Community News

PRIDE sidesteps Halton Hills

By BEN DUMMETT

The Herald Talk about bureaucracy.

According to Halton Hills Planner Ian Keith, the Town first must apply for provincial grant money in order to be eligible to receive other types of provincial grant money.

Confused yet? Mr. Keith said Thursday the Town, unlike Milton, didn't receive any of the \$13.4 million the province recently handed out to 69 Ontario municipalities to improve local facilities and services because it was ineligible to apply for any of the money.

The money was allocated to the different municipalities under the province's Program for Improvement, Renewal, Development and Economic revitalization (PRIDE). Milton received \$300,000.

Mr. Keith explained the Town couldn't apply for PRIDE money because the Town Official Plan doesn't contain the necessary planning policys required by the province to be eligible for the grant money.

Asked why the Town doesn't have the necessary policy in its Official Plan, Mr. Keith said the Town must first do a study to determine what should be included in the policy.

Guess what?

The study would cost the town \$18,000 of which the Town is willing to contribute \$9,000, said Mr. Keith. The Town requires the province to fund the other \$9,000, he said.

Mr. Keith has applied to the province for the money each of the last five years, but has been denied the money every year.

Larry Clay, a provincial spokesperson for the PRIDE program, said Thursday the province encourages municipalities to include the necessary policy in ... the Official Plans to obtain PRIDE grant money. However, it is not the province's policy to

fund the work required to arrive at what should be included in the Official Plan policy.

This type of funding may have been provided to municipalities a long time ago, but it is certainly no longer done, he said.

Meanwhile, the Town has missed another year to obtain PRIDE grant money aimed to improve parks, libraries, community centres, roads, sidewalks, watermains and storm and sanitary sewers.

Females are charged in fatal accident

Two female youths have been charged after a Milton girl was killed in a single motor vehicle collision on 5 Sideroad east of First Line in Milton June 13.

Halton Regional Police officers say 16-year-old Carly MacNeil of Coulson Avenue in Milton received fatal injuries after the 1984 Honda she was a passenger in struck a hydro pole.

As a result of the investigation into the accident, police charged the driver, a 16-year-old female with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death and a 17-year-old female passenger with criminal negligence in the

operation of a motor vehicle causing death.

Both are scheduled to appear in Milton court August 16, 1991.

There were five passengers in the car, includinga 15-year-old Georgetown boy.

In an earlier news release, police investigators said it appeared the driver and the passenger of the car were sharing controls of the car with the driver operating the steering wheel and clutch and the passenger operating the gear shift and brakes.

The driver had a learner's permit only.

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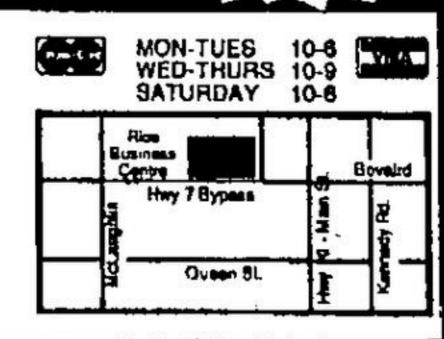
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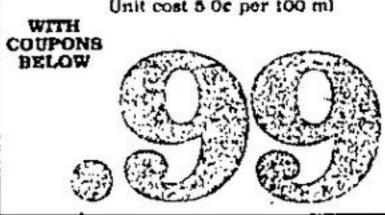


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