



The newest commander of the Oakville RCMP, Sergeant Marty Van Doren, and the painting that greets visitors to the Lakeshore Road office. This office is in charge of the federal policing for the Region of Halton. (Herald photo)

Halton Hills is no "Den of Iniquity", RCMP says

"Halton Hills is not considered a real den of iniquity," says the newest Commander of the Oakville detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The Oakville RCMP are responsible for implementing federal policing for the Region of Halton, Sergeant Marty Van Doren said.

Sgt. Van Doren took charge at Oakville in September of last year and believes he has taken over an already work efficient force. Last year the RCMP seized about \$146,000 worth of items, including aircraft, vehicles and liquor. Most of these items were imported illegally into Canada.

According to Sgt. Van Doren the RCMP also helped arrest 22 illegal immigrants and charged two employers with ten counts of providing employment to unauthorized people in 1989. Seventy-nine video cassettes were seized from Halton video centres, that had been illegally produced.

This is just the tip of the iceberg, the RCMP says.

Sgt. Van Doren said he is trying to build up people's awareness of the RCMP in Halton by trying to alert the media quicker than they

have been alerted in the past.

Sgt. Van Doren, 37, says being an RCMP officer has "always been a goal of mine, since Grade 2."

He was born and raised in Minto, New Brunswick. He joined the force right after graduating from high school and went through six months of "tough, rigorous" training, both physically and educationally. His training continued for another six months in the "field."

In September 1972 he became part of Toronto's general enforcement and drug section. In 1979 he became the constable in charge of the drug enforcement section.

Later in his career, while working at Pearson International Airport, he was promoted to corporal. In 1985 he was transferred to Stratford. Last September he was promoted to sergeant and took charge of the Oakville RCMP.

Apart from his police work, Sgt. Van Doren is currently enrolled at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in Kitchener-Waterloo.

He is attempting to earn a bachelor of arts with a double-major in criminology and sociology. He is in the process of completing his fourth full credit and realizes it will take a number of years to graduate. "I enjoy my

job too much to enrol full time," he said.

Sgt. Van Doren has been in the area for about six months and says, "Halton has everything. It's a very unique area." It has its major population centre, Burlington and Oakville, and a "very picturesque" area in Halton Hills, he added.

While he works from the RCMP headquarters in Oakville, he lives with his wife Debby and two children, Craig, 9, and Amanda, 4. "We have a very close family," he said. He says his family normally goes for walks on the weekend around parks.

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Study will examine Acton rail service

Acton residents will have a better idea at the end of April whether they will have access to a commuter rail service to Toronto.

A feasibility study initiated by the Toronto - Peterborough/Havelock Line Passenger Association will be released at this time showing the viability of a privately owned and run commuter rail service between Toronto and Kitchener-Waterloo.

At the instigation of Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette the Olde Hide House in Acton recently donated the \$1,000 necessary for Acton to be included in the study.

Georgetown is already part of the study which got under way in the beginning of February. And money provided by the Region of Waterloo is covering the cost of Georgetown's inclusion in the study and the five other original municipalities that are being considered as stops on the proposed route.

The other stops on the K-W Line are Weston, Brampton and Guelph.

The association initiated the study in response to the federal

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Trustees ponder 12.25 per cent hike

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According to the budget, almost \$20 million more is being given to teachers' and staff's salaries and wages. The increase brings the actual amount to over \$177 million.

These salaries and wages take up approximately 70 per cent of the budget.

One of the major areas of increase is called debt charges. Mr. Jenkins compared these charges to mortgages. The board borrows money to renovate or build schools and then pays back the money over the course of 15 years. According to the budget report, the debt charges have increased by over \$2.3 million. The charges are now over \$8.5 million with the 37 per cent increase.

Fees for supplies and services

has also risen by over \$2 million to the sum of approximately \$25 million, the budget states.

Transportation costs have increased by about 14 per cent, according to Mr. Jenkins' budget. The increase takes the cost from \$7.7 million to \$8.7 million.

Mr. Jenkins also noted employee benefits will increase by over 26 per cent. The budget states the increase is \$3.6 million, taking the cost up to \$17.3 million.

The board of education's finance committee is currently going through the budget extensively. The board, in a Committee of the Whole meeting, will vote on the budget later this year.

Guest speakers

If you're suffering from the winter blahs, then the University Women's Club March speaker just might have the solution.

Shirley Routliffe will speak on the topic of "Discovering the Elf in Yourself - Putting laughter back into your life." Her light-

Held March 6 at Centennial School, Ms. Routliffe's presentation will begin at 8:30 in the Library Resources Room.

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
WARD 2/EIGHTH LINE**

Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to the Halton Hills Official Plan to permit a plan of subdivision consisting of 20 estate residential lots.

The 41.69 hectare (103 acre) property is located on the east side of the Eighth Line, south of the Erin/Halton Hills Town Line, and is described as Part of Lots 30 and 31, Concession 9, Town of Halton Hills (Esqueewing).

Further information is available in the Planning Department.
ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Monday, April 2, 1990
Location: Council Chamber
Halton Hills Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills (Georgetown)
File No: H-88-020

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