

## Freedom of the Town ceremony



Orderly Sgt. Battaglia marches towards the podium during the Freedom of the Town ceremony on Main Street on Sunday. Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller, Halton Police Chief James Harding and Col. Art Kemp presented various awards during the ceremony. A crowd of people looked on as the pipes and drums marched down Main Street followed by the Lorne Scots. More photos see page A6. (Herald photo by Brian MacLeod)



The Lorne Scots Peel-Dufferin-Halton cadets march down Main Street in Georgetown Sunday in the Freedom of the Town ceremony. Mayor Russ Miller, Halton Police Chief James Harding and Col. Art Kemp looked on from the podium as the Regiment marched past. (Herald photo)



The Pipes and drums of the Peel-Dufferin-Halton Lorne Scots sounded out during the Freedom of the Town ceremony on Main Street in Georgetown on Sunday. Crowds line the street as the pipes and drums played. (Herald photo)



Members of the Peel Dufferin and Halton Regiment of the Lorne Scots stand guard during the Freedom of the Town ceremony on Main Street on Sunday. The ceremony means the Lorne Scots can go through the town with "drums beating, flags flying and bayonets fixed," said Colonel Art Kemp. (Herald photo)

## Experiment finds police, suspects not camera shy

By DONNA KELI, Herald Special  
For two years Halton Regional Police officers have been directors, actors and cameramen in a project called T.I.P.

TIP stands for Taped Interview Procedure, a system used experimentally in Halton that police are finding to be useful during interrogations.

Deputy Police Chief Bob Middaugh explained at a press conference Thursday in Burlington how TIP works. Oakville's two division used the typewriter and question method while police at Burlington is Locust Street division used the new video system. The results were that 68 per cent of the 924 Burlington cases recorded "resulted in confessions or admissions," according to the TIP report.

The report was compiled by York University law professor Alan Grant. The statistics in Mr. Grant's booklet "are in no way surprising" to police. The records show that suspects did not shy away from confessing on camera.

What TIP means to the average citizen is that he can refuse to be questioned on videotape or can choose to have the camera running for his own protection. TIP can partially end the accusations made about police abuse of power.

Staff Sergeant Norm Ryall remarked that the period between the arrests and interrogation is not videotaped.

Halton police are optimistic about TIP. Justice Allen Linden said taped interview procedure has "improved the administration of justice in this community." Judge Linden added that the Halton experiment is "a significant effort" and "example to the whole country."

The video tape equipment used by Halton is "about the cost of a new police car" said the York professor (about \$12,000). TIP eliminates the need for two officers to be present during interrogation, saving the force and taxpayers manpower.

There are no laws prohibiting the videotaping of suspects. "There is no need for any new laws to justify this technology," said Professor Grant. If all goes according to plan, TIP will be in effect in every Halton division within two years.

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## Garbage mess not all Region's fault

By BRIAN MacLEOD  
Herald Staff

Regional councillors are scrambling to make a decision about what to do when the Burlington landfill site reaches capacity at the end of January.

How did the Region get into such a critical situation?

Events, as they have unfolded recently, have not been entirely in the hands of the Region and several unfortunate turns have hastened the crises.

The Region exports waste to Occidental Chemical Corporation's energy from waste plant in Niagara Falls, New York and to Steeley Industries Ltd. Industrial landfill site in Dundas.

However, the waste taken to Steeley is only a fraction of Halton's waste and Occidental has run into technical problems at its site.

Both Occidental and Steeley restrict the type of waste accepted at their sites.

So the Region approached Walker Brothers Quarries Ltd. in Thorold to see if it could accept the major portion of Halton's waste.

But the Environment Ministry has forced Walker Brothers into a hearing under the Environmental Protection Act before it can accept Halton's Waste.

That has sped up the stream of garbage into Halton's landfill site.

It was initially planned to dump only 30,000 tonnes of waste a year into the Burlington site and export the rest. Since there is no nowhere to export it, Halton has had to put 90,000 tonnes of waste into Burlington this year, cutting off two years of the dump's life expectancy.

Approval of the Walker Brothers plan is expected by the end of 1987, Halton's Chief Administrative Officer John Fleming said.

"Despite on-going efforts over many years, Haltonnow finds itself in a crisis position with regard to waste disposal," Mr. Fleming said.

In the search for its own landfill

site, the Region suffered a setback in June. The Chairman of the consolidated board hearings examining possible dump sites (a separate site in Burlington has been identified as the preferred site by regional councillors) had a heart attack, setting back the hearings significantly.

That hearing is expected to wrap up in March, 1988.

If the board decision is in favor of one of the proposed dump sites, then the Region can start getting the site ready by following the guidelines set down by the consolidated board.

If the board rejects the proposed sites (either Burlington or Milton) then "we're back to square one," Mayor Russ Miller said.

Including expansion of the Oakville and Burlington dumps and the price of looking for a new landfill

dump, said Mr. Fleming.

Together the Region and the four municipalities have spent about \$10 million, he said.

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