

# Community

## Region lashes out at provincial budget

Just as many have already done, Halton Regional Council Wednesday lashed out at the Provincial government's recent budget and the increase in the deficit from \$3 billion to \$9.8 billion.

The increased deficit as "an insult" to municipalities who have worked so hard to toe the line on restraints, said Oakville Regional Councillor Janet Mitchell.

In objecting to the projected provincial deficit, Burlington Regional Councillor Rob Forbes said "deficits are a transfer of today's responsibilities on to the shoulders of future generations."

Coun. Forbes objected to the province's plan to run deficits through to 1995, when the current

recession is expected to be over within the year.

Mr. Forbes went on to explain the New Democratic Party Government based on deficit increase on Keynesian economics, but the government seems to have forgotten the other side of that economic theory. According to Coun. Forbes Keynesian economic theory calls for governments to achieve a surplus in good times, something the government seems to have forgotten to do.

He wouldn't mind if the government had plans to bring the deficit under control over the next two or three years but it has no plans to decrease spending in good times, he said.

Instead, the government will increase taxes itself or force municipalities to take this action, predicted Coun. Forbes.

Oakville Regional Councillor Kevin Flynn was the only councillor Wednesday to come to the province's defense. "It's one thing to criticize the deficit increase but I haven't heard any suggestions on what programs should be cut to keep the deficit lower," said Coun. Flynn.

According to a staff report on the budget, Regional Treasurer Joe Rinaldo predicts the 9.8 billion deficit could increase interest rates thereby making it more expensive for Halton and other municipalities to borrow. The impact will be that much

greater because the municipality needs to borrow to build required infrastructure said Mr. Rinaldo.

The report indicates one tax increase, included in the budget to directly affect Halton is the increase on gasoline and diesel fuel. The increase means Halton will be required to spend an estimated \$90,000 extra to keep its vehicles on the road between now and the end of next year, states Mr. Rinaldo.

## Women's series

Halton Regional Health Department, Preventive Services Division will offer a six part series "PAUS-ITIVE WOMEN" designed to promote healthy decision-making and lifestyle choices by women experiencing mid life changes. Participants will enjoy sharing and learning with other women, will explore society's attitude and existing myths about middle age and find out what is normal. Learn how to lessen the symptoms of Menopause, how to deal with life's challenges and stresses and make positive choices.

"PAUS-ITIVE WOMEN" series will begin May 23, 1991, 7:30 p.m. at the Halton Regional Health Department Office in Georgetown, 93 Main Street South. To register for the series and for information call 877-2238.

## Lupus Society

The Lupus Society of Hamilton will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, May 19, 1991.

Place: All Saints Anglican Church Parish Hall, 15 Queen Street, S., Hamilton, Ontario.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Date: Sunday, May 19, 1991.

Speaker: Dr. Frank Murphy, Dermatologist.

For further information you may call one of the following numbers, 527-2252, 388-3925, 389-4544. For Dunnville area residents call 765-6769.

Refreshments are served, everyone welcome.



### Eggs over easy?

Anyone for an omelette? Those who attended the Rotary Club of Georgetown's yard sale Saturday may not have been served an actual omelette but the pans and stove necessary to make one could be purchased. Georgetown Rotarians (left to right) Rick

Baisely (yard sale chairman), and Ian Walker (club president) were two club members organizing the event. The yard sale was held at Burns Transport's yard in Georgetown and proceeds will go to a variety of local community agencies. (Herald photo)

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