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In the hills

Customers dislike Sunday opening

A poll by Georgetown Canadian Tire shows that a majority of customers dislike the idea of Sunday store openings.

Store manager Russ Hare interviewed a total of 350 customers. The no vote totalled 175, compared to 142 who wanted stores opened Sunday. There were 30 people who offered no opinion at all on the matter, he said.

It seems that a majority of people don't want the Sunday opening, said the store manager. Employees in the store also don't want to work Sundays, but from a point of view of staying competitive, Canadian Tire might have to open if others do, he said.

"It's something we'll have to deal with at the time. If it (Sunday shopping) comes we'll have to find people to work Sunday," said Mr. Hare.

We rank 28th in average income

Thomson News Service Ottawa Bureau - The 1985 average income in Halton Hills was \$21,517, an increase of \$785 over the previous year, Revenue Canada's annual taxation review shows.

Halton Hills residents filed 25,141 tax returns, reporting a total income of \$541 million.

A huge increase in tax returns catapulted the Town into 28th spot in average income among the top 100 cities in Canada with 22,700 or more tax filers. Halton Hills did not make the list in 1984.

Brampton stood 29th, with an average income of \$21,479, compared to 26th spot and \$20,064 in 1984.

Guelph ranked 53rd, with an average income of \$19,603, an increase of \$1,115. In 1984 the city stood 49th.

West Vancouver was first, for the second straight year in the overall standings, with an income of \$32,760. Number 100 was Longueuil, Quebec at \$17,001.

Joe Simon delays severance answer

Former Halton Hills Administrator Clerk Joe Simon has still not accepted the severance offered to him after he was fired in November.

Mr. Simon was offered a severance pay of \$15,000 plus \$6,500 to help him find a new job.

No specific reason was ever given why the Administrator Clerk, who had been at the job for slightly over a year, was fired from the \$58,000 a year position.

Mr. Simon said recently he is still looking for work.

He would not discuss if he has come to a decision about his severance pay, saying only that he and the town must go through the proper channels.

Quarry proposal takes baby step

The firm looking to put a dump in the Acton Quarry has told Mayor Russ Miller it intends to apply for the dump under the Environmental Assessment Act.

Shieldings Inc. spokesman Terry Godsal met with Mayor Russ Miller last week to turn over "a lot of books" to the town.

Mr. Miller said the books are several inches each and contain lots of technical information. They will be turned over to the town's engineer Bob Austin who will advise the town if it should hire a consultant to study the reports.

The books consist mainly of studies prepared for the Ministry of the Environment, said Mr. Miller.

He called the studies the "first baby step" on the road through the lengthy Environmental Assessment Act process.

The promise to make application under more stringent rules of the EAA ends a lengthy controversy as Regional councillors fought the company's original intention to apply under the Environmental Protection Act.

Town okays safety value

The town has authorized Treasurer Ray King to borrow up to \$5 million if it runs out of money.

The \$3 million will likely not be needed, said Mr. King in a report to council, but it allows the Treasurer to borrow until taxes are collected.

In the past few years the town has not had to borrow money from banks or other financial institutions because it was able to cover costs from money from reserve funds.

The borrowing authorization was issued this time "if the need arises," said Mr. King.

"We do not anticipate that we will have to use the borrowing authority, but it is prudent to have the by-law in place."

Outmaneuvered



Sub-zero temperatures Wednesday did not stop three school boys from taking advantage of the empty skating rink at the Georgetown Fairgrounds Park. Richard Dool, 7, Christopher McGregor, 7, and Khris Bishop, 9, stopped to play a round of hockey on their way home from school. Not too many other residents braved the frigid weather which plunged the mercury to -20 degrees Celsius. The weekend was another story altogether with warm, and rainy weather. (Herald photo by Cheryl Mooder)

Dangerous goods corridor could be near Georgetown

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

One of the corridors being considered by the Toronto Area Dangerous Goods Rail Task Force would run just west of Georgetown and south of Caledon East, said Mr. Kidman.

Another route would take the trains through Milton's parkway belt south of Milton towards Malton then east to the northern boundaries of Toronto to Highway 404, said Mr. Kidman.

The third route would go through the parkway belt in Mississauga then join the existing rail line north of Toronto, said Mr. Kidman.

The route travelling west of Georgetown would not run on existing rail lines, he said.

None of the routes would run through the towns of Milton or Georgetown but would bypass them, said Mr. Kidman.

He could not say how far from town the lines would run because the task force is set up only to select corridors for rail lines, not actual routes.

The only other alternative being considered is to continue with the existing system, which allows dangerous goods to travel from several different directions with no specific routes, said Mr. Kidman.

Dangerous goods come from all over the world, said Mr. Kidman. Much of it comes from Sarnia, Windsor, the United States and Western

Canada but a lot also comes from Montreal and Europe through the Eastern Provinces, he said.

Dangerous goods take many forms including propane, anhydrous ammonia, chlorine, gasoline and other fuels, said Mr. Kidman.

When the task force examines possible corridors for dangerous goods the main concern will be to expose the least amount of people to risk, said Mr. Kidman.

Other considerations are the natural restrictions of the environment, the economic impact on industries, other modes of transportation and the future development of communities, said Mr. Kidman.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said he wasn't alarmed by the report but he is anxious to see the response to the task force's report now being prepared jointly by the town and Halton Region.

He said Halton Hills may get a lot of dangerous goods travelling through it if the route north from Milton is chosen.

Mr. Miller is cautious about proposals to put new rail lines north of Georgetown and south of Caledon East because of the hilly topography in the area.

Building such a railway line would cost "millions and millions" of dollars, said Mr. Miller.

Council agrees to lease Wrigglesworth to YMCA

The town has worked out an agreement to lease Howard Wrigglesworth Public School to the Georgetown YMCA and it is now going to enter into formal negotiations to lease the school from the Halton Board of Education.

Councillors settled on a leasing agreement with the YMCA in a closed session Jan. 18.

The YMCA wants to move into Wrigglesworth school from its current building at St. Andrew's United Church on Mountainview Road.

Wrigglesworth School would then be turned into a community services

centre with the YMCA subleasing space to different agencies in town, said Regional Manager Claudette Smith.

The building would need between \$120,000 and \$150,000 in renovations before it could be used as a community centre, said Ms. Smith.

Ford lawyer says return privileges

Some restrictions could apply: MacKenzie

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

The lawyer for Dr. Jack Ford asked the Ontario Hospital Appeals Board to restore restricted privileges to the gynecologist and obstetrician in his closing address Jan. 14.

Gavin MacKenzie asked the Board to restore the "quiet and unassuming" doctor's full obstetrical privileges except his use of mid-forceps delivery.

He said Dr. Ford could take further training to update his performance of forceps deliveries.

In obstetrics, he also told the Board, Dr. Ford must strictly adhere to the hospital's guidelines in the treatment of premature ruptured membranes.

During the hearings, the hospital's lawyer, Joshua Liswood introduced two cases in which Dr. Ford did not follow the guidelines.

In the gynecological side of his practice, Mr. MacKenzie wants privileges returned with some restrictions. He said the Board can order a second consultant's opinion before Dr. Ford performs a dilatage and curettage (D and C) operation for dysfunctional uterine bleeding.

He also said the Board can order Dr. Ford not to perform any operations for urinary incontinence without a "urodynamic workup" (further tests to investigate the problem). The Board can also order a second consultation before Dr. Ford performs any operations for stress incontinence, said Mr. MacKenzie.

On the high number of hysterectomies on women under 35-years-old performed by Dr. Ford, the Board may also order a review by a "hysterectomy committee" or a second consultant's opinion before Dr. Ford performs any hysterectomies on young women, said Mr. MacKenzie.

But Mr. Liswood dismissed any possibility of returning even restricted privileges, asking the Board to follow the decision taken by the hospital board April 7, 1987 and

completely revoke his privileges. Mr. Liswood concentrated his case in two areas: that his medical judgement is not sound, nor is his academic knowledge in the area of obstetrics and gynecology; and that he lied to the Board during his testimony and that should discredit his evidence.

He also said Dr. Ford can't learn from his own errors.

Mr. Liswood recalled evidence given by an expert witness for the hospital, Dr. Drew Allin, that knowing what to do and when to do it is more important than surgical technique.

"A change in technique isn't going to help because there's a basic lack of understanding," said Mr. Liswood.

Before the closing statement, Dr. Ford took the stand once more to say that he has at least two doctors who are willing to "take me under their wing" in order to help him update his knowledge and techniques.

Knowing what to do and when to do it is the "thread throughout all of this," said Mr. Liswood.

The most "telling" case involves the case of the ruptured cyst in November of 1987 - after Dr. Ford's privileges had been revoked, said Mr. Liswood.

The case occurred at a time when "most professionals would have been somewhat introspective about the quality of their own practice," he said.

A woman suffered a ruptured cyst after Dr. Ford didn't operate even after another obstetrician told the woman an operation was needed immediately. The ruptured cyst put the woman in a life-threatening situation, said Mr. Liswood.

The technique of knowing what to do and when to do it "probably was down on all fours in this case," he said.

The fact that Dr. Ford failed his fellowship exam to the Canadian College of Obstetrics and Gynecology three times, is a good indication of his knowledge base, said Mr. Liswood.

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Saturday night fever

The Young Acton Association and the Halton Hills Recreation Department have pooled their resources to hold a dance for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 at McKenzie Smith School in Acton Jan. 29. The dance, the first for this age group that is not an after school dance, will run from 7 p.m. to

10 p.m. Five students will be selling 200 tickets to the dance. Students from any school in Acton in Grades 6-8 may attend the dance. Getting ready to sell tickets to the dance here are Cindy Higgins, Mark Lockwood, Christina Trotter, Daria Dale and missing is Kelly Mac-Donald. (Herald photo)

School trustees raise their salaries 4.5 %

By CHERYL MOODER
Herald Staff

Halton school board trustees voted themselves a 4.5 per cent salary increase, but not all trustees were in favor of the decision.

The motion was passed 12-3 which will set the pay rate of trustees for the next three-year term beginning December 1988. The chairman will receive 1.5 per cent more than a trustee.

Burlington trustee Noel Cooper proposed that honorariums be increased from \$950 a month to \$1,000 for the entire three-year term without a yearly increase.

Three years ago board trustees voted themselves a hefty rate increase of about 58 per cent, he said.

Trustees now earn \$900 per month, but that will increase to \$950 in July. The chairman earns \$1,350 and will collect \$1,425 in July.

Effective Jan. 1, 1988, the beginning of the new term, trustees will receive \$900 a month while the chairman will receive \$1,425. Trustees will receive \$1,040 in 1990 and \$1,090 in 1991 while the chairman will

Boards of Education	Chairman	Trustee
Carleton	\$1547.00	\$1031.33
Durham	\$1225.00	\$ 816.66
East York	\$1524.48	\$1016.32
Elobicoke	1793.75	\$1195.83
HALTON	\$1425.00	\$ 850.00
Hamilton	\$1125.00	\$ 750.00
Metro Toronto	\$ 750.00	\$ 375.00
North York	\$2137.43	\$1424.95
Ottawa	\$1881.50	\$1254.33
Peel	\$2100.00	\$1416.66
Scarborough	\$1020.83	\$1206.33
Toronto	\$2473.64	\$1996.91
Waterloo	\$1281.25	\$ 854.16
Windsor	\$1162.58	\$ 775.08
City of York	\$1687.50	\$1125.00

MONTHLY AVERAGE \$1572.00 \$1085.25

The following chart outlines the monthly honorarium of large school board members in Ontario as of August 1988. Halton's honorarium is outlined in black letters and numbers. On an annual basis, Halton school trustees earned \$11,400 before their salary raise of 4.5 per cent. In contrast, Halton Regional councillors make \$15,246, Burlington councillors are paid \$11,070 and Oakville councillors receive \$8,736. (Courtesy Halton Board of Education)

receive \$1,550 in 1990 and \$1,625 in 1991.

Compared with salaries of other neighboring groups, Halton's trustees are "very well off," said Trustee Cooper. "Being a school member is not a full-time job nor should it be."

Board salaries were way out of line with all the other large boards, said Acton and Esqueping Trustee Arlene Bruce.

In the three years between 1985 and 1988 the Halton School Board trustee salaries were brought up to the level of the other school boards, said Trustee Bruce.

Oakville Trustee Janis Millman sat on the three-member committee selected to recommend an appropriate honorarium for the next term. Some trustees she talked to were concerned with the 50 per cent increase in salaries three years ago. However, most accepted a recommended 4.4 per cent increase to cover the cost of living, she said.

Trustee Cooper's proposal was defeated after a vote of 12-4 against the motion.

Acton and Esqueping Trustee Arlene Bruce suggested the number of hours trustees spend at committee meetings be recorded in the next year so the board would have a better idea of the workload of individual trustees.

With the wide variation of work each trustee can and does do, it is difficult to set a fair honorarium, she said.

Trustee Bruce said she feels a low honorarium limits who can become a trustee. It closes the door on someone who may want to work as a trustee on a full-time basis, she said, but does not have financial support from another source.

But despite her concerns and reservations the trustee supported the presented honorarium.

It is reasonable when you look at the board in isolation, she said.

Oakville Trustee Len Crosier said the Ministry of Education should set the honorariums and not force the boards to.