

Ready for distress calls



The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service celebrated its 30th anniversary Sunday with an open house, which featured demonstrations by personnel using emergency equipment. Above, youngsters get a close-up view of Bandage One, an emergency helicopter ambulance. From left, Chris Kearsey, pilot Steve Monroe, Lee Cocking, Halton Hills ambulance attendant Elvin Cocking, and air ambulance attendant Bruce Dewar. At left, Halton Hills attendant Nancy MacMillan demonstrates cardio-pulmonary resuscitation to four-year-old Lindsay Sproule (right) and Elizabeth Crawford, nine. (Herald photos)

Ministry testing water pumps for PCB well contamination

Residents who use submerged water pumps in wells are being urged to have their water tested for PCB's by the provincial government.

Tony Yakutchik of the Ministry of the Environment Water Resources Branch said a program started in June to look for PCBs in submerged water pumps is turning up low levels of PCBs in some pumps.

A Ministry of the Environment investigation in June found two abandoned wells polluted with PCBs by leaking submersible pumps.

Levels as high as 6 parts per billion were found in well water a Ministry report says. The recommended high of PCBs in Ontario's water is three parts per billion.

It is estimated that 4,000 of the 460,000 well pumps used in Ontario "likely contain PCB contaminated oil which could lead and pollute the water," a Ministry report says.

Submersible pumps with oil-filled motors manufactured between 1964 and 1980 are suspected of containing PCBs.

Pumps that may contain PCBs according to the ministry are F.E.

Cat permits?

Cat owners will soon have to register their pets with the Town for ownership permits.

Halton Hills Council endorsed a resolution passed by Hamilton City Council to introduce cat licences in their municipality.

The City will now petition the Ontario Ministry for Municipal Affairs for legislation that will regulate cats. Municipalities across the province with a population of over 50,000 may be affected by the proposed legislation.

Myers (before 1977/78), Peabody Barnes, Pumptron, Red Jacket, REDA, Sta-Rite, Standard and Tait.

Four submersible pumps, Aeromotor, Berkeley, Sears and Webtrol used two different types of motors in the pumps. The oil filled motors are the ones which could contain PCBs, the Ministry says.

Oil leaking from pumps with oil-filled motors could result in a petroleum like taste and odor in drinking water, or a film of oil on water and fixtures, the Ministry warned.

The two pumps found to contain PCBs which started the investigation were found near Stouffville, said Mr. Yakutchik.

The Ministry is asking those with submersible pumps to fill out a questionnaire.

Any well suspected of containing

PCP will be tested by government, said Mr. Yakutchik.

"The Ministry will pay for alternate water for those residents affected. The Ministry will also pay for alternate water for a maximum of six weeks following confirmation of PCBs in well waters," a Ministry report says.

Peter Willmott a spokesman for the Medical Officer of Health, said Halton Region has had only one inquiry about the pumps.

"We know there are lots of private wells in north Halton," Mr. Willmott said.

There is no health hazard from the .6 parts per billion PCB reading, Mr. Willmott said.

He advised residents with any concern to contact the Region to determine whether or not they have a potential PCB problem.



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Remaining sewage allocation goes to Halton Hills Village

By BRIAN MacLEOD

The Town of Halton Hills has allocated all of its remaining sewage capacity, plus enough sewage allocation for an extra 16 units, to the Halton Hills Village (Enterac) subdivision.

The Town's General Committee approved the sewage allocation Sept. 8 after Enterac Property Corporation requested changes to the phasing of the project.

Corn husk doll-making

Sept. 27th, a corn-husk doll making demonstration will be held at the Halton Region Museum (Kelson Conservation Area near Milton). Participants will have an opportunity to learn this traditional craft which the Iroquois passed on to the early pioneers. The instructor, Ms. Joy Young of Burlington has been involved in teaching country crafts for about six years.

The session will run from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. and the cost is \$2.00 per person (includes admission to all Museum buildings). Please book in advance as we can accommodate a maximum of fifteen people. Please call Morris Sorensen at (416) 878-3232 during normal business hours for registration of further information.

Contact: Morris Sorensen, Education and Interpretation Coordinator, Halton Region Museum, R.R.3, Milton, Ontario, L9T 2X7 (416) 878-3232.

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Enterac had agreed to build 413 residential lots on the East side of Mountview road as Phase 1. Recently, Enterac requested Phase 1 be extended to include 510 residential lots.

The Town had already reserved capacity for 35 units in Georgetown South. On top of that there was sewage capacity for 30 units yet unallocated for the town.

Council allocated sewage capacity for 15 residential units on Princess Anne Drive on Aug. 17.

The General Committee agreed to the phasing requests by Enterac.

Since the Town had only enough sewage capacity for a total of 65 more residential units, Enterac was left with 16 units needing sewage allocation.

Town Clerk Joe Simon noted that the town allocated its remaining capacity to the proposed development on the promise that Enterac would pay part of the expansion of

Georgetown's Sewage Treatment Plant.

Enterac had originally agreed to pay about 7 million of the over \$12 million it will cost to expand the sewage plant from a 24,000 person capacity to 40,000, Mr. Simon said.

The town will be presenting the Sewage Treatment Plant expansion proposal to the Region by the end of September. The expansion of the plant must be approved before future developments in Georgetown can be built, Mr. Simon said.

Because other developers have been allocated sewage capacity from the existing plant, Mr. Simon said if all developments were to be built now, Georgetown would have no capacity left. Everything hinges, then, on Enterac's original agreement to help with the plant's expansion, the Clerk added.

If the Region approves the expansion, the new capacity would be operating within two years.

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