

# Peel pipe plan possibility concerns local councillor

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Monday night Halton Hills council did some minor tinkering with the recommendations in the Water Allocation report which were approved by committee the week before.

Council did support confirming the 182 extra units of water that were found in the system by adjusting the person per unit calculations, but it stopped short of allocating those units for infilling and the Georgetown south area.

After much discussion about borrowing water capacity from the town's industrial allocation council decided to support the recommendation to free up an additional 133 units from the industrial capacity to be used for residential development.

Bruce MacLean, the town's deputy planning director, said the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MOEE) was comfortable with the town borrowing allocation from the industrial capacity.

Council also directed town staff to report back on a request made by Law Development regarding the status of water allocation for Georgetown west.

Councillor Gail Rutherford continued to have the most concerns with the report.

In the report it was recommended that the planning and water allocation process is separate.

Rutherford said by giving draft approval to developments before water has been allocated for them council is being pressured to go to lake-based water.

"I feel I'm in a car with no brakes," said councillor Rutherford.

When the decision was made by council in 1982 to expand the town's population to 40,000 it was based on the assumption there would be enough well water to support the growth.

But to find the most cost-effective source of water the region has been talking with Peel region about the possibility of piping Peel water to Georgetown.

"We have to take a real look at where we are going," said Rutherford.

"If we go to lake-based water we will also go to lake sewage. It could mean that we could very well go beyond the 40,000 population," she added.

Both Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson and Mayor Miller stressed the need to direct Halton Region to get on with getting Test Well 22 (Lindsay Crt.) up and running, to minimize the requirement for lake water.

Serjeantson said she took exception to a statement made by Councillor Rob Heaton that last week region officials didn't give them the whole story on water.

She said the region is doing all it can to deal with Georgetown's water issue and the region's public liaison committee is working hard to find the best water source for the town.

"The region has got to look at all opportunities," said Serjeantson.

Council also passed a resolution requesting staff to invite a representative from the local office of the MOEE to come to council to discuss the Georgetown water situation.



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## Council Briefs

### Murray Motors gets tender

Andrew Murray Motors in Georgetown was awarded the tender for a 1994 four wheel drive pickup truck at a total of \$26,699 at the March 28 meeting. While the bid was slightly higher from one from Richardson Chevrolet/Olds in Milton, town staff supported the Murray Motors bid because delivery could be guaranteed sooner and the truck included heavy duty front and rear springs. The truck will replace a 1987 truck being used by public works.

### Trailer bought

At March 28 meeting, a tender for a tandem low bed trailer priced at \$5,244 was awarded to Float King Trailers Mfg. Inc. in

Mississauga. The trailer will replace a 1979 trailer used by the public works department.

### Tender awarded

Sheridan Equipment Ltd. in Mississauga was awarded a \$37,260 tender March 28 for a double drum, articulated, vibratory asphalt roller/compactor.

### Fast track bridge

The Region of Halton is expected to fast track the design and construction of the Mountainview Rd. bridge (north of 10 Sideroad). It is

to be designed in 1994 and construction should begin in 1995 thanks to the Federal Infrastructure Funding Program. It was originally to be built in 1996/97. The road reconstruction will incorporate a bicycle path/sidewalk system from 10 Sideroad to Eden Place. The stairway on the north slope of the Silver Creek Valley may have to be relocated due to the reconstruction, and the pedestrian bridge may be replaced with a wider one, at a cost to Halton Region.

### Red Shield month

The month of May will be Red Shield Month in Halton Hills. Council made the proclamation at the March 28 council meeting at the request of The Salvation Army Acton Citadel.



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