

Residents want assurances on water supply

Residents of the 10th Line in Georgetown are worried about their water supply in the face of pending development in Halton Hills Village.

In a letter to council signed by 19 people, residents want the town to make sure that their water supply is protected.

"You, as councillors and previous councils, have seen fit to let developers come and tear up the prime agricultural land," the letter says, "...a decision we are not in favor of, but can do little to prevent."

Residents on the 10th Line are outside the town's urban area so they draw their water from private wells.

"With all the digging going on we would like some reassurance in writing that if our water supply is interrupted, the responsibility will be with that of the developer, or of the local council, and not the residents."

Many residents of Sideroad 5 are also concerned about their water supply, said Coun. Alf Spence Monday.

Through subdivision agreements the town must "make sure people adjacent to any urban areas have water (without) a horrendous cost," said Mayor Miller, adding that he once paid to hook-up to town water when a well went dry on a farm he once owned.

Councillors alluded to a situation

late last year in which residents of Wildwood Road lost their water and were unsuccessful in getting either the nearby developer (Meagan Developments), the town of Halton Hills or Halton Region to pay for their water, even though safeguards were built in to the subdivision agreement.

The developers were supposed to conduct water tests before any activity occurred on the land in Glen Williams. The residents argued the water tests were done only after their well went dry.

The town has learned from past mistakes, said Mayor Miller.

Future subdivision agreements will ensure water tests are conducted before there is any con-

struction on the land, he said.

However, "the only kind of assurances we have is the bucks (from developers) up front," he said.

Should the water supply be disrupted near Halton Hills Village

there are two landowners to deal with which makes the whole situation more complex, said Mayor Miller.

The town's administrator clerk, Dan Costea, is studying ways to safeguard residents.

\$1,800 in goods missing

Almost \$1,800 in goods was taken from a car dealership on Highway 7 near Sideroad 22 Jan. 25. Police say someone entered the building by removing the door's hinges. The suspect left with three Bell telephones, three

calculators and \$90 in cash from the register and the vending machine. Police say the suspect caused \$25 damage to the window where entry was attempted. Police continue to investigate the break and enter.

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Psycho-social disorders

Board considers new program

Four students out of every Halton classroom could be dangerous to themselves or others, according to Halton Board of Education Superintendent Garry Crossman.

Last week Mr. Crossman presented a report to the Halton Board of Education, asking for \$1 million over the next five years to hire staff to deal with children who have "psycho-social disorders."

Students with these emotional problems make up 19.5 per cent of the population in southern Ontario, according to recent government statistics.

The four areas of concern include conduct disorders, hyperactivity, neuroses and somatization, said Mr. Crossman. Conduct disorders include "acting out" violence toward other students and toward school staff. Hyperactivity involves an inability to remain still.

Neuroses can include depression and can result in suicide. Somatization causes the student to feel that he or she is often ill.

"If not dealt with at a young age, these conditions will get worse... the severity will increase," said Mr. Crossman. "So, part of the emphasis (of a board program) is to work with the elementary students, with the children, before they become dangerous," he said.

Educating "exceptional" children became a board responsibility in 1985, says the board report. The study, conducted by Mr. Crossman and a group of specialists, is to provide an education for students with psycho-social disorders.

"They're so pre-occupied with their disorders that it becomes difficult to learn," said Mr. Crossman.

The board's proposed five-year plan would increase psychological staff to deal with the four areas of

concern, in addition to working with the IPRC (the Identification, Placement and Review Committee) designed to determine exceptional children and what programs would suit their needs.

According to the board recommendation, one psychologist, an educational consultant and six other workers would be hired at a cost of \$114,000 in 1989.

Six social workers and a speech pathologist would be hired in 1990 at a cost of \$262,000 under the five-year plan.

The third year would see \$245,000 spent on hiring eight workers, including a speech pathologist and

physical education consultant. And in 1992, \$270,000 would be spent on eight additional staff.

In the final year of the proposed plan, a social worker and a child care worker would be hired by the board at a cost of almost \$212,000.

Although the plan is costly, Mr. Crossman said it will pay for itself in the rehabilitation of potential criminals and in the early treatment of what could become major emotional disorders.

"The long-term effects of the program would save the school system money," he said.

The five-year plan will go before school board trustees for approval Feb. 9.

Council makes appointments

Halton Hills councillors appointed members of the public to 11 boards and agencies Monday.

Members of the Georgetown Central Business Improvement Area (BIA) are: Elizabeth McNeily, Penny O'Reilly, Carol Barrow, Jim Goodlet and Trudy Thomas.

Members of the Halton Hills Public Library Board are: Nancy Brown-Anderson, Roger Haggett, Jay Jackson, Sharon Mosher and Steven Foster.

Francine McGregor and Joyce Mackie will sit on the public school board and Frank Loreto will sit on the separate school board.

Michael Ross and former councillor Peter Norton will sit on the ActiVan committee.

The committee of adjustment which grants minor variances from town bylaws this term will consist of Coral Greaves, Grant Lee, Bob Malcolmson, John Whitaker and Al Piliutti.

Lawrence Greaves will sit on

the property standards committee.

Serena Atwood and Carin Pelka will sit on the Halton safety council.

Five members were appointed to the Local Architectural Conservation Authority Committee (LACAC). Those members are Ken McGregor, Merlin Kobsa, Roger Stopford, Jeanne Cameron Goebelle and Patrick Bidney.

And finally, the three members appointed to Halton's Land Division Committee are Donald Lindsay, Bruce McClure and William Richmond. The fate of the LDC will be discussed at a planning and public works committee meeting at Halton Region today (Wednesday). Some Regional councillors have been calling for the dissolution of the LDC in favor of creating a committee of council. Arguments against the LDC centre around decisions which Region planners say have not been following the Halton Official Plan.



Tight with Teddy

Raven Sparling, 4, of Acton, wasn't ready to let go of her white bear at the recreation and parks department's Teddy Bear Picnic. Raven and other pre-schoolers won prizes for their bears, ranging from the cutest bear to the most athletic bear. (Herald photo)

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