



Glen Williams has joined the ranks of other centres which are Neighborhood Watch Communities. To kick off the program, signs have been erected in Glen Williams to inform residents and visitors of the new program. From left, Lynn Scottford (Block Captain), Const. Matt Paas, Laura Kloepper, Liz Perritt (Zone Co-ordinator), and Lynda Drake and Marcia Kloepper (Block Captains). (Herald photo)

Thieves beware

Neighboring eyes are watching

Glen Williams may not be crime-free, but it's one step closer to catching unwanted intruders and house burglars.

The Town of Halton Hills has provided three Neighborhood Watch signs for Glen Williams to warn thieves to proceed at their own peril. Neighborhood eyes are watching out.

Neighborhood Watch is a program where residents help each other to reduce crime by watching for suspicious incidents. Members are assigned to a "block," complete with a "block captain". They are asked to promptly report crime and suspicious activity to the police.

The Glen Williams Neighborhood Watch program began in June and

out of 150 homes, 85 homes are members.

The homes have their own police liaison officer, Tom Moore, who has made himself familiar with the Glen area. He reports regularly to the zone co-ordinator, who is a contact person for any minor complaints or inquiries.

There is no charge to join the community-based program. Members are asked to practice good security habits such as participating in operation identification and home security. Information is conveyed to all members by a telephone pyramid system and newsletters.

The zone co-ordinator is Liz Perritt for Glen Williams and the block captains are: Marcia Kloepper, Lynda Drake, Mrs. Walsma, Bev

Eastwood, Paul Barber, Lynn Scottford and Cathy MacDonald. The crime prevention officer involved with the program is Const. Garry George.

Neighborhood Watch is not a new program. It started in the 1970's in Detroit. The program proved successful and it rapidly expanded across the United States and Canada.

In Halton Region, the first Neighborhood Watch area was established in 1980. Since that time, numerous groups have been successfully established throughout the region.

If anyone would like more information about the program, call 878-5511 ext. 415 and ask for Const. Garry George.

Police chief wants a 'full-time' marine unit

By DONNA KELL, Herald Special

Halton Regional Police is making promises to provide waterfront protection to the region.

Chief of Police James Harding said Halton is now trying to devise methods of coping with the marine policing problem. "Our intentions are to build in full-time marine response" said the Chief Harding Thursday in Oakville.

The crisis arose when Halton ordered its water craft taken out of the harbor Sept. 15. Accidents that occurred after September had to be handled by Hamilton-Wentworth Police.

Sept. 22 Halton Police received a letter from Chief Bob Allison of Hamilton-Wentworth. It remains now for Halton Police to respond to the correspondence and reimbursing their neighboring police force for assisting them.

Police Commission member Jim Grieve said Halton cannot go "hat in hand" expecting Hamilton to perform Halton's duties, claiming "we have to pay our way, we should have a formula in place that would reimburse Hamilton-Wentworth Police."

A Marine Unit Report, sketching Halton's last ten years, concluded that it is the responsibility of Police to safeguard the waters. Chief James Harding said "this force and many other forces have been criticized regarding our disability to provide search and rescue on the water."

Peel Regional Police provided diving equipment to Halton when asked to assist in the search for missing persons offshore. Peel Police, unlike Hamilton-Wentworth, has been paid for their assistance.

Chief Harding of Halton said that he will "liaise" with Hamilton Chief of Police to gain more information on the marine policing issue. The Chief believes that Hamilton-Wentworth "should not provide service" to Halton.

While Chief Harding said he is "unable to advise the Board of what the cost might be," he did say that a future police marine unit "would be moored somewhere in the Bronte harbor area."

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Transit for disabled starts Dec. 7 in Halton

A new inter-municipal transit service for the physically handicapped could be in place by the first week in December.

Halton Region will purchase a used van from the Oakville Care-A-Van service to put to use in the new region-wide transportation service.

Each ride will cost passengers a flat rate of \$3.

The service will operate Monday through Friday, (excluding statutory holidays) between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The new program will provide service between Halton Hills and Milton, Milton and Oakville, and Oakville and Burlington, a report by the Region's Social Services Commissioner Bonnie Ewart says.

A 1985 study proved that there is need for such a service in Halton,

Commissioner Ewart said in her report.

The service was recommended by the Mobility Impaired Advisory Committee. The service will "start out slowly and grow with the demand," the report says.

The service will be provided on a trial 15-month program with evaluation after a 12 month period to see if there is a demand for the service.

Only those who are "unable to board conventional transit facilities" will be eligible for the service.

Prospective passengers will be required to complete an application medical verification of their disability, the report says.

The Region also intends to budget for a limited taxi service to supplement the regular service during the peak periods.

Region's home care popularity now requires bigger budget

Halton Region is expanding its Home Care program.

The program, funded entirely by the Ministry of Health, will cost over \$866,000 more than it did in 1986-87.

The patient care budget will increase by over 20 per cent to just under \$3.5 million while the administrative budget will increase by more than 26 per cent to slightly over \$1.3 million.

Regional Health Commissioner Graham Pollett said the increases are due to increased cost of nursing, speech therapy, homemaking and physiotherapy services.

"These costs are the result of increased referrals to the Home Care Program," Mr. Pollett said in a report to the Region.

Two new full time speech therapy positions have been added to the program this year.

"In the past two years, the program has not been able to meet the referrals for speech therapy for children and adults in spite of continually seeking therapists on a contractual basis," Mr. Pollett said.

Speech therapists don't like to work under independent contracts, he said.

The increase in administration costs is due to salary and benefit increases and the addition of 3.5 new staff, Mr. Pollett said.

Over the past year the Home Care Program's caseload has increased by more than 800 patients, he said.

"As the program must supply necessary services, as legislated by the province, to those patients who meet the program's eligibility criteria, budget over-runs may result if there are more patients

than had been anticipated," Mr. Pollett said.

Any cost over-runs will be covered completely by the provincial government, he said.

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