

Reopen waste depot

The region's household hazardous waste collection depot in Milton should be back in operation early in the new year.

The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) closed the depot earlier this year, citing violations in safety procedures.

Regional officials were upset because they felt they were not given a chance to correct what they thought were minor problems.

"They said we weren't complying with the certificate of operation," said John McKay, the Region's director of waste management, in an interview.

"They inspected it and issued the order without prior consultation." He added that the Region was running the depot as a voluntary initiative and Halton officials were "quite disturbed with the MOE."

Milton councillor Bill Johnson, who raised the issue at a planning and public works committee meeting expressed concern that household hazardous waste, such as paint and used oil, might be making its way into the regular waste stream.

McKay said approval to reopen the depot is expected prior to the new year, and then it's just a matter of staff scheduling.

When it reopens, he said the tentative operating days are from Thursday to Saturday.

Queen's Park Report

Social Service improvements in Halton North significant

The holiday season at the end of one year and the beginning of the next year is a good time to examine the achievements of the past year and the goals for the next. I would like to take the next few weeks to talk about 1989 in Halton North and to examine, as best as possible, the future.

When I was elected a little over two years ago, I wanted to represent Halton Hills and Milton because they were communities with which I had a great deal in common. Small towns like Acton and Campbellville reminded me of Chesley where I had grown up. The sense of togetherness illustrated by the riding's strong volunteer sector indicated a "real" community.

More than this, however, I was



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attracted to an area that was attempting to cope with an increasingly urban society in a way that would preserve the best aspects of a rural community.

I firmly believe each community in Ontario should work out its own future as much as is practical for itself. Obviously, provincial highways and such things as environmental laws must be centrally planned because they affect everyone. Telling Acton, Thunder Bay and Barrie that they must have the same laws about Sunday shopping or hunting simply "flies in the face" of the fact that each community is different and has local ideas and needs which must be respected.

We are fortunate in Halton North to have Regional and local governments that are attempting to meet the challenges of increased growth and the problems created by Ontario's wealth through controlled development of housing,

business and industry. It is the Ontario government's job to act in partnership with these governments to see that local needs are met without destroying local communities.

When I was first elected, some areas of the social services were not as well supported in the riding as was necessary. While the Government has not provided everything that has been requested, I am proud of my government's record in this area in Halton North.

The North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped has received capital and program funds during the last two years which have allowed for significant improvements in their service. Recently, the Halton Work Program was notified that it would receive funds to allow it to expand its services to Acton.

Other groups as diverse as the Halton Children's Aid Society, Milton Community and Information Services and the Halton Literacy program received help for special projects. In March of this year, it was confirmed that the Milton Rotary sponsored Milton Community Homes project would be built. This project, which will provide housing for needy families in Halton, is an excellent example of federal, provincial and municipal co-operation being spearheaded by a local volunteer group.

The Provincial New Ventures Program is designed to aid new entrepreneurs. Special low cost loans have been provided to new small businesses which have had

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ASSIST WITH HALTON'S DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS INVITED

Due to recent resignations, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton is accepting applications from interested citizens to serve on its Land Division Committee from the municipalities of Burlington, Halton Hills, and Oakville. The Land Division Committee hears applications from property owners who wish to divide or convey an interest in their existing land holdings.

Applicants should have some familiarity with land use planning principles; good, general knowledge of the geography of Halton Region; the importance of Area Municipal and Regional Official Plans; and the responsibilities of relevant Provincial Ministries.

The Land Division Committee is composed of a total of eight members — two from each of Halton's four Area Municipalities. Prospective members must be available to attend meetings which are scheduled approximately every second Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. The meetings last for approximately three to four hours. Afternoon meetings are a possibility in 1990. Letters of application, including a description as to how the applicant's background and skills qualify him/her for a position on the Committee, will be received by the undersigned until Friday, January 5, 1990, at 4:00 p.m.

Interviews will be conducted during the week of January 8, 1990, and appointments to this Committee will be from January, 1990, until February, 1992.

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Any questions regarding the Committee's operations, etc., should be directed to the Secretary-Treasurer, Paula Kobli, 878-8113, extension 232.

