



Halton Region Federation of Agriculture celebrated 50 years of leadership and direction to the region's farmers Friday night at the Optimist Centre in Milton with the hosting of a gala dinner and dance. On hand for the celebration was Roger George, President of the Ontario Federation of

Agriculture. Past Presidents of the Halton Region Federation of Agriculture were honored with special pins. Pictured above, from left to right, Tom Foster, Peter Lambrick, Harry Brander, Roger George, Norm Bigger, Jim Reid and Ed Segsworth. (Photo submitted)



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presented with special pins. Pictured above, from left to right, Roger George, Jack Taylor, Mac Sprowl, Clifford Brown, Denzil Lawrence, Bruce McClure and Harold Middlebrook. (Photo submitted)

Agriculture Federation 50 year celebration

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Herald Special

The Halton Region Federation of Agriculture was formed in 1941, 50 years ago. This country had just come through the hungry 30's and found itself with a war on its hands and many people looking for food.

Canada not only supplied food but also her farm sons. Prices were going up and the mechanization on farms was just beginning. It was a period when many farm groups were forming to help the farmer produce all he could to help win the war.

Since its inception in 1941, the Federation has endeavoured to coordinate the activities of various agricultural organizations in Halton and to serve the farmers by providing a unified voice to all levels of government in Canada and especially Ontario on agricultural issues and concerns.

Over the years, H.F.A. has been responsible for a number of achievements. In association with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, many of the commodity groups were organized to deal with the production and marketing of agricultural products.

The Federation was one of the first groups to recognize the need for conserving and preserving good agricultural land, also for the recreational needs of the rural residents. In 1947 the Halton Federation of Agriculture pur-

chased 35 acres of land in Lowville and developed the Halton Community Centre which is now Lowville Park.

The Federation in the 40's became actively involved in many social events such as garden parties, school field days, horseshoe pitching, church services and music festivals, to promote goodwill among the farmers in Halton.

In the last two decades, the Federation has changed to meet the needs of the farming community. The Federation is now responsible for the co-ordination of almost all funding from the Regional government to local agricultural groups and organizations. It is also a resource for the farm community to use on problems and concerns.

The Federation of Agriculture with Ontario Federation of Agriculture has fought hard to make the concerns of the farm community known to all governments.

In the last 10 years the Federation has been visible in an attempt to preserve agricultural land, to develop the Agricultural Code of Practice, to make recommendations on Hydro Corridors and to work on planning assessment and taxation issues.

In the 50 years of history there has been 18 presidents and in 1991 we have our first lady president in Linda Cullingham, starting another 50 years of service.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON NEED FOR REVISION OF HALTON REGION OFFICIAL PLAN (Under Section 26(1) of The Planning Act, 1983)

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton, through its Planning and Public Works Committee, will hold a special meeting, open to the public, for the purpose of determining the need for a revision of the Halton Region Official Plan. Any person attending this meeting will be given an opportunity to address the Committee on the need of official plan revision. However, to facilitate the hearing of all members of the public, it will be appreciated if those wishing to address the Committee could advise the Regional Clerk at Ext. 356 prior to the meeting date.

The details of the meeting are as follows:

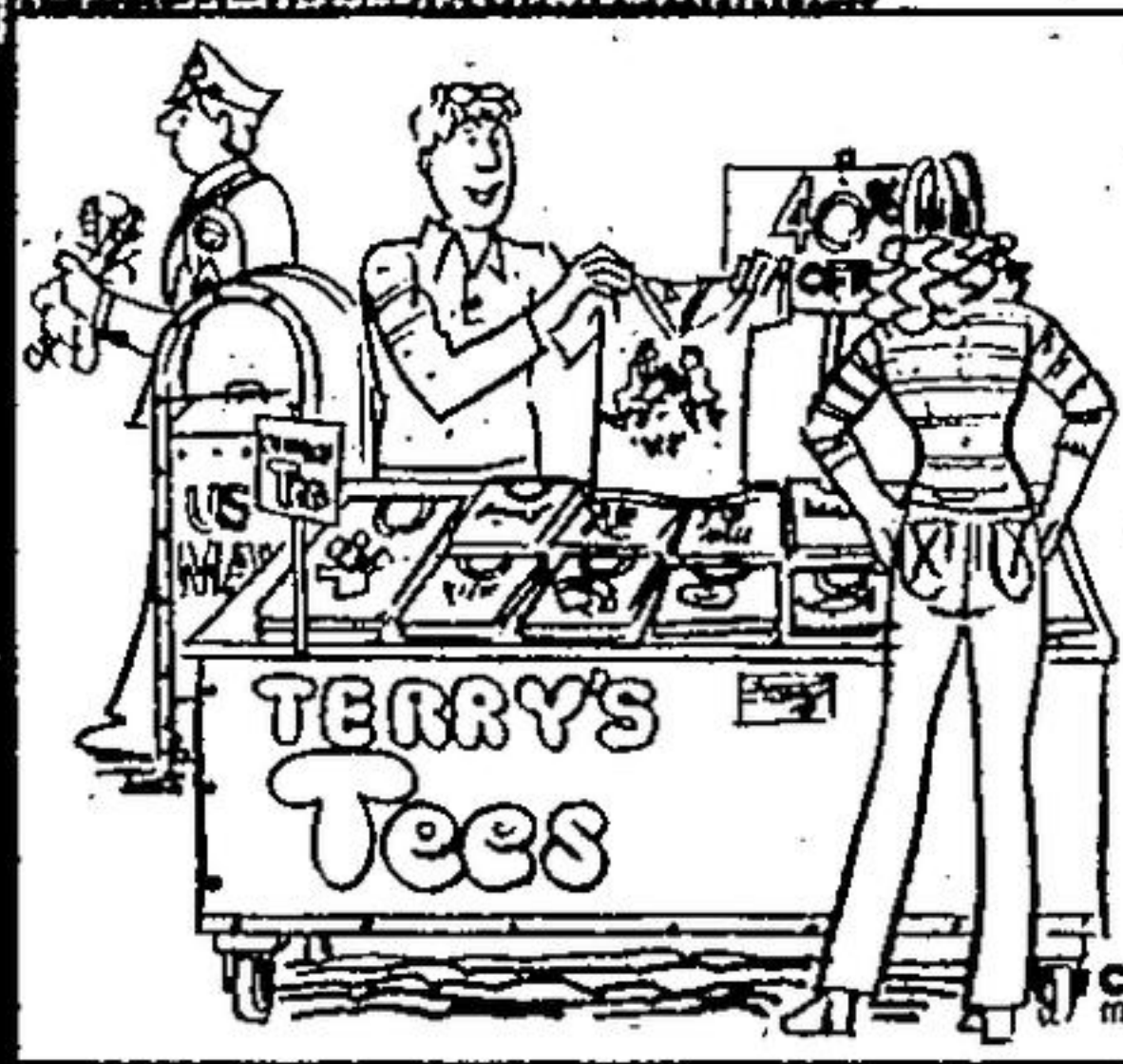
Date: Monday, March 25, 1991
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Committee Room No. 1
Regional Administration Building
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville

Halton Region Official Plan (called "The Regional Plan") and background documents related to the Halton Official Plan review are available for viewing or distribution at The Planning Annex (same address as above). Of these documents, Report B4, "Land Stewardship and Healthy Communities: A Vision for the 90's and Beyond (Draft)", (January 1991) is especially relevant to the review and copies can be obtained by calling Ext. 629. In addition, there will be public open houses to be held at various locations throughout Halton in February and March for the purpose of providing information on and discussing Report B4. These open houses will be advertised locally.

For further information, please call Ms. Kathy Kieft at Ext. 629.
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