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Ford has 30 days to appeal

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

Dr. Jack Ford has 30 days to file an appeal before Ontario Divisional Court if he intends to fight the appeals board decision which left him without hospital privileges in Georgetown.

The gynecologist and obstetrician has not yet made up his mind if he intends to appeal the decision, said Dr. Ford's lawyer Gavin MacKenzie.

The two met Wednesday to discuss the implications of the decision.

Asked if Dr. Ford could ever recover his hospital privileges in Georgetown, Mr. MacKenzie said: "The decision seems to leave that door open."

Mr. MacKenzie was referring to a

passage in the decision which said Dr. Ford "poses a significant threat to the community served by that hospital and cannot continue until he can demonstrate a significant upgrading in both his knowledge and his practice."

But Georgetown hospital lawyer Joshua Liswood said Wednesday that comment is not part of the decision.

Much of the 24-page decision is just comment by the Appeals Board members and is not a part of the actual decision, said Mr. Liswood.

However, Dr. Ford can reapply for privileges at Georgetown hospital or any other hospital, said Mr. Liswood.

Dr. Ford now has "courtesy privileges" at Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton. That allows him to use the facilities "under guidance and immediate supervision," said Mr. Liswood.

Dr. Ford can retain the family practice he has kept since his privileges were revoked last April, said Mr. MacKenzie.

If he pursues retraining, he can reapply to Georgetown hospital for consulting privileges, said Mr. MacKenzie.

But that application would have to be approved by the Medical Advisory Committee and the hospital board.

If Dr. Ford chooses to appeal the Hospital Appeals Board decision, three Supreme Court judges would review the evidence in the transcripts of the hearings, said Mr. MacKenzie. There would be no new evidence or testimony by witnesses, he said. The two lawyers would attempt to argue their cases based on the transcripts.

Hospital Executive Director Mark Roehon acknowledged Wednesday there will be lasting effects of the hearings on the town. "There will always be segments of the community that will have a difficult time appreciating the decision and I'm sorry about that," said Mr. Roehon.

Asked if the hospital board has now been vindicated in light of the harsh criticism levelled at them when Dr. Ford's privileges were first revoked, Mr. Roehon said: "In my opinion the decision should send a clear message to the community that the (hospital) board stands for the provision of high quality patient care."

Mr. Roehon said he has had phone calls from people who identified themselves as supporters of Dr. Ford before the hearings but they have now "changed their minds."

The hospital's big problem from the start was that they couldn't reveal the facts behind the decision to revoke Dr. Ford's privileges because of the impending hearing, said Mr. Roehon.

The appeals board decision was "highly critical" of the hospital for not supplying Dr. Ford with reports by two outside experts criticizing his practice "at the time they were received and for some eight months after that."

Mr. Liswood said Wednesday that although the Board was critical of the hospital in that area it was "satisfied that Dr. Ford had known of the criticisms" about his practice.

Mr. MacKenzie said Dr. Ford can apply for General Practice privileges at the hospital but they do not carry the same range of privileges allowed a consultant in gynecology and obstetrics.

Mr. Roehon would not say on Wednesday if the hospital would return any of Dr. Ford's privileges if he were to pursue retraining.



It might as well be a pot of gold as far as Ronnie Plumadore, 6, and Michelle Van Diepen, 6, are concerned. The two were inspecting the chocolate molds at Debora's Confections recently in anticipation of the Easter treats they hope to receive this weekend. Debora Ellis, the co-owner of the store, seemed happy

enough to share her secrets with her two new found friends. The store, on Highway 7 east of Norval, has been making Easter chocolates for over a month for a variety of clients and the general public. (Herald photo by Dave Rowney)

Police chief under fire

Halton Region is demanding a public apology from Halton Police Chief James Harding for remarks he made about an Oakville Councillor but that apology likely will not be forthcoming and the two appear to have buried the hatchet.

At the request of Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy, Chief Harding met with Oakville's John Graham Friday and the pair have put their differences aside, the Chief said.

A Burlington Spectator story March 17 quoted Chief Harding as saying Coun. Graham is an "unlearned politician" for suggesting the Halton Police Commission should be abolished and replaced by an elected body.

"Politicians have made a royal job of screwing up the world. They need armies and police and other agencies to clean up after them," the Chief said in the Spectator story.

"If Regional councillors want to handle the police like they handled the dump issue, God help the residents," he said in the story.



Chief James Harding

In an interview Friday, the Chief said he was quoted accurately in the story but the comment about politicians "screwing up the world" was not aimed at Halton's municipal or Regional politicians.

"I think it's a little bit of a stretch of the imagination to think that any decision made by a municipal councillor or a Regional councillor could either start or end a war," the Chief said.

"I will not apologize for that because it was not meant for them," he added.

Chief Harding said the controversy started after Coun. Graham allegedly made "personal remarks against me and the way I presented my budget."

The police commission recently approved a \$25 million budget for 1988. The budget, which contains a 9.5 per cent increase, is yet to be approved by Regional Council.

"It was a personal thing. That's what shocked me and caused me my frustration."

The Chief's remarks in the Spectator story sparked demands by Regional Council March 22 for a public apology to Coun. Graham and the whole council.

"I got the impression... the Police Chief thought we'd be better in a police state," said Milton's Bill Johnson.

He said the Chief took "cheap shots" at councillors.

Several councillors took offence at the Chief's comments about how Halton handled the garbage issue.

Burlington Coun. Joyce Savoline said she was "horrified" to read the Chief's remarks in the newspaper.

The issue was discussed at Thursday's police commission meeting where the Chief said he explained his position. "In response to that motion made by Regional Council I made an answer to my Board of Commissioners of Police in which I gave an explanation for (the comments)," Chief Harding said.

"I have given my explanation... and my explanation stands and that's what I'm going to stay with."

Symphonies and berries

Symphony and Strawberries. Hopefully they will go as good together as daffodil sales in April.

The Halton Hills Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society is hosting a new fund-raising event June 18 at the Dominion Seed House. In conjunction with the 60th anniversary of the well-known Georgetown firm, the Cancer Society will present music by a youth symphony, strawberries, walks through the grounds and much more. There will be antiques on display, crafts, gardening personality Art Drysdale from CFRB and various demonstrations and displays.

As an additional added feature, the Cancer Society has organized an Antique Car Showcase with Neil Young as the chairman of the event.

The car show will be held the following day, June 19 at Cedarvale Park in Georgetown.

The April cancer month campaign begins April 6 with a kick-off breakfast beginning at 7:30 p.m. Daffodil sales will be offered April 8 and 9.

For more information about Cancer Society events and activities call 877-1124.

In Halton-Peel riding

Caledon man leads Tories

By DAVE ROWNEY
Herald Staff

There were two candidates from Halton Hills vying for the presidency of the PC association of Halton-Peel. But they both lost their election bid to Caledon's Ian Fraser.

Tom Kilmer of Limehouse and Ted Hilton of Acton were nominated to stand for the leadership of the newly formed association Friday. Well over 100 card-carrying Conservatives attended the inaugural

meeting at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Mr. Fraser is the owner of his own pharmaceutical company and has been associated with the Conservative Party for close to 40 years. He moved to Inglewood in 1978 and has been in the York-Peel riding for seven years.

Married and with children, he has been involved with three different ridings during election times.

During the last federal election he

was an assistant campaign manager and in Caledon, 77 of 78 polls under his jurisdiction were for PC candidate Sinclair Stevens.

Ted Hilton is a policeman with Metropolitan Toronto Police and worked on the Otto Jelinek campaign during the last election. Tom Kilmer owns his company called

was the attendance of area MPs Otto Jelinek of Halton, John McDermid of Brampton-Georgetown, Bill Kempling of Burlington and Sinclair Stevens of York-Peel.

The foursome provided some pre-election rallying of the troops and later answered questions in a panel format.

Otto Jelinek predicted Halton-Peel would be "another new riding that will come into the Progressive Conservative Party."

"People are beginning to realize there is a lot of substance to what the Conservatives have done and are going to do," he said.

The Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport said the Calgary Olympics showed that Canadians are prepared to compete with the very best. "That spirit spreads across the country from coast to coast..."

There is tremendous enthusiasm among the grassroots of the party and Conservative candidates are going to show Canadians "that we care," said the cabinet minister.

John McDermid praised Brian Mulroney for his leadership in foreign policy, finance and in trade. The Brampton-Georgetown MP took shots at the NDP and Liberals for their free trade stance.

It takes more than one term in office for a government to reach its potential, but already the economy is better and deficit reduction is better, he said.

"You can be proud of the Progressive Conservative Party. We want you to be rejuvenated and prepared and go onto victory in the next election."

Former cabinet minister Sinclair Stevens said Halton-Peel riding "is in tremendous shape." Said Mr. Stevens: "If I can help in any way, it would be an honor for me..."



Ian Fraser

Chemicals spill out at industrial park

By CHERYL MOODER
Herald Staff

A tank containing 5,000 gallons of a combustible liquid burst open Thursday in one of the biggest chemical spills ever in Georgetown.

Workers were unloading a truck March 24 containing about 6,000 gallons of naphtha petroleum in the lot of Park Thermal Ltd. located at 62 Todd Road.

The tanker truck collapsed in the middle spewing about 65 per cent to 75 per cent of the volatile liquid onto the pavement.

Firefighters were called to the scene at 8:46 a.m. standing by until 8:11 p.m. when the petroleum was cleaned up.

Fire Department Deputy Chief Bob Hyde said workers did not open the vent at the top of the truck before they began unloading the liquid.

The vacuum weakened the sides of the truck and it collapsed, he said.

The truck, driven by a 27-year-old London man who celebrated his birthday the day of the accident, was delivering liquid from Imperial Esso in Sarnia, the firm responsible for cleaning the fluid up.

The tanker was towed by a Burlington heavy towing company to its owner, Oakville Drive Yourself Ltd., where the truck was rented from.

Halton Hills Hydro cut the power and Halton's Emergency Response team was on hand to help clean up, Mr. Hyde said, "the biggest spill we've had."

While the material is not flammable, it is combustible, the fire chief said.

The Ministry of the Environment was on the scene. The Ministry must decide if the asphalt and soil must be torn up and replaced, said Mr. Hyde.

Firefighters dumped hundreds of gallons of foam on the fluid before workers could unload the rest from the truck.

Exit the body

The Georgetown Little Theatre is holding a benefit performance of "Exit The Body" April 21 for Halton Women's Place. Admission for the play is \$10 and coffee and dessert will be served after the performance.

The Cellar Restaurant will hold a fund-raising dinner for the Halton Women's Place before the performance. For each \$30 dinner the Cellar will give \$5 to the Women's Place. Tickets are available at the Cellar Restaurant, Hair Creations, Petal's Fashions, the Hope Chest and Work That Body.

Further inquiries call Cynthia O'Hearn, 877-6120.

Manpower talk

A Georgetown Chamber of Commerce director's meeting April 26 will host Debby McIntyre from Canada Manpower. Ms. McIntyre will speak about employment for companies and how Manpower counsels the unemployed. The talk will be held at the North Halton Golf and Country Club at noon. Tickets cost \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. For more information call 877-7119.

IN THE HILLS

Ambassador Thomas Niles comes to town

United States Ambassador Thomas Niles will be in Georgetown to talk to the local Chamber of Commerce April 19 for a dinner meeting.

Tickets for the event, at the North Halton Golf and Country Club, cost \$30 for members. The talk will be about the relationship between Canada and the United States, including the free trade agreement.

For information call 877-7119.

Grants are here

Well, they are here. The Halton Board of Education received the provincial grants late Friday afternoon.

But though the grants are in, said superintendent of business services, the finance committee cannot tell what their effect on the Halton board will be.

"The effect will take some time to calculate," Mr. Jenkins said. The finance committee has to wait until the board sees the figures first.

The provincial government will pump \$39.7 billion into education for the year, which is an increase of 4.5 per cent over last year.

The actual dollars designated for Halton will not be known until the board has reviewed the figures.

"We do not anticipate there will be any great influx of new dollars into the education system," Mr. Jenkins said.

Generally speaking though the elementary per pupil grant is up 5.4 per cent and the secondary per pupil grant 4.7 per cent, Mr. Jenkins said.

This year there are three new grants which include one for the reduction of class sizes in the Grade one and two level.

A second grant has been allocated for textbooks while a third has been designated for minor learning material in the primary and junior classes.

The board will review the grants and the effect they will have on the Region April 7

Sex roles talk

Maude Barlow will speak on sex roles and violence in the media at Acton High School Thursday, April 7 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Ms. Barlow was a former senior advisor to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and sat on the Federal task force on wife assault.

Tickets are \$3 and are available at the high school.

Fencers duel

The Georgetown fencing club will be having an exhibition on Thursday, April 7 at 6 p.m., in the gym at George Kennedy Public School on Weber Drive. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 877-8796.

6 PC directors

Six directors were elected to serve the new Progressive Conservative riding association for Halton-Peel.

From Georgetown are Michael Armstrong, a former town and regional councillor and Alex McKee, financial consultant for small businesses. Others on the board of directors are Ron Tuck, Ross Husband, John Crosato and Donna Gracey.