

Committee endorses 26 weeks of maternity leave

Paid maternity leaves of 26 weeks are endorsed by a Halton Regional advisory committee on day care.

The volunteer committee presented a number of recommendations to Regional councillor last week. The recommendations were made in response to a federal report called Final Report of The Special Committee on Child Care.

The advisory committee recommended expanding maternity leave benefits to 26 weeks, and segregating sickness benefits from maternity benefits. It supports alternatives to assist employers in maintaining positions for maternity leaves.

The province currently provides maternity leave benefits for 15 weeks, and allows women to take a 17 week leave from their job.

The advisory committee would like to see the child care expense credit continued by the federal government. However, it doesn't provide much help for middle income earners who end up having to pay their own child care expenses without subsidies in most cases.

"In general, we are in favor of a system where all users should pay a portion of the fees based on affordability," says the committee.

The committee supports capital grants for new day care spaces, but

notes a grant of \$300 per new space doesn't go very far when costs may run as high as \$6,000 per new space in a new centre. As for operating grants, these should be available to all licensed centres, regardless of type of ownership. These operating grants should be directed at staff salaries, to attract and hold more qualified early childhood educators in the system.

The committee feels there should be more federal monies for the needs of disabled children. It would like money for integration programs and resource teachers, and a subsidy arrangement for these children based on full-day programs not just half-day programs as it is presently.

Drivers ignore school crossing sparks petition from angry mom

Crosswalks in Acton are being ignored by drivers, says an Acton mom.

Heather Ferguson told town councillors the crosswalks aren't safe for children, Monday night.

Agreeing with her, councillors asked the town engineer for a report on how to make them more visible and safer. They also asked their staff to send off a letter to Halton Regional Police and the Ministry of Transportation and Communications asking them to look at the situation as well.

Mrs. Ferguson presented a 230 signature petition supporting her argument. It included eight suggestions on how crosswalks can be made more noticeable.

—post a "no passing sign" with a flashing light above it

—no parking zones near crosswalks

—zebra stripe lines in bright yellow or orange bringing the no passing area down to one lane

—post new signs at the four locations entering Acton, stating "watch and obey these signs"

—mark the actual crosswalk brighter by painting the post and walkway more clearly

—put traffic lights at Churchill Road and Highway 7 to slow down and break up the flow of traffic

—have police enforcement

—pedestrian traffic light with button to stop traffic when no crossing guard is present.

Children aren't able to cross Highway 7 at Acton Boulevard, despite the crosswalk Mrs. Ferguson said.

"I'm very paranoid about my

children using it. A lot of children need to know that just because they're there with their arm pointed out doesn't mean it's okay to cross," she said.

Drivers aren't paying attention to the crosswalks, speeding right through them and almost hitting children who are trying to make their way across, Mrs. Ferguson said.

Town Engineer Bob Austin said the 1987 budget has money for replacing the crosswalk sign at School Lane with two overhead lights.

He said he has spoken to the police at length about the speed with which drivers come into Acton, but has never seen a radar out.

Fund for homeless after fire

The Ballinad United Church has set up an account at a local bank for a young couple left homeless after the Ballinad General Store fire last month.

The account is at the Bank of Commerce in the Georgetown Marketplace. Contributions are being accepted to account number 9522964.

Lily and Blain Barclay lost everything in the fire. They are the parents of a 20-month-old child, with another expected in November. They had no home insurance to compensate them for their losses.

The Barclays have been taken in by a local family until new accommodations can be found.

To make a contribution or find out more, please call Gloria Roberts at 833-2139.

Another family, Betty and Harvey Clare, lived in the other store apartment and were also burned out. The Georgetown Optimists Club has set up a fund for them.

None of the tenants were injured in the blaze that caused an estimated \$500,000 in damage.

The Ballinad Store is at the corner of Trafalgar Road and Regional Road 42.



Picture perfect
Carol Black (right) a well known local artist was on hand to meet the public and sign a newly-released poster edition Friday night at Pictures and Presents. Many of her other works were on display, as well, and she is seen here with Pictures and Presents owner Judy Wickware, who admires one of Carol's works. (Herald photo)

Fairy Lake just needs more rain

All that Fairy Lake needs to bring up its water level is some rain, according to Ernie Coker.

The Beardmore Tannery employee is responsible for operating the small dam on Fairy Lake.

Mr. Coker disputes a statement made last week at a town council meeting about water levels being down about two feet.

The lake is down about nine inches, he said, and recently it rose an additional two inches.

"It's coming up now (water levels) with the rain storms. But it's been a dry spring," he said.

The dam can't stop all the water flowing out of the lake because it will kill any fish downstream, he said. "We need one or two good rainstorms," he said.

In the winter the lake level is lowered in anticipation of the annual spring run-off, Mr. Coker said.

He also said the oxygen content of the lake has not been hurt by the lower water level.

A happy swan song: birds left in peace

Rock blasting will be required to remove a knoll on Sideroad 15, Halton's public works director says.

The knoll is being removed to improve the profile of the road, Bob Moore says in a report to Regional councillors. Approximately 2.5 meters of rock need to be removed from the crest of the knoll that is immediately east of the Townline.

Public works staff switched their job priorities in the Region and left the swans in peace to establish their eggs. The cignets should be born any day now, Coun. Sheldon said. Swans don't nest every year, but every five to seven years, she said.

"So often, people tend to think of our public works people as mop and truck type of people, but they have a heart," the councillor said. "When the cignets are hatched, maybe we'll have them named after the Region."

Says member SADD groups do work for students

Students under 25 used to number the highest among impaired drivers but not anymore, according to anti-drinking and driving group member Heather Quinn.

Now the culprits range between 25 and 35 years old. The Acton High School student who heads the school's Students Against Drunk Driving said she believes the shift in statistics is because of groups like hers warning young people of the dangers of impaired driving.

"Students listen to students faster than they do to parents or teachers," Heather said. SADD has had an impact on her friends - many are now thinking twice about drinking at parties if they know they will be driving home, she said.

Acton High School's SADD began in January after Heather attended a special conference sponsored by Ontario Attorney General Ian Scott.

"Counter Measures '86" brought concerned parents' groups, high school students and law enforcement officers from across the province for an information session on impaired driving.

"I could have brought every student I know who drinks and drives to that conference and they would have quit," Heather said. "It was a real eye-opener."

The groups listened to victims of driving accidents and citizens' action groups on how to reduce impaired driving.

Since then, the group has been making speeches "to whoever will invite us", distributing information and posting signs around AHS.

A sister Georgetown SADD chapter recently formed in the wake of an impaired driving fatality leaving one student dead and another seriously injured. Heather said she is willing to give the Georgetown

District High School students any help she can.

"It's the saddest thing in the world when someone dies because of an impaired driver," Heather said.

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June 24 - Schools Out Night - All students admitted for 1/2 price
July 1 - Canada Night - Wear a Canadian Flag for 1/2 price admission
July 8 - Girls Night - All females admitted for 1/2 price
July 15 - Adults Night - All adults (over 18 yrs.) admitted for 1/2 price
July 22 - Teen Night - All teens admitted for 1/2 price
July 29 - Couples Night - Couple admitted for \$1.00
Aug 5 - Numbers Night - Wear a shirt with a number for 1/2 price admission
Aug 12 - Hat Night - Wear a hat for 1/2 price admission
Aug 19 - Parent Night - Parent accompanied by a child admitted free
Aug 26 - Family Night - Family admission \$2.00 (Minimum 1 adult)
Sept. 2 - Back To School - All students admitted 1/2 price

Skate Rentals 75¢ General Admission \$1.00

Fails to yield

A two-car collision at Maple Avenue and Main Street at 5:25 p.m. June 12 resulted in a charge of failing to yield. Police say a 1981 Renault, driven by a 27-year-old Oakville woman was travelling westbound on Maple Avenue behind a van. The woman turned left at the intersection and was struck by a 1981 Dodge driven by a 42-year-old Orton man. Damage to the Renault is \$1,500 and damage to the Dodge is \$500.

Halton Lung office moves

The Lung Association, Halton Region, effective June 23, 1987 will be moving its office. Their new location will be: 481 Plains Road East Room 202, Burlington, Ontario, L7T 2E2. The telephone number remains the same 622-8499.

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Garbage Pickup

Residential garbage normally picked up Wednesday, July 1, 1987 will be picked up Tuesday, June 30, 1987

Residential garbage normally picked up Tuesday, June 30, 1987 will be picked up Monday, June 29 1987

Commercial garbage will be picked up on its regular schedule

Thank you
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TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS
RE PAYMENT OF TAXES

The 1987 Final Taxes are due and payable in two instalments
JUNE 24th, 1987
SEPTEMBER 30th, 1987

A penalty of 1 1/4 per cent per month will be charged on the first day of default and on the first day of each calendar month until taxes are fully paid

Taxpayers are reminded that the Ontario Property Tax Credit is provided through the 1987 Personal Income Tax Return is based on the property taxes of the taxpayer's principal residence being paid in 1987.

Please contact the Finance Department if there are any questions pertaining to your business or real property taxes by:

Telephone 877-5185 OR BY MAIL, Tax Department
Town of Halton Hills
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COURTESY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
WARD 1 - ACTON
(COBBLEHILL ROAD/MILL STREET AREA)

General Committee of the Town will conduct a PUBLIC MEETING to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to Halton Hills Zoning By-law 74-51 to permit the rezoning of a property described as Lots 11, 17, 18 and 19, R.P. 135, for single family residential development. The subject property is situated near the intersection of Mill Street and Cobblehill Road in Acton.

Further information is available in the Planning Department

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Date: Monday, June 22
Location: Town Administration Building
Trafalgar Road (7th Line)
Town of Halton Hills

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NOTICE TO CLIENTS & SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO RECEIVE CHEQUES FROM HALTON REGION - SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

In the event of a postal strike, your cheque may be picked up on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.; and invoice, income statement, work inquiry list or receipts delivered to our closest available sub-office at:

Acton Social Services & Information Centre
19 Willow Street North
Acton, Ontario

Public Health Unit
93 Main Street South
Georgetown, Ontario

If you are picking up a cheque please ensure that

1. you have appropriate identification
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2. a note from you authorizing the pick up
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Income statements, work inquiry lists and receipts may be submitted at the Regional Headquarters Building at 1151 Bronte Road. Arrangements to pick up your cheque at Regional Headquarters must be made in advance with your worker or a case aid.

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David Varley
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