

Change of venue

MSA committee fights for north

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For the first time, the Halton District Health Council (HDHC) has had to change the location of their meeting in order to accommodate a large number of people from Halton Hills who are expected to attend.

"I've been on council for five and a half years and I've never seen a situation where we've changed the venue of a meeting to accommodate people," said Deanna Williams-Laws, chair of the committee. Their usual meeting room can only accommodate about 25 people, whereas St. Volodymyr's Cultural Centre at 1280 Dundas St. West in Oakville will

hold 100 people.

Ten members of the HDHC, including two from Halton Hills, will be making the decision over autonomy of the new organization in this community.

Members of the Halton Hills MSA committee asked for a half hour, but were given only 15 minutes to state their case. Eunice McGowan admits that this isn't much time, but said that council members have been given an extensive package of information on their proposal. They are under the gun to make the decision at this meeting, because the Halton Hills committee would like to be an early leader and qualify for a \$25,000 grant which they need to apply for by Nov. 30.

The long term care committee, which was set up by the HDHC 18 months ago, recommended rejecting a separate MSA for Halton Hills. Instead, they are recommending one MSA for the entire region with four local offices for service, one of which would be in Halton Hills.

Williams-Laws said she found a presentation made by members of the Halton Hills MSA committee Tuesday morning interesting, but she didn't want to comment on her personal opinion in an interview with *The Independent/Free Press*. Long term committee chairman Bob Wood also would not give his personal opinion on the proposal to this newspaper.

Rallies planned to back MSA

Two rallies in support of an independent Halton Hills MSA are being held Sunday night. Both are at 7 p.m.

One is in the activity room of the Bennett Centre in Georgetown, and the second is at Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton.


The Halton Hills MSA committee will answer questions about their proposal and discuss transportation to the Halton District Health Council meeting in Oakville Wednesday. Committee member Eunice McGowan said that arrangements will be made for a bus to take people down to that meeting.

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Advance polls

The final advance polls will be held Wednesday, Nov. 9 at Halton Hills Civic Centre and the Royal Canadian Legion in Acton. The polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

New cancer centre

A new community cancer centre, costing approximately \$25 million will be linked to the Credit Valley Hospital. The centre will service an area stretching from Halton Hills through to Mississauga, Bramalea, Caledon, Oakville, Etobicoke and part of Orangeville. The centre will be able to treat up to 1,200 people a year. The centre is expected to be completed by 1999.

Educated 'X'

For those who couldn't attend the the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce All Candidates Day, Halton Cable will be re-broadcasting the ward and mayor's sessions. The Wards 1,2 and 3 sessions will be run Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 7 to 10 p.m. and Ward 4 on Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 9 to 10 p.m. The mayors session will be re-broadcast Thursday, Nov. 10 from 8 to 10 p.m.

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Flyin' high!



The 756 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadet summer camp candidates were honored Thursday night at Branch 120, (Georgetown) of the Royal Canadian Legion as they received their course certificates. From left, WO2 Tim Dowd and WO1 Craig Johnston, powered aircraft certificates; WO2

Simon Johnson, glider certificate; Sgt. Spencer Selhi, air studies; F/Sgt Scott Johnston, glider certificate; and Sgt. Seann Snow, senior leaders course.

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Georgetown home damaged in \$40,000 blaze

About \$40,000 damage was done to a house on Delrex Blvd. in Georgetown early Thursday morning.

The Halton Hills Fire Department was called to the fire at 2:47 a.m. A father and adult son were sleeping in bedrooms in the

home at the time. The son woke up when he smelled heavy smoke and tried to get to his father's room, but was unable to make it. He left through a bedroom window. The father also woke up, and left through the front door. They went to a neighbor's home where firefig-

ers were called.

About 19 firefighters spent over two hours extinguishing the blaze.

It is believed to have started from cigarette butt or ash in the recreation room couch in the basement. There was extensive smoke and fire damage to the entire base-

ment and heavy smoke and heat damage on the main floor of the one storey home. Cats may not have survived the fire.

Fire officials believe the house, which was owned by the people living in it, is covered by fire insurance.

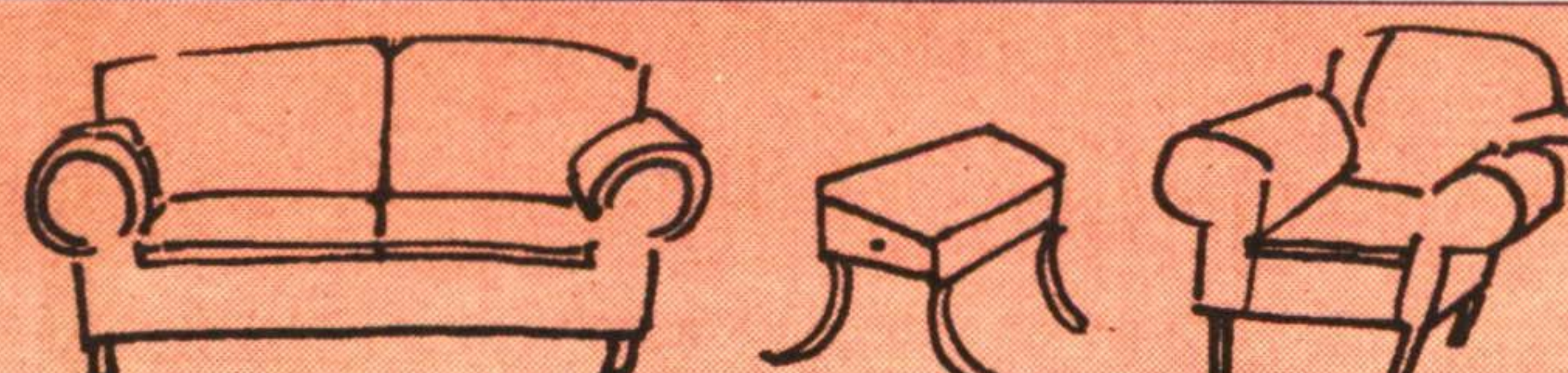
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