



Over the top

Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy got into the team spirit, when he met with some of the players of the Georgetown Jr. Rebels football team last week to kick off his United Way Grey Cup Gala Nov. 24. Chairman Pomeroy is supported in the front row by Scott Hobbs (left), Dan Jones and Chris Adams and in the back row by Rob Walker (left) and Adam Hagen. (Herald photo)

## POWER, town prepares for recycling week

POWER will join the Town of Halton Hills in ushering in recycling week from Nov. 20 to 26 with a campaign to ban styrofoam.

The town proclaimed next week recycling week, and will advertise in the town local newspapers and on Halton Cable television. There will be displays on recycling awareness at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre and the Halton Hills Civic Centre and a banner will be put up on Highway 7 near Georgetown.

Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources, the citizens group opposed to putting a landfill site in the Acton quarry near Limehouse, will launch a campaign to stop using styrofoam in fast food restaurants.

Styrofoam contains chlorofluorocarbons, said to destroy the earth's protective ozone layer.

"We are going to ask the students to participate in the program," POWER member Rita Landry said. The movement will be called SAS - Students Against Styrofoam.

"POWER's going to try to encourage the citizens to ban styrofoam for the entire week," Mrs. Landry said.

Fast food restaurants like McDonald's Restaurants will be one of the restaurants POWER will lobby. "They're one of the largest suppliers of styrofoam," Mrs. Landry said. If McDonald's stopped using styrofoam there would be a "domino effect."

POWER will also ask those going to the butcher to use paper packaging for meats instead of styrofoam.

POWER was scheduled to make a presentation of a picture created by Glen Williams Public School students to the Halton Hills Civic Centre last Monday.

The group plans to hold a dance Nov. 24 and will debate with Reclamation Systems Incorporated (RSI), the local consortium that applied this year to the provincial government for a landfill site in the Acton quarry, at Acton High School, Nov. 28 at 10 a.m.

# Can't settle Sunday shopping with "yes or no" vote - Bonnette

By DONNA KELL, the Herald

The Sunday shopping issue, as yet unsettled by Halton Region, is going to "become the municipality's abortion issue" Halton Hills Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette says.

Coun. Bonnette told councillors at last Wednesday's council meeting that the Sunday shopping issue cannot be settled with a "yes or no" vote.

A provincial legislation under the Retail Business Holidays Act gives municipalities the right to exempt stores, allowing them to open Sunday.

"This could be an important opportunity for us, for the Region, to foster tourism," the Acton councillor said.

But last week at a Regional finance meeting, Halton councillors voted to attempt to give Sunday shopping ruling back to the province.

Coun. Bonnette said if Halton Region waits for the province to determine the Sunday shopping issue for Ontario's municipalities, Halton's two tourist exemption areas in Bronte and the Olde Hide House in Acton now protected until 1994, could become "mutant" or "a side effect" of provincial legislation and could be closed.

The Retail Business Holidays Act which goes into effect in February 1990, limits Sunday openings of stores over 2,400 square feet and removes the tourist exemption.

Peel Region voted Thursday on the Sunday shopping issue. Regional Chairman Frank Bean said the vote called for the "status quo" on Sunday shopping in Peel.

But Coun. Bonnette said permitted Sunday shopping in Halton should be "tourist-reliant." He said before Acton's tourism industry grew to 350 employees, "five or six years ago, Acton was an industrial town."

Regional business manager Brent Kearse told councillors that waiting to make a decision on tourist exemptions would not "preclude" a future ruling by the Region.

Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkeiwich disapproved of taking any stand on Sunday shopping. He

said Coun. Bonnette's recommendation to put a tourism system in place "defeats the purpose" on sending the responsibility back to the province. An exemption ruling would "Mickey-Mouse" any intention the Region has to hand responsibility back to the province.

"I can only see the day when Burlington Mall comes forward to say they are a tourist attraction in Halton Region," Coun. Mulkeiwich said.

Coun. Bonnette responded to Mr. Mulkeiwich, saying, "I would hardly call a \$116 million (a year tourism) industry Mickey Mouse."

Halton's finance department will prepare a report on Regional tourism exemptions and their impact on the provincial law.

Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said he wants to be sure the tourism exemption process is "legal" before considering tourist exemptions.

## Supermarkets could face fines of \$12,000

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The local grocer visited the stores open in Georgetown Sunday. He said there were Sunday shopping questionnaires given to shoppers. But the surveys failed to ask workers if they want to work Sunday, he said.

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce will distribute questionnaires of its own to its 350-member businesses. General Manager Doug Penrice said Monday the chamber will not take a stand on Sunday shopping until

survey results come back.

The surveys will be sent with this month's chamber newsletter.

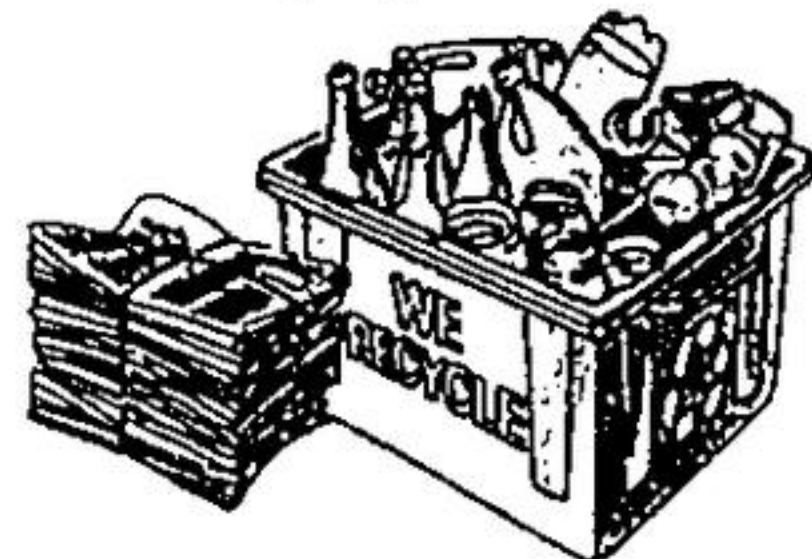
A 1987 chamber survey showed opposition to Sunday shopping, but "things have changed since then," Mr. Penrice said.

"We have a real mixed reaction to Sunday shopping. Even on our own board (of directors) there isn't a consensus."

Mr. Penrice said the local Business Improvement Areas in Acton and Georgetown are also surveying business owners to get reaction to Sunday shopping.

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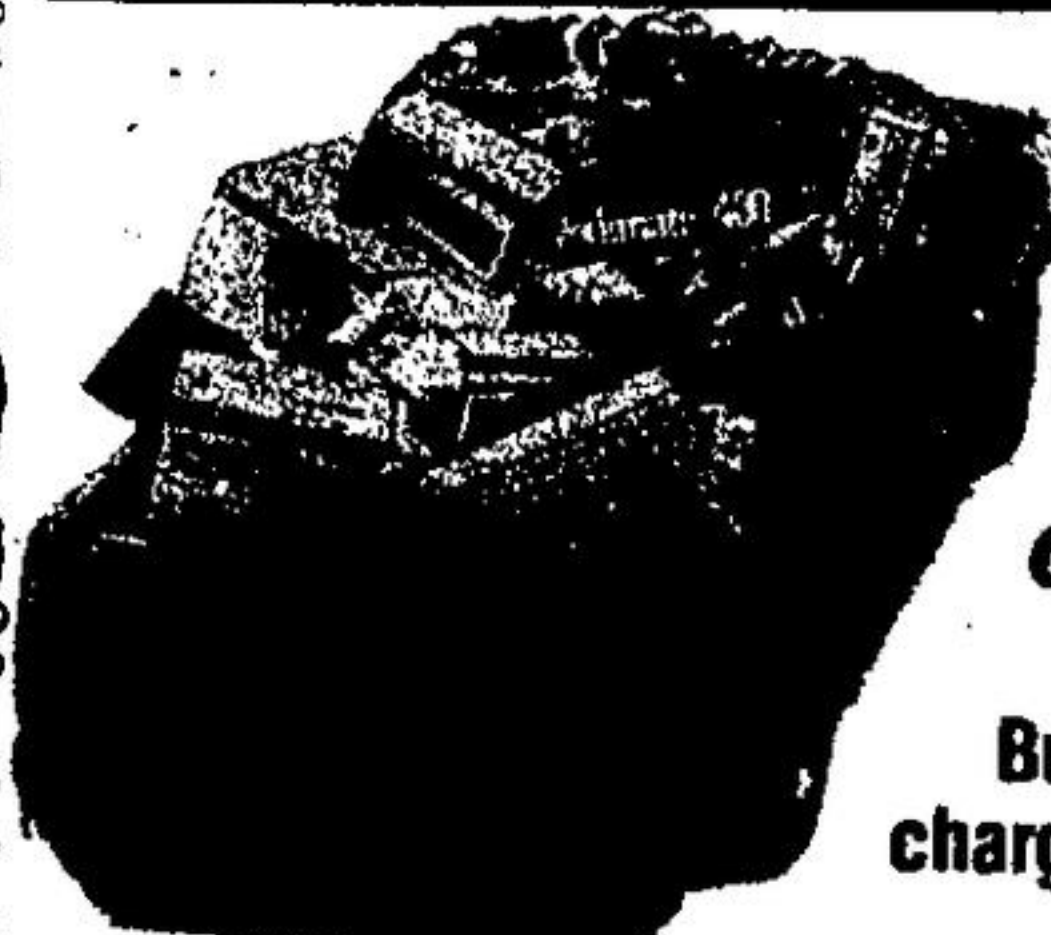
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