Community

Hospitals in Region could be part of pilot project

Local residents in need of medical care that would normally only be found in a hospital, may soon be able to receive this. type of medical attention in their home.

Halton Regional Council will vote today, (Wednesday), to permit the Region's Health Department along with Halton's four hospitals, including Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, to start up a Hospital-In-The-Home Care Program.

The provincially funded twoyear pilot project is expected to start later this month upon receiving Regional Council approval today (Wednesday).

The three other hospitals involved in the project include Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington, Oakville-Trafalgar

Hospital and Milton District Hospital.

Georgetown Hospital Executive Director John Oliver, said Fridy the pilot project is unique in that it will provide acutelyill patients with 24-hour nursing service in the home. The program can accommodate 16 patients at any one time, said Mr.

The hospital already operates a homecare program. However, this program is for patients who don't need around-the-clock care, or would not normally need to be in the hospital, explained Mr. Oliver.

Patients qualifying for the Hospital-In-The-Home Care Program include those requiring intravenous therapy, medical care for burns and post surgical care,

he said.

The experiment makes the assumtion it's better for people to be treated in the home instead of in a hospital. As a result, the project will help medical practitioners determine the time when people in need of medical care can leave the hospital and still receive quality service, explained Mr. Oliver.

Another aim of the program, he said, is to determine the cost of caring for acutely-ill patients in the home as compared to in hospital care.

Mr. Oliver wouldn't predict the eventual results of the project saying, "it is too early to tell".

The hospitals, along with

Halton Region, have been con sidering the pilot project since the province announced two years ago that \$100 million would be made available to Ontario hospitals for the establishment of innovative health care projects, according to a Regional Health department staff report.



Royal Purple executive

Ladies of the Royal Purple Branch 540, of the Elks Lodge elected the 1991/92 executive, Saturday at the lodge. The new executive includes (left to right)

Marianne McMillian, Sandy Dayler, Norma Copan, Dayle Jensen, Chris Taylor, Carol Hunt, and Marg Hogan. (Herald photo)

Chamber to host farewell luncheon

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Farewell Luncheon for Past President of the Chamber Mr. Murray Lawton. Murray has been active in the Chamber for over 15 years and was the first president of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce after the merger of the Acton and Georgetown Chambers.

Murray and his wife Verla have operated the Canadian Tire Store in Georgetown for over 20 years and are moving to St. Catharines to a bigger store. Their business accomplishments were recognized by the Chamber in 1984 when

Murray was awarded the Annual Business Award by the Chamber. Both have been active in many community organizations over the years.

The Chamber would like to give both of them a send-off they will remember and invite you to attend the luncheon on June 12, 1991 at the North Halton Golf Club. The lunch will begin at noon hour and there are a number of guests who will be able to give different insights to the guests.

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