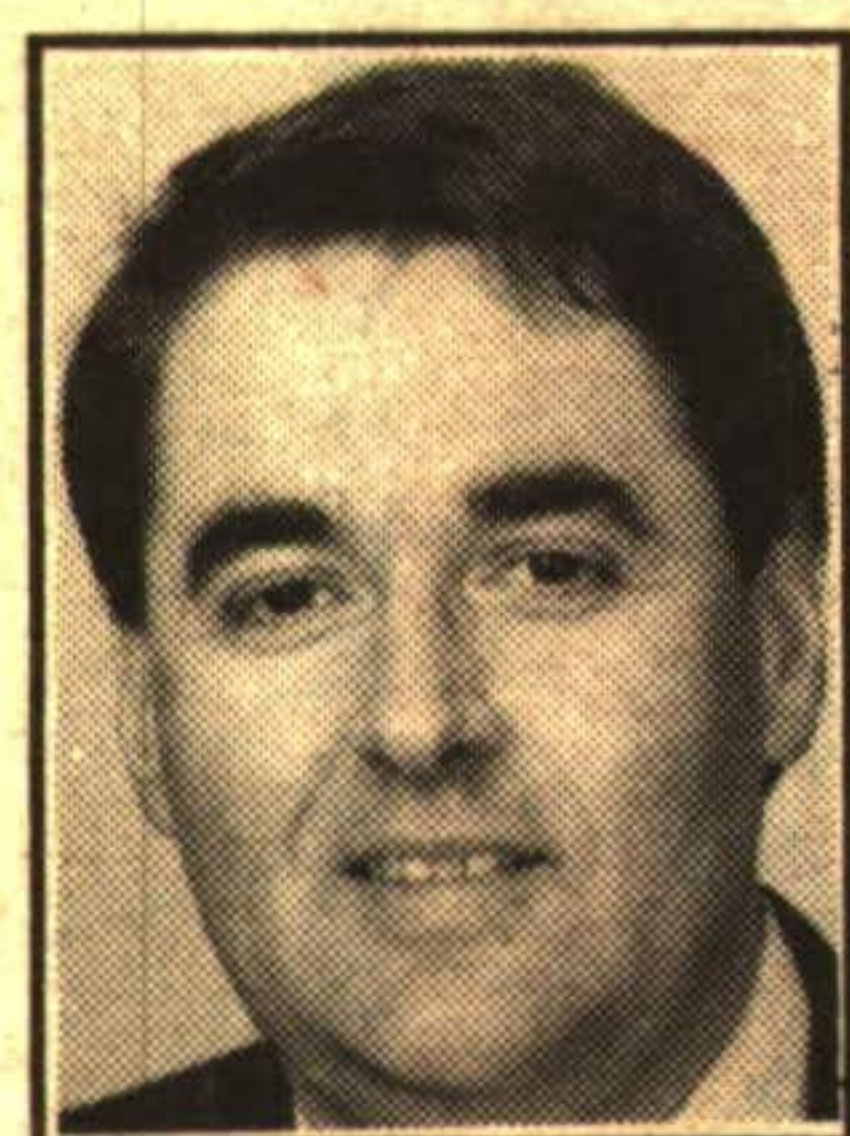


# Mixed reviews to budget in Halton Hills



DOUG PENRICE

By JANET BAINE

There were mixed reviews in Halton Hills for the 1992 federal budget which was announced this week.

"He (Finance Minister Don Mazankowski) had no room to move. He just did a little tinkering here and there. He can't stimulate the economy too much because they don't have the money to do it," said Doug Penrice, manager of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce. The economic recovery is starting, so it's not necessary to do a lot to stimulate it, he said.

But Joan Waldie, co-ordinator of Acton Foodshare, didn't like the budget.

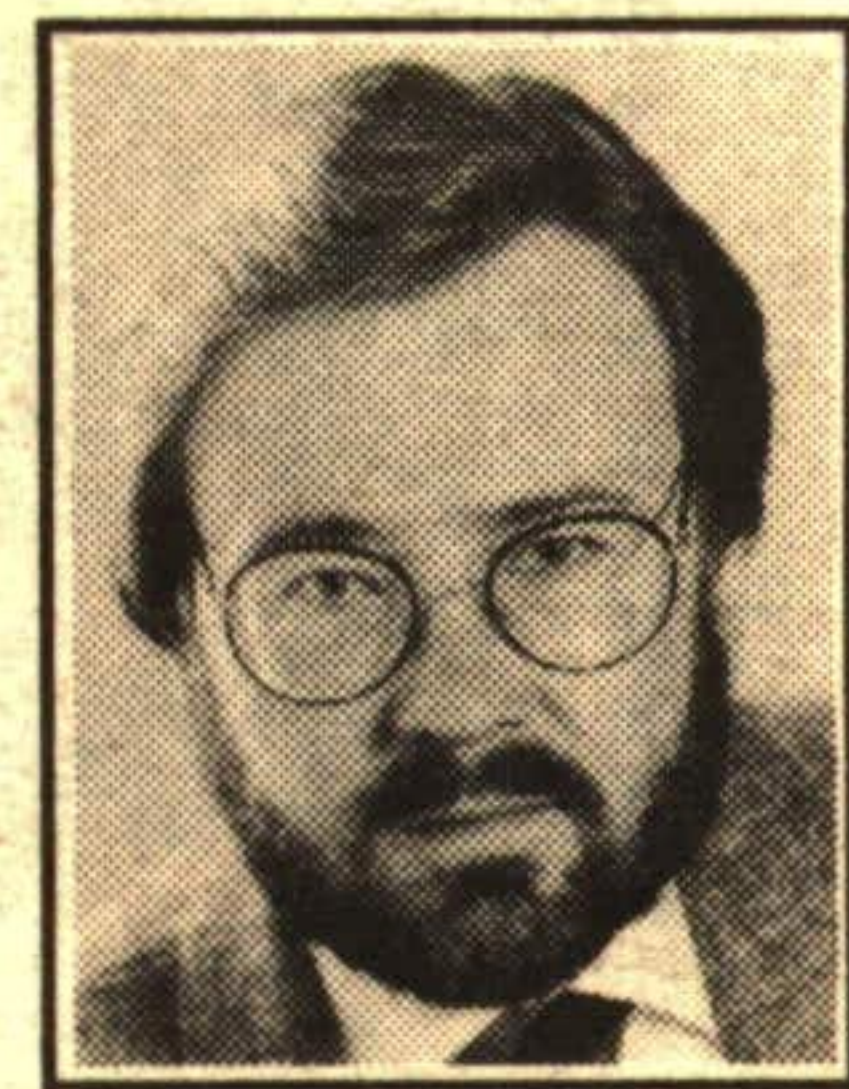
"There isn't a lot of job creation, which is what I was hoping to see," she said. "At Food Share, what we are seeing now is not the people that have always been on welfare, but the people that are laid off and are really, really hurting. They need jobs. The top priority for lower income families should be retraining, so that when the economy picks up again, people will be able to get new jobs, she said. But Waldie didn't see anything about this in the

budget.

Penrice, a real estate agent, said he is happy with the change allowing up to \$20,000 of RRSP money to be used towards a downpayment on a home.

"It opens up home ownership and investment in real estate. It's a good solid investment," he said. "The night the budget came down, one client said 'I'm ready to buy.' He had more money for a downpayment."

The money has to be paid back into the  
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##### UWC guest speaker

The public is invited to hear Dr. Dan Offord, head of Child Psychiatry Division, McMaster University and Research Director at Chedoke Child and Family Centre speak on his research into psycho-social problems of young people. He will be joined by Bob Williams, director of education, Halton Board of Education. This presentation and question period will be at Centennial School library on March 3, 7:45 p.m.

##### World Day of Prayer

Acton will hold its World Day of Prayer, March 6, 7:30 p.m. at St. Alban's Anglican Church, corner of St. Alban's Dr. and Willow St. Everyone is welcome. Babysitting is available. Refreshments served. Speaker will be Henriette Thompson, Women's Inter-church Council of Canada. All Acton churches are participating.

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March is Red Cross Month and Mayor Russ Miller was on hand recently to help raise the flag at the Civic Centre. Giving Miller a hand were (from left) Halton Hills Red Cross President Riet Schenk and her nephew Chad Menken, Vice President Elaine Chatten, and John Van Goch, Director of Public Relations. The flag will fly at the Civic Centre for the month in recognition of March as Red Cross Month.  
Photo by BARB STEPHENS

## Two injured in head-on collision

Two people were injured in a head-on collision Wednesday morning on Hwy. 7 between 5th and 6th Line.

Both were taken to Georgetown and District Hospital following the 7:50 a.m. accident, where they were treated and released. Milton OPP say an eastbound 1989 Chevrolet went into the westbound lane to pass some cars when it collided with a westbound 1991 Volkswagen.

The driver of the Chevrolet, an Acton resident, was transferred from Georgetown Hospital to Peel Memorial Hospital where she received stitches to her tongue and chin, police said. The driver of the Volkswagen was also treated and released.

Both of the cars had heavy damage to the front end. A third car, which the Chevrolet was passing, drove onto the shoulder in order to avoid the collision. It ended up in a snow bank and received minor damage. The driver was uninjured. The driver of the Chevrolet was charged with careless driving.

## Do we have enough drinkable water?

By STUART JOHNSTON

Halton Region is putting all of its eggs into one basket by passing up potential water supplies in Stewarttown and Huttonville in the hope that its Eighth Line test well will safely supply enough drinkable water for future Georgetown residents.

Halton has been investigating Test Well 15,

located on the Eighth Line south of 15 Sdrd., since 1987 as a major water supply for Georgetown's future developments. But, because groundwater in Stewarttown and Huttonville will require extensive treatment before it can be safely used, and their distance from Georgetown's distribution system, the Region has decided to drop them as potential water

supplies.

The Region expects Test Well 15, if approved, will be able to pump 750,000 gallons of water per day, which is enough to bring Georgetown up to its projected population level of 40,000 people.

Councillors were assured by staff that any pumping of the well will stop immediately if it affects Silver Creek in any way.

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