

Community

Councillor wants provincial cash

At the urging of Halton Regional Councillor Joe Hewitt, Regional Council directed staff Wednesday to request the province provide Halton with necessary funding to improve the Glen Williams water situation.

Coun. Hewitt was commenting on the province's recent decision not to give the Region \$1.476 million this year to extend the Glen Williams water main. The projected remains stalled without provincial funding.

Planning and Public Works Commissioner Art Leitch told councillors, staff will attempt to obtain provincial funding from sources other than the government's Direct grant program. It was under this program that Halton applied for the \$1.476 million for the Glen Williams Water main project that was subsequently turned down.

Coun. Hewitt is concerned that no extension for the Glen's watermain will jeopardize the community's water quality and quantity.



JOE HEWITT

Following Regional council, Coun. Hewitt said that out of the approximately 176 wells currently in the Glen, 70 per cent of the

wells produce low water levels or low quality water.

At the very least, that means people are unable to do their laundry or shower during certain times of the day, he said. At the very worst, it means some of the water in the Glen presents a health risk to those who drink it, the councillor predicted.

Coun. Hewitt suggested the province is wrong in not funding the Glen Williams water main extension project this year. He points to the fact the province doles out money for water-connected projects designed to protect the environment or eliminate health hazards and these are supposedly of the highest priority.

Coun. Hewitt's comments come in the wake of similar comments he made the day before during a Halton Hills General Committee meeting. (General Committee is comprised of local Town and Regional councillors).

During Tuesday's General Committee meeting, the councillor said the Glen watermain must be extended to avoid the development of a serious water quality and quantity problem.

He requested Halton Hills Town Mayor Russ Miller, write Ontario's Environment Minister Ruth Grier urging the minister to reconsider the decision so that funding be provided this year for the Glen watermain extension.

Coun. Hewitt expressed disappointment that North-Halton MPP Noel Duignan couldn't influence the province to fund the watermain project, especially since he made it one of his priorities when elected last September.

"Mr. Duignan has either been deserted by the Government or Mr. Duignan has deserted the Glen Williams residents," said Coun. Hewitt.

Mr. Duignan couldn't be reached for comment at press time.

Women's Club promotes education

The University Women's Club of Georgetown is seeking women who have plans to advance their education. A \$450 scholarship is available to help a mature woman who will enrol in a post-secondary institution this fall.

Incoming club president, Eleanor Scarth explained, "Our local club has a mandate to promote the higher education of women and also to guard and improve the economic, legal and professional status of women. This award for a Halton Hills woman who is studying at university, community college or teacher's college, is one way we can decide these purposes.

"Particularly for women who

have discontinued their education or careers and may need special encouragement to return to school. With post-secondary education costing a student thousands of dollars, financial support is often a necessity."

The 100 member women's organization also dispenses close to \$3,000 to high school students continuing their studies. Scholarship money is raised through the annual used book sale and other events.

Women who are residents in Halton Hills and continuing their education in September are invited to apply for the award. Application forms are available through Ann Lawlor at 877-5662, by May 31, 1991.

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