



Diane Crawford (left) was honored at a dinner recently for the time and effort she has put in to local guiding. Diane will finish her term as Division Commissioner this month. She is seen here with Marie Brown, who will take over as the new Division Commissioner. (Photo submitted)

Division commissioner recognized for efforts with guiding movement

Halton Division Guiders got together recently for their annual dinner, recognition and awards night. One hundred and twenty-five Guiders from Acton, Georgetown, Milton and surrounding communities gathered in Milton at St. Paul's Church. Special guests were Mayor Russ Miller of Georgetown, Councillor Melanson of Milton, Nancy Williams, White Oaks Area Commissioner and Louise Robinson, White Oaks Area Camp Adviser and Diane Crawford, Halton Division Commissioner.

The evening was hosted by Bronte Meadows District and their commissioners. Margo Welke was the master of ceremonies. Before dinner the Guiders were entertained by the Milton Strings and after dinner Judy Hunter and Ron Break sang for the Guiders.

Five year service pins were presented to Ev. Bezzant, Mary Feaver, Leslie Teddery, Gaye Graham, Peggy Lewzey, Kathy Pearl, Susan Ferrin, Mary Merry, Barbara Mallieu, Kathy Massey, Brenda Rousseau and Helen Szafer.

The year service pins were presented to Jackie Henslowood, Sue Hewitt and Marilyn Sharpe. The Division Challenge Flag was presented to the Georgetown

Pathfinders Unit. Special recognition was given to Diane Crawford, who is completing her five year term as Division Commissioner.

Diane has been a Guider for 19 years and even though her term as Division Commissioner is up in June, she is remaining involved in Guiding. In the fall she will become Programme Advisor for White Oaks Area. She also sits on a National Committee for Girl Guides of Canada. This summer Diane will be on staff at Echo Valley, an international Guide Camp being held in Saskatchewan.

A story was read about "This is your life" and all Guiders sang her a song composed especially for the occasion. Several gifts were then presented to Diane from Halton Division as a thank you for all her time and effort given to local Guiding over the past years.

Halton Division was pleased to announce that Marie Brown will be the new Division Commissioner.

Marie Brown has been active in Guiding for over 12 years and brings a great deal of experience with her as she becomes Halton Division Commissioner. She has had many positions in Guiding and is an avid camper. Halton Division will continue to grow under Marie's guidance.

Many issues addressed at Queen's Park

So much has happened in the past couple of weeks at Queen's Park that it's becoming difficult to get all the information into one article.

There have been some major developments coming from the Ministries of Natural Resources, Revenue, Colleges and Universities and the Attorney General. These developments will have a substantial impact on Ontario's available parkland, available University placements, affordable housing and on the proposed Mulroney free trade deal.

First of all, the Ontario Government will create 53 additional provincial parks and adopt a new policy to protect the Province's parks system, Natural Resources Minister Vince Kerrio has announced.

This decision brings the total number of parks in Ontario to 270, covering 6.3 million hectares. Over 80 per cent of the park area will be pure wilderness or nature reserves where logging, hunting, trapping, mineral exploration, mining or hydroelectric development will not



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be permitted.

The Honourable Vince Kerrio says, "The Government believes that the need to preserve a certain amount of 'pure' wilderness is too important to compromise and no trapping, mining or hydro development will be allowed in any of Ontario's other provincial parks."

Under the new system, there will be six classes of provincial parks, where different and limited activities will be allowed. In Wilderness Parks, for example, large areas will be left to nature and travelling will be permitted only on

foot or canoe.

Secondly, the Ontario government has introduced a new Ontario Home Ownership Savings Plan (OHOSP) for first-time buyers.

Under the plan, the Ontario Government will spend \$50 million a year helping about 150,000 individuals and families save for their first home.

The proposed legislation provides that any resident of Ontario at least eighteen years of age, and spouse if married, may make annual contributions of up to \$2,000 in each of five consecutive years for the purpose of saving for the purchase of a first home by 1999.

A full 25 per cent annual OHOSP tax credit will be available for individuals and couples with incomes not exceeding \$20,000 and \$40,000 respectively. A reduced tax credit will be available if income exceeds these amounts. These tax credits will not apply to individuals and couples earning \$40,000 and \$80,000 respectively.

Detailed information about OHOSP and the Ontario tax credits may be obtained from the Ministry of Revenue. Residents who are interested in finding out more should call 1-800-263-3960.

Thirdly, the Ontario Government will more than double funding to allow additional students to attend university this fall. Colleges and Universities Minister Lyn McLeod has said that the recent provincial budget provides accessibility funding of \$88 million for enrolment growth. Mrs. McLeod went on to say that the move responds to an increase in first-year applications at Ontario universities for September 1988 and continues funding for the enrolment increases that took place last year.

The budget also provides an increase in funding to cover the additional students who enrolled at universities for the 1987-88 academic year. The Minister announced in

November a \$77 million fund to accommodate those students. That fund has been increased to \$38.2 million.

To assist post secondary institutions in physically accommodating the increased enrolment, the Minister cited the Treasurer's unprecedented commitment to provide \$440 million in capital funding for colleges and universities over the next four years.

Finally, Attorney General Ian Scott has released a report regarding the Mulroney Free Trade Initiative which concluded that provincial powers are threatened under the pact.

Under the Agreement, the U.S. Government will have the right to insist that the Canadian Government intervene in a wide range of matters, many under provincial jurisdiction.

New provincial programs in a wide variety of areas will require the approval of U.S. politicians and interest groups. If the Americans object, they will have the legal right to require the Canadian Government to intervene and attempt to override provincial programs.

"This will mean that provincial attempts to respond to the social and economic needs of their citizens will be severely constrained in the future," Mr. Scott explained.

The Attorney General was quick to point out that the Agreement is not just about the specific matter of a new pricing policy for wines and spirits. The report emphasizes that the trade pact will result in a broad impairment of government assistance to many of Ontario's industrial and resource-based sectors.

The report finds that Canada's ability to regulate energy and natural resources, health and social services, and culture will be restricted under the Agreement.

Board of education considers increase

Taxpayers may see a \$16 hike on their tax bill in 1989 if a proposal to levy a permanent two mill increase on Halton Hills tax bills is approved.

The capital levy would be used to fund the building of three schools in Oakville and one in Burlington.

The question was raised as to how the Halton Board of Education could raise the money to construct the much needed schools, said Jerry Jenkins, superintendent of business services, and this is one method of doing that.

There are two sources of revenue for school boards, which are provincial grants and municipal taxes, Mr. Jenkins said. In this particular situation the government did not allot any funds to the construction of schools in Halton. A long term levy is necessary to fund the building of schools, he added.

The levy is expected to raise \$2 million dollars a year for the school board.

The four schools are estimated to cost \$19.9 million.

Once the schools are paid for, excess money will go towards other building construction.

All municipalities in Halton Region will feel the bite of the tax hike since the school board does not have the authority to tax only one or two municipalities.

The board asked the provincial government for \$46 million in capital grants in order to build schools, but ended up with empty pockets, despite \$381 million in allocations granted across the province.

Although school boards do levy for repayment of debt charges, Mr.

Jenkins said he is not aware of any boards highlighting an increase in this manner.

At the moment he is awaiting word from the provincial government as to whether or not this move would affect the status of the region receiving future grants for building schools if they go ahead and start construction without provincial help.

Georgetown Trustee Dick Howitt's initial reaction to the proposal is, "I think the two mills should be paid as a local improvement tax, paid by the local ratepayers who will be getting the schools."

At this point though, the trustee said, he has not had time to think of the ramifications of the deal.

The proposal files in the face of everything done by the school board, Mr. Howitt said, but he supposes the rules have all changed.

We have always treated the school board for the whole system and paid for things for the whole region, Mr. Howitt said. The \$1.2 million for reconstruction at the Georgetown District High School was debentures paid by Oakville, Burlington, Milton as well as Halton Hills taxpayers.

"That is the way the system has always worked," he said.

The trustee's initial reaction seems like it is flying in the face of the philosophy the board has always had, Mr. Howitt said. But at the same time so is the proposal put forth by Mr. Jenkins.

Trustees will vote on whether or not to raise the mill rate to raise capital for building new schools at the June 9 board meeting.

Contracts awarded

John McDermid, Member of Parliament for Brampton-Georgetown, announced on behalf of Supply and Services Minister Otto Jelinek, that Aircraft Appliances and Equipment Ltd. of Bramalea has been awarded three Government of Canada contracts.

Two of the contracts, totalling \$3.5 million, are to repair and overhaul aircraft accessories and supply parts for this work for National Defence.

"These contracts will maintain 34 jobs with the company for a year," Mr. McDermid said. The awards continue services that have been performed by the company for many years. Aircraft Appliances and Equipment Ltd. is the only known Canadian company with the equipment and personnel required for this work.

The third contract values \$600,000 and is to supply spare parts for use in the repair and overhaul of National Defence aircraft accessories.

"This contract will maintain four jobs with the company for a year," Mr. McDermid said.

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