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Town trims \$1 million from budget

By ANI PEDERIAN Herald Staff

Nearly \$1 million was trimmed from the 1987 town budget Friday as councillors slogged away until 9

now 11.4 per cent more than last average ratepayer, and raises year's budget. The work of the budget committee isn't over, as members have voted to bring in a budget that's 7.8 per cent over last

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson wanted councillors to aim for a 5.5 per cent increase, but councillors said that was unrealistic.

Coun. Norman Elliott said 1987 is the year of record expenses for the town, with 3 per cent of the budget increase to be taken up by debenture payments on the new \$4 million municipal complex.

"A 5.5 per cent increase is not -reasonable, because it allows us an 'overall 2 per cent increase...it would hamstring Halton Hills terribly," the councillor said.

Coun. Pam Johnston said an 8 per department; one fire prevention ofcent increase would be more

Instant \$10,000

Georgetown resident Ronald

Taylor of Stevens Crescent, has

won \$10,000 in the Ontario Lottery

Corporation's instant game, Match

Match 3 Sweeps players win if

they scratch their \$2 ticket and find

the same prize amount three

times. Instant prizes are \$10,000,

\$1,000, \$100, \$25, \$10, and \$4 and a

Players who find the word

'Sweeps' three times in the play

area of their ticket become

finalists in the sweepstakes show

which features the \$1 Million top

prize. Other prizes of \$100,000.

\$50,000 and \$25,00 will be awarded

with every finalist guaranteed

There were 25 spills of hazardous

substances in Halton Region over

the last six months of last year,

and only one was in Halton Hills

A report to the Region last week

The Region's emergency spill

response team cleaned it up, like

the other 24 spills in Halton, at a

This year's emergency reserve

fund for spills is being tripled, to

\$30,000, with the money coming

from each of the Region's four

municipalities. How much each

will pay is to be calculated on the

basis of assessment, Public Works

The North Halton Distress Centre could use more helpers to

May 5 is the date of a new spring training session for volunteers who

man the phones for four hours per week. Helpers befriend all age groups and assist in information inquiries and crisis intervention.

If you can help, call 877-1211 for an application and more informa-

Abuse of Women is the theme of

the 33rd annual general meeting of

The meeting will be March 25, 8

The film Loved, Honored and

The panel guests are Halton

Police Chief James Harding,

Halton Women's Place publicity

co-ordinator Evelyn Paulsson, and

Men's Group, Halton Family Violence Program therapist Ross

The public is invited to attend

The Acton indoor pool will be

closed immediately until further

notice. For health reasons major

repairs are required. The recrea-tion and parks department was ad-

vised by the Halton Board of Education Tuesday. If you require

further information on the repairs

The spring session of lessons and

programs are cancelled, Acton

residents are encouraged to

register at the Georgetown indoor

pool as additional classes will be

scheduled. For more information

on aquatic programs call the Acton

indoor pool during office hours.

Registrations for all other recrea-

tion and parks department pro-

grams will still take place at the

call the Board at 878-8451.

Acton Indoor pool.

Acton pool closed

and ask questions of the panel.

Bruised will be shown, after which

a panel discussion will take place.

p.m. at the Oakville Public Library

Women abused

Halton Family Services

on Navy Street.

Phone helpers

total cost of nearly \$10,000.

Director Bob Moore says.

answer the telephone.

showed there was a spill of 50

gallons of oil in Fairy Lake July 7.

Spills response

free ticket.

\$10,000.

(Acton).

"I don't personally see any way around that if we're going to carry on with this building and keep a semblance of service," she said. Town Treasurer Ray King pointed

out a one per cent increase works out That means the town budget is to just under \$3 dollars for the \$\$1,000 for the town coffers.

Only Coun. Rick Bonnette supported the 5.5 per cent increase suggested by Coun. Serjeantson. He said there are a lot of new

homeowners who are having a tough time with the current house prices in the real estate market. Unfortunately, their wages haven't increased at the same 40 per cent rate house prices have, Coun. Bonnette said.

Highlights from their eight-hour budget committee meeting included the trimming of five new staff positions from the slate of 12 requested by department heads.

Cut were: one full-time secretary for the administrator-clerk's department; one construction inspector; one full-time secretary for the fire ficer; and one draftsman.

The \$50,000 for the Halton Hills Library Board to invest in new books and materials survived another budget committee meeting.

A reserve fund of \$10,000 to help the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce with tourism promotion was cut completely. The Chamber never made a formal request for \$10,000, but councillors were anticipating a request for funds.

The ambulance building was left with \$1,000 to make repairs to its parking lot, from an original sum of

\$4,000. There'll be \$2,200 in the 1987 budget, the committee decided, to buy the Mayor the office furniture he's been using on loan. It covers the cost of an office chair, desk and two credenzas, three pieces of furniture the Mayor intends to take with him

into the new municipal building. Money to replace a crosswalk at Acton's Malh Street was left in, \$4,000 worth.

Agricultural reps retiring

Several long-time members of the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee are retiring this year and received 'Halton Region's thanks last week.

Norm Biggar, HAAC chairman for the past few years. Peter Branch and Bruce Wood are being recognized for their long service. The 1987 HAAC members will

be: Frank Anthony of Limehouse, Tom Foster of Campbellville, Ed Segsworth of Milton, David Taylor of Georgetown, Peter Walker of Milton, Jim Reid of Georgetown, John Glasgow of Campbellville, Harry Brander of Norval, Maisie Lasby of Rockwood, Phyllis McMaster of Milton and Velma Ella of Hornby.



HELPING HANDS - Cindy Squire, simulated disaster, which turned out 12, is helped down the hallway by to be a blizzard. Volunteers helped tted Cross worker Alice Schreiber citizens with blankets, food and during exercises for Operation medical aid at the Georgetown Snowman Thursday. Emergency District High School. For more picpersonnel were tested on a tures, see our Family section.

Snowman volunteers aid striken victims

blankets during Operation ticular areas like the registration,

That was just one of the many problems, real or fictional, that the emergency evacuation centre had to face Thrusday night at the Georgetown District High School.

Operation Snowman was a practice run for local volunteer groups to test their abilities in a pretend

emergency. Taking part were members of the Georgetown Red Cruss, the St. John Ambulance Service, a public health inspector, a public health nurse. Halton Amateur Radio, firefighters

and Halton Regional Police. "It went quite well. It was a good learning experience for everybody," Halton Emergency Service Coordinator Maureen Griffiths said.

She's the one who set up Operation Snowman with Halton's four municipalities that night.

It was the first pretend emergency for many of the volunteers and Regional staff, Const. Griffiths said. April 2, she will be holding a debriefing on the exercise, at which time recommendations for improvements will be made by those who observed the exercise.

What went wrong in the exercise? For one thing, Const. Griffiths wouldlike to see more signs · signs identifying the high school as an evacuation centre for outside passersby.

Bed bugs were discovered in the and signs inside to designate parsleeping and eating areas

The key people should have been wearing identification designating them as being in charge. The constable said labels were needed to distinguish one evacuation volunteer from another.

The volunteer staff at the evacuation centre were prepared to register, feed and care for the health needs of those who came in through a blizzard, having been stranded on blocked roads.

They had to face problems like someone with frostbite, someone with a heart problem, a lost child, a power failure, a shortage of cots or coffee, a person needing medication, a baby requiring special food.

Unfortunately there weren't enough "victims" at the exercise, although the public were asked to volunteer.

Const. R. Griffiths plans to write a report to Regional council on the event, and said it should be done at least every two years if not annual-

She noted those involved in Operation Snowman found themselves working together better as the night wore on, and some said they would have been prepared should an emergency really have happened

Company turns the table on employees

By SANDY CAMPBELL,

Herald Staff An Acton firm lost most of its work force Friday because of a letter slipped under the door to management.

walkout until future negotiations Sanders said. take place." The firm let their new staff.

Irene Sanders, vice-president of the There has been no trouble. company. "If we knuckled under to that kind of request the employees will be able to pick up their

Filter informed all employees of the company's decision at a special

Questions from surprised employees were not answered then. They were told "it's all in the letter from management," said Wesley Sanders, vice-president of the company. Since Friday three of the 12 employees who walked off the job have asked for their jobs back.

The three were taken back, but only after filling out an application. They had to compete for their jobs and they lost their seniority, Mrs. Sanders said.

After receiving the letter from the

let the employees leave, Mrs. Sanders said.

ECF has no union. To change the pay period to once a week would have created problems for the small Twelve employees threatened to company, Mrs. Sanders said. A walk off the job of ECF Metal change would have created more Fabricators Ltd. if the pay period paper work, interrupted the cash was not changed from once every flow and upset schedules. But the two weeks to once every week. The main reason management did not letter signed by the 12 employees bend in favor of the request was stated they would "have to enforce a because they were threatened, Mrs.

After making that clear to employees leave and began to hire employees Friday, ECF hired a security guard and guard dog. The Management would have dealt company has also been getting with the request if the employees regular surveillance by the Halton had not threatened to walk out, said Regional Police, Mrs. Sanders said

By this Friday former employees would be running the business," she severance pay cheques. The 12 employees were laborers trained on The employees' letter received the job. Most of them joined the com-Friday morning was answered with pany when ECF moved to Actor one from management Friday at 1 from Guelph six months ago. Two p.m. Company president Egon employees who walked out Friday were from Guelph and had been with the company for two years.

By today (Wednesday) ECF expects to be at full strangth with 12 new employees. The loss of the 12 won't be a great setback, but they will have to train all new employees again, Mrs. Sanders said, Most of the employees were trained when the company moved to Acton.

ECF manufactures insulation panels for construction, makes custom window screens and custom paints anything.

The incident was the first time there has been a labor problem at ECF, Mrs. Sanders said. The employees, management at ECF walkout occurred just after the com-Metal Fabricators Ltd. sought legal pany put together a benefit package, advice and contacted the Labor including OHIP, bonuses and a den-Board. The company was advised to tal plan.

Crazy Boat racers wash ashore April 11

Every year after fragments of the last boat washes ashore at the finish line with the last round of applause, you may wonder why you didn't enter the Crazy Boat Race. Make

1987 your crazy year! The race down the Credit River is April 11. All money raised will go to the Halton Hills Chapter of Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Instead of the Georgetown Jaycees bowever. it will be the Georgetown Lions Club

The Lions won't be changing the race and will be running it with the help of members of the defunct Georgetown Jaycee Club, said Bob Sullivan, chairman of the race and a

at the organizing helm.

former Jaycee. The Lions hope to raise \$10,000 through the race and expect about 100 crazy boats and 25 canoes. The canoe race begins at Cheltenham and ends at the Glen Williams bridge by the ball diamond. Crazy boats start at the Tenth Line bridge and end at the diamond.

The entry fee is \$10 per boat. That fee is waived if members of the craft raise \$50 in sponsors. Entry forms for the race are available at Criterion Carpets, North Halton Sports and Georgetown Optical.

Awards will be given for the best homemade crazy boat, the best crazy boat with a purchased body and the best community service club or commercial boat. Those who finish first in each of these categories and the canoe which finishes first will also receive

Roads shape-up

Although Halton has been rated as having the worst roads in Ontario, it cannot be said that its roads are the ugliest to drive

Aesthetics are important, and Halton plans to spend \$31,445 for tree planting alongside Burlington, Milton and Halton Hills roads.

Brampton landfill site not on town's doorstep

By TONY ROCCHI

Herald Special Brampton politicians predict fierce opposition to a site in northeast Brampton recommended by Peel Region staff as the location of the Region's next garbage dump.

At Thursday's Regional council meeting, chief administrative officer Rick Frost said the site - known as Area VI - is staff's preference of three northern sites under detailed study since May, 1985. No decision will be made on the recommendation until council debates Mr. Frost's reports April 16 after hearing citizens' delegations April 7.

Members of the Area I Brampton Concerned Citizens and Area Il's Alloa Ratepayers' Association said they felt relieved after the announcement, but added the end of their worries is still a long way off.

Aren I, under study since late 1984, is bordered by a CPR track, Heritage Road, 15 Sideroad, and Mississauga Road, Area II, studied since mld 1985, is bordered by Mississauga Road, 15 Sideroad, Second Line West and a gas line. But Brampton Coun. Peter

Robertson said council can expect opposition from developers and residents living near to the site. And Coun. Robertson, the councillor for rural Brampton, said council must reconsider a site - called Site B - scrapped in May, 1984, if it expects to win its case before the Ontario Environmental Assessment Board which reviews and approves

applications for municipal garbage "I don't favor Area VI unless it's compared to Site B," Coun. Robertson said. "If Site B is tested and compared to Area VI and Area VI comes out better, then I could support it."

Although Mr. Frost said Area VI is a better site than two north-west sites, known as Areas I and II. residents living near all three sites said they're not quite convinced Regional council can make a decision in time to open a Brampton

dump by 1990. Area VI lies east of Torbram Road. Its northern boundaries are 17 Sideroad (Mayfield Road) and Turtle Creek. The border then runs along Airport Road, west along Gore Creek, north to 15 Sideroad (Countryside Drive) and Mayfield Road.

Mr. Frost sald the decision wasn't easy because the lands of Area VI

Water forum

Town council is inviting the Regional planner, public works director and treasurer to come to Halton Hills and talk about how Regional government provides water services.

Water services is a Regional responsibility and Coun. Pam Sheldon felt the Region's rationale in extending this service needed to be aired to the public.

The three department heads will also be asked to explain the financing and implementation of Regional policies regarding the extension of water services as either a local improvement, as a developer cost or as a Regional works program.

will cost more to buy than in the north-west particularly since the north-east lands are slated for residential development by the Ronto Development Corp. But Area VI has deep soil ranging from 14.7 to 31.5 metres above bedrock. If the Region had picked Areas I or

II, it would have spent millions installing a liner to prevent seepage of leachates from the shallower soil. Mr. Frost said. "Hydrogeology was the most im-

portant factor and Aren VI is the preferred site," Mr. Frost sald. "The soils are better there than on the west side."

And Coun. Robertson noted dropping Areas I and II would preserve the agricultural community of west Brampton. But Mr. Frost noted one obvious

drawback of Area VI - it's on or near lands slated for residential development. The development was approved by the Ontario cabinet last year after a lengthy hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board and an appeal by a citizens' group.

"We suggest that the tandfill site be developed from the south going north," Mr. Frost said. "That way, it will move away from the residential development.

Mr. Frost said Peel will spend between \$65.5 million and \$92.3 million developing the dump expected to open in 1990 and coinciding with the scheduled shutdown Mississauga's Britannia Road dump. The costs include: \$5.5-\$5.8 million for engineering and approvals: \$35-45 million for land acquisition: \$10-\$22 million for compensation to landowners; \$7-\$7.5 million for building the site; \$8-\$12 million for road reconstruction.

-Courtesy Brumpton Times



Prehistoric artists

subtring the halfs of Park Public students learned was a highlight. School. Kindergarten students in Seen here are (front row, left to vited their parents to school Friday right) Christopher Day, Chris to view their dinosaur museum Wright (back row) Jessica Redditt

Dinosaurs are alive and well and presentation about what the created by the pupils. A special and Ressey Vlaches. (Herald phote)