

Body identified

Halton Regional Police have identified the body of a man found in an equipment shed at the Croation Centre on Winston Churchill Boulevard as that of 59-year-old Matt Miklich of Charmaine Heights, Mississauga.

Detective Sergeant Michael Eacrett of the Halton Regional Police Service said no foul play is suspected in the death of the man who was found in the shed Sept. 6.

Mr. Miklich had been reported missing to Peel Regional Police Aug. 24 by a family he had lived with for 21 years.

When Halton Regional Police learned of the missing persons report, they linked it to a fall-to-remain accident that occurred on the evening of Aug. 24 on Winston Churchill Boulevard, said Det. Sgt. Eacrett.

"The next day we found the vehicle abandoned in a field at the Croation Centre and the damage to it was consistent to the previous

day's accident," he said.

Police detectives searched the car and the immediate area finding no clue of the driver and returned Sept. 6 to broaden their search when they found the body.

Det. Sgt. Eacrett said police suspected he was the missing person but couldn't positively identify the body until X-rays were checked.

All police know about the man is that he was a private individual and recently retired from, 7-UP Canada where he worked in a management position.

"Investigators are now attempting to trace Mr. Miklich's movements from Aug. 23 and would appreciate any assistance available from friends or acquaintances who may have seen him or spoke to him prior to, or during this time frame," said Det. Sgt. Eacrett.

Anyone with information is asked to call Det. Sgt. Michael Eacrett at 825-4777 or 878-5511, ext. 2115.

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Business questions town's motives

By BEN DUMMETT
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Attempts by Halton Hills Town staff to revise its proposed development charge to appease the community's industrial and commercial sectors don't go far enough, say some businessmen and developers.

Doug Penrice, Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce General Manager, said Friday the revisions do nothing to encourage industrial or commercial growth.

Kent McClure, a member of the Halton Hills Construction Association, agreed with Mr. Penrice, describing the revisions as out of step with the competitive edge Halton Hills needs to attract commercial and industrial development to the area.

The development charge is the fee the Town requires developers to pay in order to build in Town. The fee goes towards covering the cost of services, such as roads, needed

to accommodate new construction.

Town staff originally proposed the fee for industrial and commercial development be increased to \$1.88 per square foot. There is currently no development charge for this type of development.

The \$1.88 means the Town doesn't have to pay for any services accompanying new development through tax increases.

Local developers balked at the \$1.88 charge, saying the fee would further discourage industrial and commercial development from happening in Town. They point out, without a development charge, there has been virtually no development of this type for the past several years. There is no way the situation will change if a fee is imposed, they claim.

In an attempt to find a compromise, Town staff's revision calls for the fee to be phased-in over a three-year period. In the first year the fee would be \$0.62, in the second \$1.25 and in the third \$1.88.

In defense of the revision, Town Treasurer Ray King writes, "the concerns expressed by the business community and the need to maintain a healthy business climate must be balanced. However, there is a need to finance infrastructure expenditures related to growth without placing an undue burden on the existing ratepayers."

Mr. King's report went before Town councillors for consideration, yesterday (Tuesday) at a special council meeting. However the outcome of that meeting was unavailable at press time.

Both Mr. Penrice and Mr. McClure said they were concerned with Mr. King's unwillingness to vary the fee in accordance with the size of the proposed development.

They claim certain types of developments necessitate the construction of a greater amount of accompanying services than other types.

Health boost

The provincial government is giving health promotion activities in Halton a boost with \$80,000 in funding from the Ontario anti-recession program, Health Minister Frances Lankin announced.

The Halton Healthy Lifestyles Coalition will use the funding to promote good nutrition in restaurants.

The coalition will hire four part-time co-ordinators, several student part-time workers and clerical help to create a program encouraging restaurants to serve high-fibre, low-fat food. It will host a regional workshop on good health and will produce newsletters, displays and resource kits.

"Halton has been hurt by the recession and I'm happy to respond with funding to create jobs as well as promote healthful living," said Ms. Lankin.

All-candidates meetings

At Tuesday's meeting of the Halton Chamber of Commerce, President Dave Page announced the meeting dates for the upcoming all-candidates nights for the municipal election.

Mr. Page stated that in keeping with tradition, this will be the third municipal election all-candidates meeting the Chamber has hosted. The Chamber has also hosted all-candidates evenings for Federal and Provincial candidates.

The meetings will be in Acton on Monday, November 4 and in Georgetown on Wednesday, November 6. Any candidates wishing to participate in this public forum are asked to contact the Chamber of Commerce.



Lucky draw winner

Cathy McGillivray, education chairman of the Acton unit of the Canadian Cancer Society (left) presents Acton resident Kendra Kellas (right) with a cookbook - the prize awarded for a special draw held at the Acton Fall Fair. With Ms. Kellas is her

two-year-old son Michael. To purchase this cookbook, entitled Smart Cooking, from the Canadian Cancer Society, call 853-0744 (daytime) or 853-2806 (evenings). (Herald Photo)

Municipal Election

A flurry of new declarations

By BEN DUMMETT
the Herald

For the past while, a week has not gone by without at least one announced declaration for the upcoming Nov. 12 municipal election and this week is no exception.

Georgetown residents Jim Fisher and Gail Rutherford have declared their candidacy for the position of Ward 3 Halton Hills Hydro commissioner and Ward 3 Town councillor respectively.

Meanwhile, Acton Resident Ed Wood has decided to go up against incumbent Rick Bonnette for the position of Ward 1 Regional councillor.

Incumbent Ward 3 Hydro Commissioner Jim Fisher says he has decided to run again to continue his fight to keep people's hydro bills as low as possible.

Ontario Hydro is predicting it will increase the rates it charges local utilities for power by 11.8 per cent in 1991. This increase is generally passed on to the public in increased rates by approximately the same amount.

Mr. Fisher proposes the utility can force Ontario Hydro to be more fiscally responsible by continuing its lobbying efforts through the Municipal Energy Association (MEA).

The MEA represents most of Ontario's utilities when it comes to dealing with Ontario Hydro policies.

The 58-year-old, long-time Georgetown resident is also a big advocate of the commission encouraging its customers to practise energy conservation.

If elected, he would encourage people to use the more efficient fluorescent light fixtures. He also wants the Town to install more efficient street lights.

Gail Rutherford came to the public's attention last year when she was elected president of the outspoken ratepayer group Residents Active in Development Decisions (RAIDD).

As president of this group one of her primary interests has been what type of development is appropriate for the Town.

Not surprisingly then, is that the issue of development is a major component of her political platform.

"I see the need for council to have a long-term vision that provides for the housing needs of all people in Georgetown, while ensuring the

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