

Filling up the cupboards . . .



Joanna Vanderkooy couldn't resist the chance to have a balloon provided at the Georgetown Christian School bazaar held Saturday.

There was lots to do for folks of all ages and the organizers must have been pleased with the turnout of people. (Photo by Simon Wilson)



Albert Flikkema sold cut flowers and potted plants at the Christian School Bazaar. He was sold out in less than two hours. That means

everyone must have been thinking about spring Saturday! (Photo by Simon Wilson)

Town of Halton Hills

Cut back your beer with new budget

By ANI FEDERIAN
Herald Staff

The increase in the town portion of your tax bill is about the cost of three 12-packs of beer, or about \$33, if you live in Wards 1, 3 or 4.

Monday night, town council approved an \$11 million budget for 1987, which works out to 7.5 per cent more than the town collected last year in taxes.

For rural residents, namely Ward 2 residents, the town taxes only went up \$23 over last year. Rural residents don't pay for street lighting, child crossing parlors, garbage collection and disposal - urban service charges which cost townspeople \$1 million this year. So what's the total town punch on your wallet? If you live in a home assessed at \$5,500 in Ward 2, you'll

pay \$223. If that home is in Wards 1, 3 or 4, you'll be paying \$404.

Why are the urban service charges up so much, 14.3 per cent, over last year? Mainly because the Regional tipping fee for disposal of garbage increased from \$26.50 to \$36.50 per tonne. That's an extra \$105,611 Halton Hills has to pay to get rid of municipal garbage.

Budget Committee Chairman John McDonald noted how the budget was pared down from a 28 per cent increase back in January. Council was warned a few years earlier that the mid-1980's would be tough years by its treasurer, Mr. McDonald reminded councillors. "That was certainly an understatement, having gone through this process," the Committee Chairman said.

He pointed out some highlights from the budget, such as the start on improvements to the town's industrial area, an increase in sidewalk clearing services, and a granular supply and application program for the rural areas.

There are additional staff to accommodate growth in the town, although assessment has increased by only 1.1 per cent. The 1987 budget adds five new staff.

When it comes to grants, Coun. McDonald said organizations have to realize they can't come to the public sector any more and should be looking for more funds from the private sector. "That was certainly an understatement, having gone through this process," the Committee Chairman said.

"I hope between now and the next budget year, we look at our process and come up with something more streamlined and hitting a budget that's \$11 million," Coun. McDonald said.

He presented Treasurer Ray King with a shoe to match the one given at budget time last year. However, Mr. King only got half of it, and was told it was to be a three year program instead of a two year one.

"Given the fiscal restraint, I may well have to wear them," the treasurer joked about the well worn half a shoe he received.

Coun. Norman Elliott thanked Coun. McDonald for doing such an "admirable" job of chairing the Budget Committee. It was Coun. McDonald's second year as Budget Committee Chairman.

Board approves \$47 average increase

By SANDY CAMPBELL
Herald Staff

Halton taxpayers with homes assessed at \$7,000 will be paying almost \$1 more every week for education in 1987.

Trustees of the Halton Board of Education approved the Board's 1987 budget Thursday night. Halton taxpayers will be paying 5.7 per cent more than in 1986. The bill for those with homes assessed at \$7,000 will be \$939 in 1987, \$47 more than last year.

The budget allows a minimum of expansion of service in the classroom to occur, said Trustee Dave Coons of Burlington, chairman of the finance committee. Of the \$185 million spent on education in 1987, about \$1 million will be spent on new programs to expand education.

Some of the new programs approved by the Board include: the ex-

pansion of computer services, buying new text books, and transporting students to French immersion centres which will be established in September.

Also in September, the Board plans to hire 30 elementary teachers and 16 secondary teachers. Bringing down the pupil teacher ratio something achieved by teachers in their contracts with the Board. Benefits for Board staff were also increased.

The 1987 budget gives the Board reserves of \$1.5 million. "Reserves are a good idea. One of the things an individual tries to do is have something for a rainy day. It is no different at the Board," Trustee Dick Howitt said. In addition to funding special projects, reserves are useful for saving money in the long run on borrowing, he said.

The tax increase in 1987 is 5.7 per cent. Although it is the lowest tax increase to taxpayers in years, the percentage increase in spending is the highest since 1982 when the spending increase was 12.6 per cent. The Board's 1987 increase in spending is 9.2 per cent.

An increase in grants and assessment has helped keep taxes down, said Trustee Arlene Bruce. In 1986, declining enrollment was not the problem it was in recent years either, she said.

The Board received \$1.7 million more from the province in 1986. That is a 2.7 per cent increase. From the provincial government the Board receives 36.1 per cent of their 1987 budget.

The housing boom in Burlington and Oakville has added dollars to the

Board's budget, Trustee Howitt said. That boom has helped steady enrolment in Halton schools. If development in Halton Hills takes off enrolment could hold its own or even increase here, Trustee Howitt said.

Almost 80 per cent of the dollars the Board receives from local taxpayers will come from south Halton, said Ron Warren, assistant superintendent of business services. Of Halton tax dollars, 40 per cent is paid by Burlington, 39.1 per cent by Oakville, 10.8 per cent by Halton Hills and 10.1 per cent by Milton.

The Board bill for Halton Hills is \$11.4 million, Mr. Warren said. The first quarterly payment of \$2.9 million was delivered Tuesday he said.

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Eating out nutrition for families on the go

Did you know the average Canadian eats out 130 times a year, or that one out of every three food dollars is spent in restaurants?

Because eating out is such an important part of the Canadian lifestyle, the Region's Community Health Nutrition and Nursing Services in co-operation with the Heart and Stroke Foundation have put out a booklet entitled "Smart 'N' Hearty Dining: A Guide to Healthy Eating in Oakville Restaurants."

The booklet was put out to coincide with Heart Month in February. It contains information on the availability of food items giving nutritional value.

A diet high in fat has been associated as a major risk factor in the development of heart

disease. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Canada. Health and Welfare Canada recommends limiting fat, salt and sugar and increasing fibre in the diet.

You can pick up a copy of the booklet through the Region's health department, the Halton Heart and Stroke Foundation and at doctors' offices.

It is intended to survey remaining Halton restaurants and include them in the guide.

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Town fence dispute not settled by OMB

An Ontario Municipal Board hearing failed to resolve Don Humberstone's objection to a fence the Town of Halton Hills wants to place near his property.

Friday afternoon Chairman Peter Wilkes ruled that discussion over a privacy fence should be dealt with through the site plan process, and not by the OMB.

However, the chairman decided the town bylaw should be re-drafted, taking into consideration changes discussed by the town lawyer and Mr. Humberstone's lawyer Monty Hyde.

The town wants to rezone 7.22 acres of land which it owns off Maple Avenue and intends to build a municipal complex on the site.

Mr. Hyde said after the hearing that his client was satisfied with the decision. The bylaw was "poorly prepared" and required re-drafting, he said.

Some of the issues in the proposed bylaw which will be discussed are limiting the use of the Maple Avenue land, the height of the buildings which can be constructed there and stringent parking regulations.

Mr. Humberstone owns land to the north and west of the town property which he acquired in 1968. He told the chairman his family "virtually lives in the backyard during the summers - this has been our lifestyle."

His house is 22 feet from the town property line. A fence so close to the house would ruin his backyard, Mr. Humberstone said. "It would simply enclose the back side and we're used to openness," he said.

Town solicitor John Schallo said the municipality has gone the extra step and offered a 50 foot buffer when a 30 foot buffer is required. "The town made the offer at Mr. Humberstone's request," Mr. Schallo added.

Monty Hyde said the OMB is the last opportunity for his client to have a proper hearing. Either the property owner or the municipality can appeal to the OMB if they are not happy with the site plan agreement. However, in this case, the 150 parties are the same, Mr. Hyde said.

A fence placed on the property line could damage the root system and

Social studies

Holy Cross Separate School is the choice of the University of Waterloo for its off-campus course offered in social work.

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would necessitate cutting off bottom limbs of the trees, Mr. Hyde said.

Mr. Humberstone offered to buy an acre of town land and also requested a swap involving a parcel of his land for a parcel of town property, he said. He currently maintains 3 1/2 acres of land which includes a storage barn, a small house and a main house.

A woodworker who has run his own business for 24 years, Mr. Humberstone is married and has five children and seven grandchildren.

Robert Nixon speaks to Grits at Mohawk

The Honourable Robert Nixon, Treasurer of Ontario, will be the guest speaker at the Mohawk Raceway April 22. The Halton North and Halton Centre Provincial Liberal Associations are combining their efforts to put on this event.

The evening is a fundraiser to prepare for a provincial election expected this year. Don Knight, MPP, for the former riding of Halton-Burlington will be a special guest. Barbara Sullivan, executive assistant to Robert Nixon, and the only declared candidate for the Halton Centre riding will be in attendance. It is expected Rick Ferraro, MPP, for Guelph and Bob Callahan, MPP, for Brampton will also be in attendance.

The dinner will be held in the Sports Dining Lounge beginning at 7:30 p.m. following a reception that begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be no races at Mohawk that night. Residents of Halton North and Halton Centre are encouraged to attend. There will be an opportunity to discuss provincial political concerns with elected representatives from Queen's Park.

Admission is by ticket only. Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting any one of the following: Carol Lawson, 877-3753, Bev Campbell, 854-2184, Bill Manderson, 877-6075, David Steekley, 853-3699, Walt Elliot, 876-3377.

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MOVING ON UP
Four Guides from the Second Guide Company of Georgetown West graduated to Pathfinders March 28. Seen here are new Pathfinders (from left) Roberta Blachok, Charla Rutherford, Cindy Squire and Kristy Johnson. The girls are now members of the First Pathfinders of Georgetown, who meet at Harrison Public School. (Herald photo)

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