

Halton needs over \$4 million for more growth studies

Halton Region needs \$4.3 million to continue to study the possibility of allowing Milton to grow by as many as 40,000 people by 2011, Regional councillors were told by staff last week.

Although supportive of the continuation of the Halton Urban Structure review, which was first introduced two years ago, councillors said their ultimate support for the study will depend on "satisfactory provincial funding." They didn't explain what is meant by satisfactory.

"I'm not confident we'll get funding," said Burlington Mayor Roly Bird. Mayor Bird said he "lacks trust" in the province.

The councillors also said Wednesday they wanted assurances that the \$4.3 million funding proposal would not increase the tax burden on Halton residents.

The Region's staff is expected to report to council later this month on how much of the \$4.3 million the province is willing to subsidize. The information will be part of a comprehensive financial plan outlining future costs of the urban structure review, Regional staff told council.

The \$4.3 million would go to engineering and environmental assessment studies for interm ex-

pansion of the well-based service system in Milton and the extension of lake-based servicing to the town. Well-based service means residents' water supply comes from underground water. A lake-based service means the water supply comes from lake Ontario. Studies will also be conducted on where housing will go in Milton.

The Region's treasurer Joe Rinaldo said in a recent planning and public works committee meeting part of the \$4.3 million would be funded by developers who want to take part in Milton's expansion. But the money would only become available from the developers once they had built their proposed housing projects, said Mr. Rinaldo. If the Region's studies show further development in Milton shouldn't happen then the Region would be responsible for covering the costs of the studies, the treasurer said.

Halton Hills Regional Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson supported the continuation of the urban structure review saying growth is inevitable in the Region and the study will allow the Region to control growth.

As part of the debate on growth in Milton and the rest of the Region Mayor Bird asked Regional staff for information on land sales in the Region.



Halton Hills Cancer Society president Al Rorison, Ontario Executive Director Dorothy Lamont and Halton Hills Cancer Society fundraising chairman Paul Armstrong were on hand for the cancer society's kickoff breakfast on Wednesday. The Cancer Society hopes to raise \$110,000 in town this year. (Herald Photo)

Some types of cancer on the rise

While the battle against cancer is being won on many fronts, there are types of cancer which are increasing dramatically, said Dorothy Lamont, Ontario's executive director for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Speaking to a full house at the North Halton Golf and Country Club for the Cancer campaign kickoff Wednesday, Ms. Lamont said people who contract cancer have a much better chance of surviving in the '90s and great strides are being made, but there's still problems.

Cancer is on the increase in Canada but that may be due to better diagnostic techniques and an aging population, she said.

There were 101,000 cases of cancer diagnosed in Canada last year and 40,000 of those were diagnosed in Ontario, she said. About 52,900 cases were diagnosed in males.

Lung cancer is the biggest concern among males in Canada, Ms. Lamont said. Almost 12,000 cases

of lung cancer were diagnosed in males while only 5,100 females were diagnosed with lung cancer. Still, almost 29,000 males died of lung cancer last year while 23,700 females died of the disease.

If people were to stop smoking, 30 per cent of all cancer, not just lung cancer, would be eliminated, said Ms. Lamont. Smoking, must be stopped even if it has to be legislated, she said.

In women, stomach cancer cases have declined, breast cancer rates are stable but the huge increase in lung cancer in women is "absolutely shocking," said Ms. Lamont.

Lung cancer will soon become the leading cause of death in women "but it doesn't need to," she said.

Cancer itself is not in the genes, said Ms. Lamont, but the trigger mechanisms are. "You don't inherit cancer but you inherit certain genes which can trigger cancer if you have a bad diet or smoke," she said.

The Georgetown Cancer Society's campaign will be boosted significantly with two annual events on one weekend in June. The Bill Smith Invitational Golf Tournament will go on June 18 while the Classics Against Cancer June 17 should be the biggest outdoor juried car show in Canada with over 300 cars, said the shows organizer Neil Young.

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