

Frugal budget won't compromise safety - police

Halton Regional councillors said Wednesday the local police force could be compromising safety by having a frugal budget.

Halton Regional Police are asking for \$234,000 to fund costs for courtroom patrol for 1990. Deputy Chief John Barrett appeared before councillors saying the force originally projected cost requirements of \$266,000 to pay for a provincial legislation under Bill 187 that placed courtroom protection in the hands of local police.

Within the past few months, there have been two escapes from

police vehicles transporting prisoners to court. Councillors asked Dep. Chief Barrett if police equipment is safe.

The police officer said the vehicles are old, but "criminals are known for their ingenuity and they will always try to find other ways" to escape police custody.

"In the long term, I think what we're looking at is a different type of vehicle altogether," he said. The floors of the police vehicles were pried open for escape by the prisoners on their way to the Milton Provincial Court.

Halton police plan to purchase a police cruiser to cover the courtroom protection and they will hire two constables, five escort officers, and some security officers.

The police will cover three different locations in the Region including Milton, Oakville and Burlington courts. The date of local police court protection has not been set, but Halton officers will be hired to be trained for next January.

Costs are kept to a minimum in the Halton force, Dep. Chief Barrett says. "There is a minimum

court security package we could put together while still protecting the municipality."

He said Halton police will use existing resources, such as armed police officers already in the courtrooms, to secure the buildings.

He said officers can be located from other areas in an emergency.

Oakville Coun. John Graham agreed with the provincial legislation under Bill 187 that puts courtroom security in the hands of local police.

He said Halton should have "one police force." Presently, the sheriff's office handles courtroom security.

But Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale said the province is passing its duties on to the Regional government.

"There is a shift in responsibility and it's happening on all fronts."

The mayor said charges for courtroom protection at the Regional level will go to local taxpayers.

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Halton may spend \$7.8 million to level out Hungry Hollow

Halton Regional staff put forward a proposal Wednesday to widen Mountainview Road's Hungry Hollow to four lanes and decrease the road's slope at a total cost of \$7.8 million.

A report presented by C.C. Parker and Associates - the company reconstructing Mountainview Road - at Wednesday's planning and public works meeting said the Region can choose one of five options in reducing the 16-per-cent slope in Mountainview Road between Sideroad 10 and Summit Lane in Georgetown.

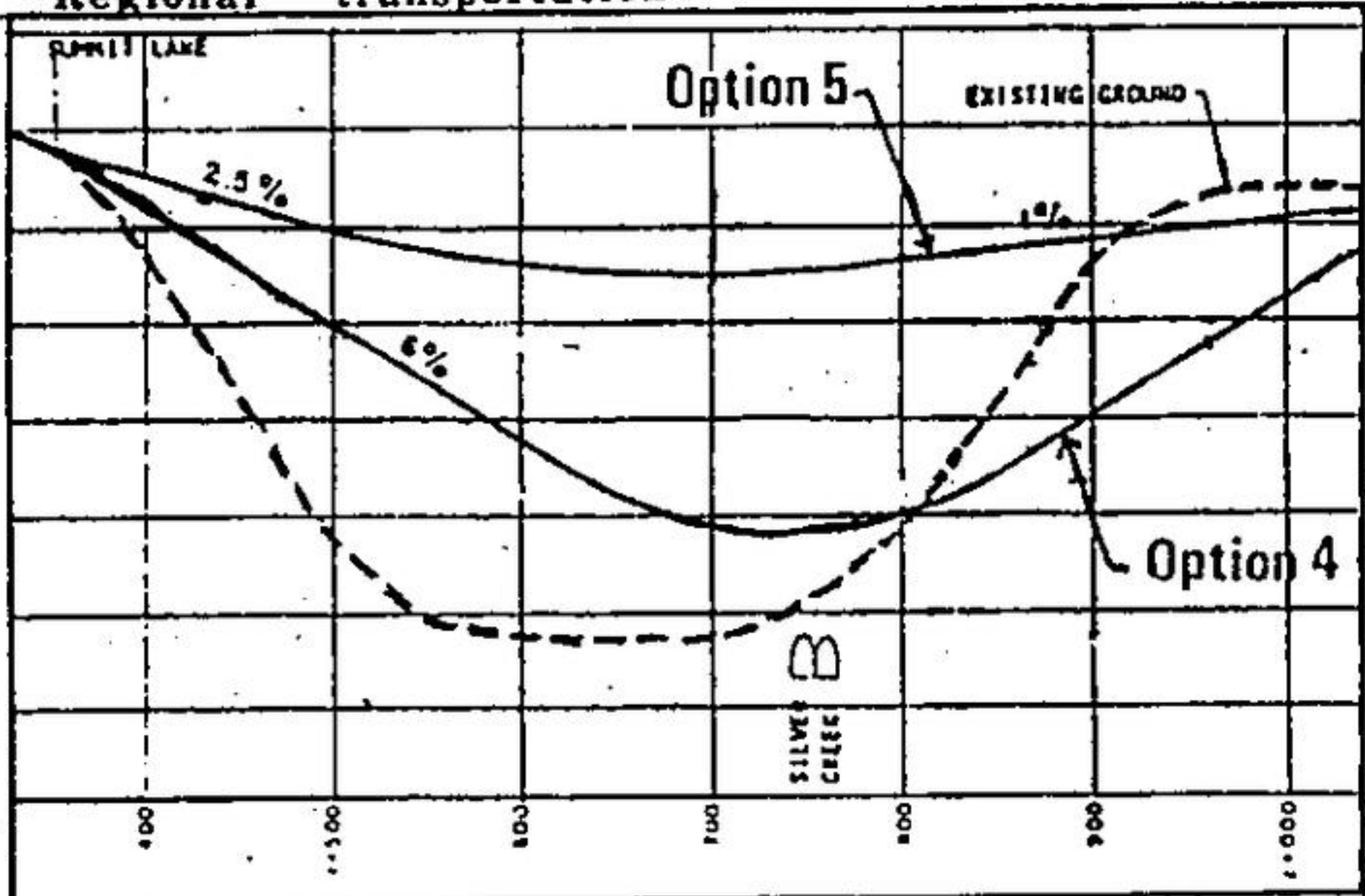
Plans to decrease the slope are a result of increased traffic in the area and the apparent visibility problems at Summit Lane and Eden Place, Regional councillors heard.

technologist Tony Finelli said at 5,400 vehicles passing over Hungry Hollow each day, road traffic has increased by 2,000 cars in the last year.

Dave McCann, assistant manager of transportation planning for C.C. Parker, explained the Regional staff choice of a six-per-cent slope option for Mountainview Road. The cost of reducing the slope by 10 per cent will be \$5.4 million. The most severe cut considered for Hungry Hollow would involve a \$25.2 million project to reduce the slope to 2.5 per cent on the north side and one per cent on the south side.

The "preferred option" would decrease the slope - on both sides to six per cent and would cost \$5.4

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This diagram shows a profile of Mountainview Road as it dips into Hungry Hollow at Silver Creek. The bottom dotted line is the present drop between Sideroad 10 and Summit Lane in Georgetown. The middle line, called Option 4 - the recommended option - shows a six per cent grade reconstruction proposed by Halton Region. The top line shows an almost complete levelling of the slope at an estimated cost of \$25.2 million.

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Mom, there'll be a guest for supper!

The Salverda boys decided to take some time out of their busy day and meet with Mr. Pumpkin man outside their Princess Anne Drive home to discuss issues of importance, like what costume to wear to scare the

living daylights out of their parents come Halloween night, and what kind of haul can they expect this year. The Salverda boys are Joshua (left) and Nicholas, who is holding Jacob. (Herald photo)

Region studies reasons for pollution in Fairy Lake

Halton Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette Monday asked Halton's health department to present a report on pollution in Fairy Lake in Acton to Halton Hills council.

Coun. Bonnette said the 60-page report was compiled by the health department and was released this week. The report outlines the cause of high levels of pollution in Fairy Lake that closed the lake's three beaches for about one-third of the summer.

Fairy Lake registered high levels of fecal chloriform, the substance found in the stomachs of warm-blooded animals. Fecal

chloriforms used as an indicator of water's pollution count.

Halton's health department hired a university student last summer to sample Fairy Lake and file a report. Results showed that Fairy Lake's old beach was open 75 days and had excessive high pollution counts 15 days. The Breezes beach resort registered high levels of fecal chloriform 21 days but was given the green light for swimmers 69 days of the summer. The new beach was closed for 40 per cent of the summer. Warning signs were posted by Halton Region 32 days at the new beach.

Coun. Bonnette said a Regional health report described Fairy Lake as a "problem" in terms of pollution.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said Monday night he recently met with the Ontario Ministry of the environment. Ministry officials warned that drainage into Fairy Lake should be limited to return the water to acceptable health levels, Mr. Miller said.

Regional staff and Halton Hills staff are presently reviewing the Fairy Lake report and will file their own reports on findings at the Acton lake.

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