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Halton worried about Allendale funds

By ANGELA BLACKBURN
Special to The Independent/Free Press

Halton Region is bracing for some tight times at Milton's Allendale seniors' home next year, when the province is expected to stop social funding supplements.

"Should the red-circled (special) funding be discontinued, a shortfall of \$1.7 million in provincial funding would exist," Halton Region's social services commissioner, Bonnie Ewart, warned regional councillors at a recent health and social services committee meeting.

Allendale is a 300-bed long-term care facility. Two hundreds of its beds are at its newly renovated building, with another 100 in Martin House.

Last year's Ontario's Ministry of Health introduced a new long-term care facility funding formula.

The 1993 per diem rate at Allendale of \$119.94 included \$22.96 from Halton Region and \$96.98 from the province. The provincially approved care level was only \$82.66, so the province kicked in another \$14.32 per bed in special funding.

Through cost-cutting in 1994, Halton Region has reduced its share to \$20.95 this year. The approved provincial amount also dropped to \$81.17 in 1994, leaving \$15.81 to again be picked up by the special provincial funding.

That special funding is expected to disappear by March 1995.

In its own effort, the region is attempting to regress to the 1992 \$16.46 per diem rate.

"In order to reduce to the 1992 regional level of funding, the 1994 expenditures must be reduced by an additional \$4.49 or \$489,410," reported Ewart.

That nearly half million dollars is separate from the \$1.7 million shortfall that will occur when the province's special funding dries up.

Halton chief administrative officer John Burke said the \$489,000 is targeted to be phased out of Allendale's budget over two years.

Ewart warned the committee that Allendale's funding issues "will from part of budget discussions for 1995."

Those discussions are expected to begin next fall.

Regional staff alluded to another controversial issue surfacing, rumored proposals that any savings achieved at operations such as Allendale be shared 50/50 between the province and the region on the basis of the shared funding. Such a move would only exacerbate Halton's impending funding dilemma.

During 1994, Allendale has reduced costs through elimination of part-time hours, not layoffs.

Among the reductions are the full-time equivalent of a social worker, resident and outreach manager, dietary aide, four nurses, one house-keeping supervisor and one maintenance person.

"We are comfortable that this won't have any negative impact on the residents' care," assured Allendale administrator Margaret Strecker.

Strecker said there's been no official word but the region is anticipating receiving the supplementary provincial funding until the end of this fiscal year.

"We have no indication if they'll continue after that," she added.

Turf Tips



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TURF TIP RECAP

Now that we are about half way through the 1994 Lawn Care Season I thought this would be a good time to briefly recap the topics covered in "Turf Tips."

- 1. Spring Clean up** - a thorough raking each spring will get your lawn off to a good start.
- 2. White Grubs** - they usually come out in the spring and fall, so keep your eyes open in August.
- 3. Aeration** - aeration improve the appearance and health of your lawn, making it more resistant to disease, weeds and insect infestation.
- 4. Cutworms** - cutworms damaged many lawns this spring; they have disappeared for now but they may be back.
- 5. How the Weather Effects Your Lawn** - remember, rain makes your lawn grow; humidity and heat bring on disease.
- 6. Turfgrass Scale** - minute insects which remove the water from the grass leaving it with a dry look; the grass usually recovers on its own.
- 7. Having a Nice Lawn in the Country** - keep your lawn cut twice each week at 2.5 inches, and keep the grass thick by fertilizing regularly.
- 8. Save \$\$\$ on Your Water Bill** - aerate your lawn once per year, water your lawn 2-3 times per week for approx. 1.5 hours.
- 9. Pythium Blight** - this causes small brown circles on your lawn which can take up to several weeks to recover; well manicured lawns were hit the hardest; watering in the morning is the best cure.
- 10. They're Coming** - a summer time insect found primarily in sunny locations; they can kill your grass in 2-3 weeks if not treated.



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Tooth Chatter

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FRONT TEETH ARE VERY VALUABLE!

A front tooth is worth \$309,000.00 or .12 cents, depending upon how much you figure, according to a survey by the American Association of Endodontists reported in the Chicago Tribune. The materials that go into making up the average tooth-calcium, phosphorous, water etc. cost only about .12 cents to buy. But in a survey of 1,023 men and women taken by the association, people put a much higher value on their teeth. Nearly one-fourth of the respondents said that they wouldn't sell a tooth for anything. About 15 per cent said that they would want at least \$1 million, but the rest were not so demanding and the average asking price from the entire group came out to \$309,000.00.

Wow! If you have any interesting "tooth tidbits" you would like to share with our readers, give us a call or mail it to our office. We would love to hear from you!

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