Halton Women's Place receives provincial cash

Halton Women's Place will receive \$33,918.68 under the Ontario government's Pay Equity Downpayment Program, MPP Noel Duignan announced Thursday on behalf of Community and Social Services Minister Tony Silipo.

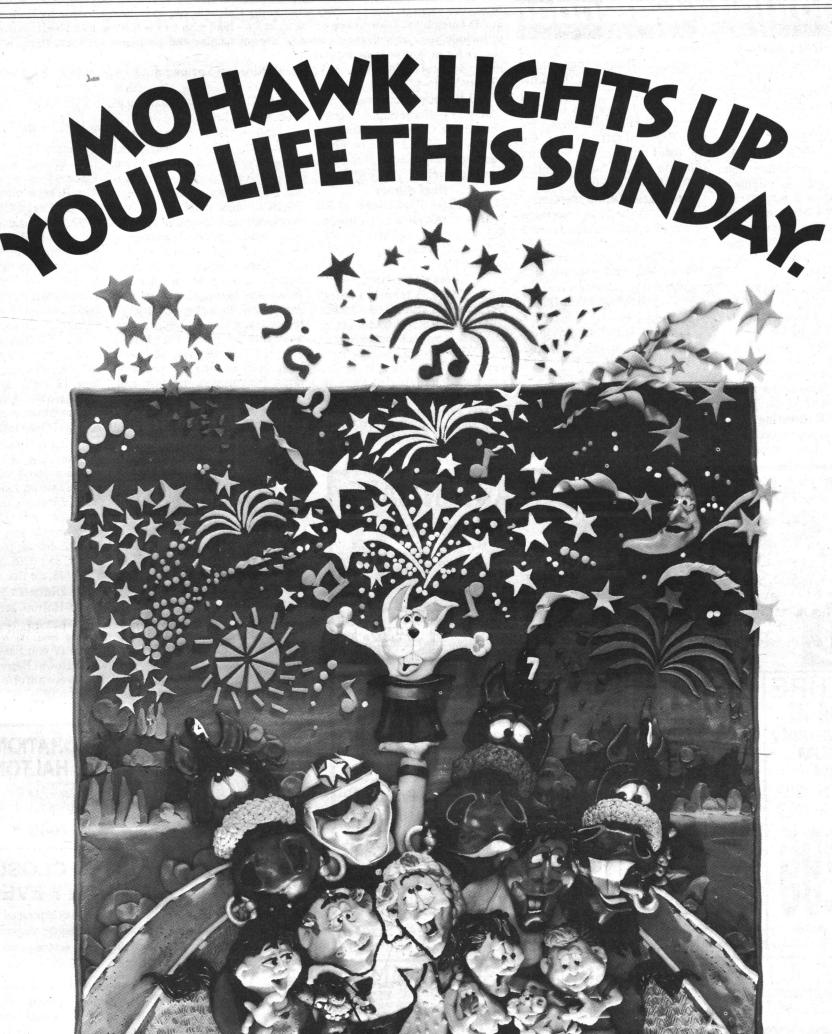
"The downpayment program, which totals \$50 million, will give thousands of women an early and meaningful start on the achievement of pay equity," Noel Duignan said. "It reflects our government's determination to keep fighting wage discrimination against

women in spite of difficult times."

Duignan said the main beneficiaries of the program are women who have not been able to achieve pay equity under the original provisions of the Pay Equity Act because their workplaces had no or

too few predominantly male positions with which to compare. Generally, the women receiving downpayments will be eligible for pay equity adjustments after passage of Bill 102, the Pay Equity Amendment Act, expected this spring.

"I would like to thank Halton. Women's Place for their participation in the downpayment survey," Duignan said. "Pay equity is one step toward enabling women to receive wages that reflect the value of the work they do."



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