says burning garbage for electricity isn't a viable program until disposal reaches crisis proportions.

But we hope he's wrong. Halton Region has to think to the future now and energy from waste programs must be promoted and carried out without delay.

WRITE US A LETTER

What do you think about what is happening in Halton Hills...in this province...across the nation and around the world? We are interested in your opinion.

All letters must be signed and include an address. Your phone number should be listed in order for us to verify the signature. Please keep your letter brief and to the point. The maximum length is 400 words. Send your letters to: The Herald, 45 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Ont., L7G 3Z6.

There's the rub



Staff comment

By SANDY CAMPBELL
Herald Staff

There are things in this world which technology cannot improve upon. There are the vibrant colors of a rainbow against a blue sky, the meal made from vegetables grown in your own garden and there is the massage.

Oh to enjoy the hands of a loved one kneading the tension out of sore muscles. Try as much as they do though, weaknesses in a loved one's efforts do exist. Consider the pounder, the chopper and the masher. A massage by untrained hands is often too brisk or brief and sometimes painful.

The many advantages of a massage cannot be discovered during such short exchanges. And they often do become exchanges, because the masseur or masseuse usually wants to exchange a rub for a rub. There's the rub.

I recently discovered some of the many advantages of a massage by a trained masseuse courtesy of the Georgetown Spa and Fitness Centre on Wesleyan Street. The resident masseuse is Antonette Digiallonardo, who has 15 years experience.

An experienced masseuse, she knows where the tense spots are and how to remove them painlessly, unlike those whose hands are better trained for kneading dough.

It's a good way to relieve any stress you might have. In order to be

effective one must be as relaxed as possible, something rarely attempted by most people. By the time the massage is over you will undoubtedly be relaxed. Don't be surprised if you are so relaxed you fall asleep.

A massage really isn't that expensive. Those with a little extra spending money can easily afford one. And it makes a great gift for a friend.

For those unfamiliar with the delights of a massage, and even for the veteran, the experience is quite an exotic one. It puts a person in the same company as a senator from ancient Rome or a Japanese lord.

There are many reasons better than time travelling to have a massage though. According to Mrs. Digiallonardo the reasons vary with the individual, but there are common benefits for all.

For one thing, a massage improves the circulation. It helps cleanse the body by removing dead skin.

The masseur will spend time on abused and ignored body parts, such as the feet and hands. "The feet are the most important part of the body," Mrs. Digiallonardo said. "The nerve endings are in the feet."

Many people go to see a masseur because of ailments. An athletic injury or a bad back bring many to the table of the muscle expert.

But your basic massage need not be attempted out of necessity. It is one of the pleasant things in life which is not used often enough. Massages are not a fad to complement the latest fitness craze. They are an ancient method of improving one's life. Much like a cool drink on a hot day, a thorough massage after a long day is a satisfying experience.

Death penalty vote thorny issue

The forthcoming parliamentary debate on capital punishment will almost certainly be long, emotional and sometimes bitter. And the biggest task for the Mulroney government on this particular issue is keeping away from it.

What the government in general, and Prime Minister Mulroney in particular, want to avoid is having the Conservatives associated with a return to the death penalty.

And it's not easy to disassociate the government from anything that's done in Parliament.

In the 1984 election campaign, and in subsequent speeches, Mr. Mulroney promised to give MPs another opportunity for a free-vote on capital punishment. A free vote means that MPs can vote according to their conscience without adhering to any party policy that may exist.

In 1976, when capital punishment was abolished, there was also a free vote. Yet, in many minds today, it was the Trudeau government that abolished the noose.

What the Mulroney government doesn't want is the blame - or, if you

prefer, credit - for reinstating the death penalty.

NOT EASY

The prime minister is stoutly opposed to the death penalty, as is Liberal Leader John Turner and New Democratic Leader Ed Broad-



Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

ben. But samplings of MPs suggest that a majority disagree with their leaders on the issue.

One such survey, by the Ottawa office of Amnesty International, found that 135 of responding MPs favored capital punishment, while 92 were opposed and 47 undecided or unknown. Unless many minds are changed during the debate, this would suggest Parliament will vote for reinstatement.

The issue was introduced to Parliament by way of a motion

which, to get the debate underway, endorses the principle of capital punishment. And the arguments, including impassioned pleas for abolition from the party leaders, will go on for months. If the motion is defeated, that's that. But if it wins approval, then a committee of 15 MPs will travel the country, holding public hearings and deciding what offences should be punishable by death.

It could be a long and painful process. And whether the government can distance itself from the issue over that period is far from clear.

MORE TORIES

One of the problems is the lopsided standings in the Commons which means that far more Tories than Liberals or New Democrats will be voting in favor of the death penalty. And there is every indication that, even on a percentage basis, this will also be the case.

Furthermore, it's well known that the pressure for this debate came from Tories, the most vocal of whom is Peterborough's Bill Domm.

And it's probably safe to assume that most of the lobby against the

death penalty will aim its fire at the person perceived to have the most influence - the prime minister.

Amnesty spokesman Paul LaRose-Edwards has been quoted as saying, "we want to make it perfectly clear to Mulroney that if this goes through, it will land at his door."

Other abolitionist organizations have also been aiming most of their fire at the government. The problem is, until a committee is established, there is no other convenient target, apart from petitions to Parliament, which, because of their volume, seldom attract much attention.

It really won't be fair if Mr. Mulroney, or his government, is forced to bear all the blame for what's ahead in the capital punishment debate. He and his cabinet - the majority of whom are abolitionists - are responding to public pressure in the most non-partisan way available.

But then, who ever said that politics was fair?



Citizens' forum

Hypocrisy in Apartheid

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was sent to The Herald for publication.

An Open Letter to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney

During your recent visit to Zimbabwe, you expressed the sentiment of millions of people throughout the world when you abhorred apartheid in South Africa. Although a stand against such an obvious injustice is laudable, the statement, your person, your office, and Canada lose credibility because of the hypocrisy involved.

Bill 30 is now an act of the Ontario Legislature which segregates Ontario high-school students into two groups by creating a duplicate, publicly-funded, secondary school system for Roman Catholic students. This is government-sponsored segregation. It is also discrimination.

This segregation and discrimination in Ontario is no less repugnant than South Africa's because of the substitution of religion for colour, and indeed, to some it is considered every more repugnant because of its subtlety.

Volunteer help

Dear Sir,
The Lung Association-Halton Region would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the volunteers who so ably assist us during the year and particularly at the time of the Christmas Seal Campaign. The hours you so willingly contribute to help our association have proved invaluable.

Yours truly,
Mrs. J.V. Armour
Executive Director
The Lung Association
Halton Region

When, sir, are you going to address this violation of social unity and human rights in your own back yard, Ontario? Until you do, continued statements about human rights abuses in other countries embarrass Canada on the world stage.

As well as being against section 15(1) of our own Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the abuses in Ontario AND South Africa are both contrary to article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This Declaration was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly on Dec. 10, 1948, and signed by Canada in 1948, and states that "Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without any distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion,

political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status."

We suggest that you concentrate on the establishment of equality and human rights in this country, and make an immediate start by insisting on the repeal of Bill 30 in Ontario, so that your criticism of other government can be taken seriously.

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Refuse the cruise

This letter was filed with The Herald for publication:
Rt. Hon. Joe Clark,
Minister of External Affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa Ontario K1A 0A6.

Dear Mr. Clark:
Why are we permitting Cruise testing to continue?

Supposedly we do so as part of our commitment to NATO, but the United States has already abrogated its own NATO commitment.

The NATO accord is supposed to be based on the twin tenets of detente and military security. But the US now ignores detente by exceeding the limits of the SALT II treaty, and by its stated intention to ignore the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty as well, with more "Star Wars" research.

Can we expect the Soviets to stick to these treaties if the west does not?

Refusal to test the Cruise missile would show our American neighbours that, if they are not serious about ending the arms race, we are!

Yours truly,
Cheryl Lightowers
For the members of HAND

Red Cross vital

Dear Sir,
The Canadian Red Cross Society is a vital part of our community and our nation. Through association with the League of Red Cross Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross it has obligations to help people throughout the world.

The love of man is best exemplified in his willingness to help others in time of crisis. The innocent victims of conflict and disaster look to the Red Cross for help and hope. When death, destruction, and misery take their toll you are there through your Red Cross to lend assistance and support.

You are not alone when you voluntarily support the Red Cross and its many programmes and services in your community. Everyone helps and everyone benefits.

Yours truly,
Nancy Schultheiss
Public Relations Chairman
Georgetown Red Cross

In your opinion...

Baseball salaries too high?



GEORGE BAINES: "No. They're not worth it. It's ridiculous. I don't think they're good enough athletes to warrant the kind of money they get."



BILL HARRISON: "It's a bad example for the young ones. It's way out of perspective. Compare it to what the president of the United States makes or anyone else in an important office."



PETER SCARTH: "They deserve whatever the market will take. If they can get it, they deserve it."



KAREN HARDDEN: "No, absolutely not. I know during the season they work hard, but they're asking too much from the owners, especially those asking for millions of dollars for eight months work."



LORRAINE PEDDLE: "There has been a lot of controversy in the media about this. If they can get it, all the power to them. A large salary is insurance against injury. That's a part of it."



MARY LOU TRANT: "I don't really follow baseball much. But I believe if the baseball club owners have that kind of money to pay and they can still get a profit then it is OK. I also believe they are over paid."

Question: Are professional baseball players worth the salaries they receive?



30 years ago

Jack Crawford of the local Brewers' Warehouse was recognized at a safety award meeting in Kitchener. He was one of two men to receive 9 year awards for safe driving. Mayor Jack Armstrong was a guest at the presentation.

Marie Kerr of Acton passed the Royal Conservatory of Music Grade 8 piano examinations. Miss Kerr is a student at Alma College in St. Thomas, but has continued her studies with Marjorie Newman, ATCM.

Late night television viewers witnessed Mayor Jack Armstrong presenting the keys to a new ambulance to Chief Ralph Hawes. The presentation was telecast on the late news by a Hamilton station.

CJBC announcers Ed Flitkin, Bruce Smith and Walter Bowles will be speaking at the Georgetown Rotary Club's annual Easter Seal dinner. Another guest who may be present is wrestler Whipper Billy Watson.

15 years ago

Mrs. John Oliver was honored at the annual Fireman's Ball at the Georgetown Legion. Georgetown Fire Chief Jack Cunningham paid tribute to Mrs. Oliver for her years of service as a dispatcher.

Georgetown's North Halton Intermediate "A" Raiders opened their playoff series against Brantford with a victory. Terry Cook scored two goals for the Raiders in the 5-2 victory.

An Optimist Club has been officially organized in Georgetown under the sponsorship of the Aylmer Optimist Club. Ray Martin is president and Don Jarvis is vice-president of the Georgetown Club which will be chartered April 8.

A Georgetown councillor in 1927, Armin (Ernie) Feller, celebrated his 90th birthday with his family. Mr. Feller served on council when Donald McIntyre was mayor. He is the father of Mrs. William McNally and Mrs. Walter Biehn.

10 years ago

The name McKenzie-Smith was proposed for the new middle school in Acton. Over 400 Acton citizens asked for the name. Garnet 'Pat' McKenzie and W.D. Elmer Smith were both principals of Acton public school.

Bob Wakefield and Don McMillan performed mime before a capacity audience at Georgetown District High School. It was part of the annual talent show.

Dr. E. Sidney Kerr, Pastor Emeritus of Temple Baptist Church in Cambridge, began his interim ministry at Maple Avenue Baptist Church. He has two sons in the ministry. Rev. Paul Kerr of Toronto and Rev. Ian (Howie) in British Columbia.

5 years ago

After 22 years service to the Lions Club, Georgetown Lions honored Lion Fred Zarge. He received the prestigious Lion Life Membership, the highest honor of the club. District Governor Dick Licata made the presentation.

Brampton-based artist Rick Berghammer donated one of his leather art works to the Halton Hills Cultural Centre. The large three-dimensional leather 'painting' will hang in the centre.

The artistic work of Les Ringrose, his wife Valerie, and Dermot Cleary will be appearing at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre in March. Mr. Ringrose specializes in charcoal, acrylics and watercolors, and his wife makes rag dolls.

POETS CORNER

MY DAY BEGINS

Whenever the day needs
a very special beginning
I stop
close my eyes
silently
call your name
three times
wait
listen
You always reply
then
I go on
to new heights.

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