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## Chairmen unite in demanding cost sharing

By **BEN DUMMETT**

The Herald

If the provincial government wants environmentally sound water and sewage systems throughout the province, it must be prepared to share the financial burden with municipalities, said Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy, Friday.



Pete Pomeroy

Chairman Pomeroy was one of several Regional chairmen from the province who recently submitted a seven page brief to the provincial government outlining improvements needed to Ontario's water and sewage systems and how the province should help to finance these improvements.

The report lists \$16 billion worth of capital projects that will need to be done to create "environmentally friendly" water and sewage systems across the province. That figure is over and above what is currently being spent, according to the report.

The brief is in response to the possibility of the province establishing a crown corporation that would oversee water and sewage services and how the improvements should be financed.

The Regional chairmen have no objections to a crown corporation or the necessary infrastructure improvements, but action will only come about with increased provincial grants, said Chairman Pomeroy. Traditionally, however, the provincial government has been cutting back grants to municipalities for new infrastructure improvements, he said.

"It always comes back to that old issue of how much does the province pay and how much do the municipalities pay," said the chairman.

Under the current system, the province provides municipalities on average between 15 to 85 per cent for water and sewage capital costs.

According to Halton's Director of Budgets, Dave Birkett, grant

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## We are the champions!

North York Canadiens not only won bragging rights but also the Grand Championship Trophy as the 1991, 31st Annual Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament wrapped-up Saturday evening at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. North

York Canadiens easily handled Ajax Village, 5-1, in the Grand Championship game. For more pictures and stories, please turn to the Herald Sports Section. (Herald photo by Colin Gibson)



## Protest at Turner's office

Georgetown residents passing by Garth Turner's constituency office Friday morning caught a rare glimpse of President George Bush (Windsor resident Dave Dobbin) and Prime Minister Brian Mulrooney (Chatham resident Buddy Kitchen) churning around at a demonstration by the Canadian Auto Worker's union against what they term the 'Tory Economic Destruction of Canada'. A Mexican representative,

Clair Boulding of Guelph, was also on hand along with the Canadian Beaver who was urging onlookers, like Noel Fitzgerald of Bramalea, to sign a petition against plant closures, job losses and calling for an immediate Federal election. Also in the picture are Fran Jackson, President of the Brampton and District Labour Council and a CAW member. (Herald photo)

## 'Change is scary'

By **BEN DUMMETT**

The Herald

"Change is scary, yes," Halton Region Planner Rash Mohammed told Halton Hills General Committee Monday.

Change, however, is what Halton must accept to develop a Region over the next 20 years that promises a healthy and environmentally safe community in which farm land and natural areas are protected and there is less reliance on a major source of pollution today, namely the car, explained the planner.

Although "people are afraid of change," said Mr. Mohammed, "change can be good."

Judging by the several questions town councillors asked at Monday's meeting about the direction Mr. Mohammed suggests the Region should follow during the next 20 years, councillors appeared to be a little apprehensive about the proposed

changes, but not enough to stop them endorsing the ideas.

General Committee, which is comprised of Town councillors, recommended Mr. Mohammed's planning vision for Halton Region that calls for a restriction on retirement land severances and higher density housing, be endorsed.

The recommendation will go before Town Council this Monday for final approval.

The planning direction suggested by Mr. Mohammed has arisen out of the Region's current review of its official plan. Regional Official Plan is that document dictating where and what type of development can happen throughout the Region.

The review, which is necessary under provincial legislation, isn't scheduled to be completed until

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## Boudreau gets 9 months

Brian Boudreau has been sentenced to nine months in jail and three years probation in Milton Provincial Court Monday for abducting his son and breach of probation.

Boudreau was given six months on the abduction charge and three months for breach of probation to run consecutively said Detective Sergeant Mike Encret, in charge of the detectives who investigated the case after four-year-old Luke Boudreau was never returned to his mother, Janet Cipryk of Milton, after a weekend visit with his father.

For three years, Boudreau will also have to abide to several con-

ditions as part of the three-year probation.

The sentencing comes after Boudreau pleaded guilty last month to charges of abduction and breach of probation. During

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