

Council Briefs

Downtown parking meters could undergo change

Halton Hills General Committee recommended Monday the parking meters in the Wesleyan Street Parking Lot in Georgetown be removed. Committee, which is comprised of Town councillors, also recommend all parking meter rates be increased from 25 cents per hour to 50 cents per hour in the Georgetown Central Business Area.

The removal of meters from the Wesleyan Street Parking Lot and the meter increase results from a provincial tax introduced in 1989 requiring municipalities to collect \$10.75 per square metre of public parking lots in which a fee is required, according to a staff report.

The Wesleyan Street parking lot should be removed, staff argued, because the added cost of the tax on the lot means it can no longer pay for itself. The report goes on to state the 25 cent per hour meter increase will offset the tax as it applies to other lots so they will remain self-sufficient.

Committee also recommended the parking meters in the Georgetown downtown core be fitted with a 10-minute warning system in the form of a yellow flag. The flag would appear after the expiration of time allowing for an additional 10 minutes grace period before the car would be ticketed.

Acceptance of the recommendation is contingent on the Georgetown Central Business Improvement Area paying \$800 towards the \$1,600 cost of installing the new meter system.

All three committee recommendations will go before Town council this Monday for final approval.

Encroachment agreement

Norval's Club 2000 will have to wait to the end of April for the Town to decide if the club can keep one of its signs on Town owned property.

Town General Committee, Monday, recommended consideration of a Club 2000 request for an encroachment agreement with the Town regarding the sign be decided April 29. Committee, which is comprised of Town Councillors, made its recommendation after hearing from Club 2000 General Manager Daniel Biagioni say the sign's removal from its current location would mean a significant loss in business.

The sign is easily seen from Highway 7 and therefore acts as an effective means of advertising the club's events, he said.

Several councillors expressed concern that if the encroachment agreement was signed with Club 2000 other businesses would make similar requests. "What's the purpose of having a bylaw if it's not enforced?" asked Councillor Cook.

However, committee also recognized the hard economic times and businesses need to advertise more than ever. For this reason committee directed staff to meet with Club 2000 officials to determine if a compromise could be achieved. Staff is expected to write a report and provide a recommendation based on the meeting with Club 2000.

Air Cadet Week

Halton Hills General Committee recommended Monday the Town proclaim the week of April

8 Air Cadet Week. The recommendation will go before Town Council this Monday.

Cycling race

This Monday Town council will decide if Georgetown District High School can hold a cycling race June 1 through the streets of Georgetown. Town General Committee recommended Monday approval be given for the race to happen.

If approved, the race would start at Centennial Public School at approximately 9 a.m., travel east on Delrex Boulevard to Mountainview Road, then to Sideroad 10 to the Eighth Line on to Maple Avenue to Delrex ending back at the school.

Illegal dumping

A rise in incidents of illegal dumping in Halton Hills can only be curbed through cooperation between the Town and the community, Town councillors agreed during Monday's General Committee meeting. Town Coun. Al Cook told committee of people reportedly dumping garbage on the property of the Knolcrest Centre on Guelph Street in Georgetown. Coun. Anne Currie told of illegal garbage dumping on Carruthers Road and Main Street south.

Town Mayor Russ Miller, who reported two incidents of people destroying three small trees in the Duncan and Weber Street area of Georgetown, said councillors have to get the message out to the public that it will do everything it can to catch illegal dumpers. He urged members of the public who suspect someone is dumping illegally to report it to Town officials immediately.



Halton Showcase '91

Georgetown District High School Concert Band, under the direction of Eleanor Wallace, was one of the over 17 groups of students to perform at Hamilton Place this past Thursday evening. Halton Musical Showcase 1991 is an annual event performed by Halton Board of Education students. Also performing during the first half of the showcase were the Acton District High School Concert Band as well as five students from Centennial Middle School who performed in the Halton Junior Jazz Ensemble and two Centennial Middle School students who per-

formed in the Halton Junior Wind Ensemble. During the second half of the show the audience of over 2,000 were treated to songs from the mass choirs of Halton. The Halton Junior Elementary Choir of over 300 participants was well represented by students from George Kennedy School, Georgetown and Robert Little School, Acton and the Halton Intermediate-Senior Choir of close to 200 students from the Centennial Middle School students representing Halton Hills. (Herald photo)

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