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Local reaction negative to NDP budget



John Oliver, Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital: "The province's budget is unsatisfactory from the perspective that the six per cent increase for hospital's operating expenses is not enough to offset the hospital's wage cost increase of 11 per cent for this year. However we can appreciate what the government has been faced with in developing the budget. The hospital intends to work in collaboration with the province's Ministry of Health to address the hospital's funding issue."



Bill Harrison, Halton Public Board of Education Chairman: "We are pleased the government extended capital funding \$300 million for another year in addition to the \$119 million for education and municipalities. We are a little disappointed that the government didn't give a time line as to when it would start providing 60 per cent of education funding as the government said it would. As well we are disappointed that education funding took a back seat to social services, because we believe through the education process more money can be put back into the community."



Russ Miller, Halton Hills Mayor: "I'm not happy. The budget is irresponsible. What hope is there for future generations? The Town proved a government could be responsible and bring in a reasonable budget if it crunches and is prepared to take a stand. We can't have that deficit of 9.7 billion."



Doug Penrice, Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce: "I think it was the wrong budget at the wrong time. It will cause further inflation and I think it will not create the desired effect of taking us out of the recession. The government has done nothing to assist those (business people) who generate wealth."



Bonnie Ewart, Halton Region Social Services Commissioner: "It's \$215 million (for social services). It's hard to know if it is inadequate until the funding is broken down. There doesn't appear to be enough to offset the increase to municipalities General Welfare Assistance payments. Although welfare clients will receive an increase in their benefits."

Residents of Willow Park denied final reprieve

By BEN DUMMETT
 The Herald

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has now decided the residents of Norval's Willow Park off Highway 7 must leave the property by May 15, said authority General Manager Vicki Barron during an interview Wednesday.

The authority made this decision Tuesday despite a request from Ontario's Minister of Natural Resources Bud Wildman requesting the residents be allowed to stay in the park until Aug. 31 without condition in light of the hardships the residents are now experiencing in trying to relocate.

Ms. Barron said the authority rejected the minister's request because of the history of dealings between park residents and the authority.

The CVCA first informed the residents that they would have to leave the park in August 1988,

said Ms. Barron. At that time the CVCA decided to expropriate the land because it is located in the Credit River Flood Plain. According to Authority and Town officials the residents' lives would be at risk if a major flood happened in the area.

The residents were told they had to leave the park by November 1989, said Ms. Barron. The authority then extended the deadline day to May 15, 1991.

The residents were offered a final extension to Aug. 31, 1991 earlier this year as long as they first agreed to certain conditions.

The residents rejected the extension because they considered the conditions unacceptable. The conditions included the residents not claim any more money than the CVCA had already paid to the residents to help them move and that they cover the legal costs incurred by the Authority to draw up a new vacancy deadline contract.

When the province requested the Aug. 31 deadline be permitted on an unconditional basis, North Halton MPP Noel Duignan said the request was a polite way of ordering the authority to allow the Aug. 31 deadline.

Mr. Duignan couldn't be reach-

ed for comment at press time on this new situation.

The residents' spokesperson Heather Croft said she wouldn't comment until first reviewing the decision with the residents' lawyer.

Ms. Barron said the CVCA

always considered Mr. Black's letter a request. She went on to explain "there have been a lot of new people such as a new MNR minister and a new MPP who don't always appreciate what has gone on (on the Willow Park expropriation)."

CAS receives grant

Children under the supervision of the Halton Children's Aid Society will travel in added com-

fort and safety in new car seats. The seats will be purchased with part of a \$50,000 provincial grant given to the agency for equipment purchases and upgrades.

The announcement was made by Zanana Akande, Ontario's Minister of Community and Social Services.

Mrs. Akande said that the Halton CAS, 465 Morden Road in Oakville, will use the one-time funding to purchase office equipment and furniture, and a fire alarm system, as well as the children's car seats.

"For many years the Halton CAS has been doing a superlative job providing services for children and families," she added. "The new car seats will allow foster parents and workers to transport children. They will also be used in the CAS van, which, I understand is a mini-bus donated by the local Variety Club."

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Quote of the Week

"You can't spend yourself rich."

Don Blenkarn
 Chairman, House of Commons Finance Committee

REFORM PARTY OF CANADA



Reform Party directors

The Reform Party of Canada now has a Federal Riding Association for Halton-Preel. The association was officially formed Wednesday at a meeting held at North Halton Golf and Country Club in Georgetown. The riding Association Directors include (left to right) (back row) Eric Larsen (Bolton); Art Lindop (Burlington); Kirk Stocks (Campbellville); Peter Venema (Caledon East);

Mike Pembry (Bellfontaine); Richard Hill (Terra Cotta); Rod Pinkney (Georgetown); Tom Jackson (Caledon); Dick MacDuffee (Palgrave). (Back row) (left to right) Peter Prodoche (Mono Mills); Rita Bucher (Oakville); Joan Sheperd (Kilbride); Mary David (Palgrave); Joan Underwood, sitting in for husband Peter (Brookville); and Edward Postebby (Georgetown). (Herald photo)