

Garbage dumping user fees planned for Milton station

By Oksana Buhel

Halton Hills garbage dumpers will no longer find it worth the drive to Milton.

Halton Region decided last Wednesday to implement a user fee system for the Container Station at the Halton Waste Management Site on Hwy. 25 north of Hwy. 5, starting Jan. 1. This is the only waste disposal program in the region which is not fully funded on a user pay system.

Financial subsidies to the Georgetown Container Station were eliminated over a year ago and local residents were driving to Milton to drop off their garbage free of charge, where only waste loads which exceed 150 kg. were charged a \$150/tonne tipping fee.

A report prepared by Regional Commissioner of Public Works, Art Leitch, and Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer, Joe Rinaldo, recommended a flat fee of \$5 per vehicle be

charged for loads weighing less than 150 kg. (The Norjohn Transfer Station in Burlington charges \$5 per 100 lbs. and \$2 for every additional 20 lb., and the Leferink Transfer Station on Armstrong Ave. in Georgetown, charges \$1.50 per bag and \$125/tonne if the amount exceeds five bags.)

The report stated an estimated \$500,000 will be generated in 1994 as a result of the new system. In addition, \$115,000 will be saved as a result of the reduced volumes handled by the contractor responsible for shuttling the waste to the tipping face and appropriate removal of recyclable materials.

This amount will be offset by an estimated \$16,000 required to implement the project. Part-time staff hours will be extended to deal with the Saturday rush (often 3,000 cars are lined up on that day to drop off garbage), \$10,000 will be set aside for minor

capital expenditures such as a shelter for the attendant, a "parking lot" type ticket dispenser for cash control purposes and possible traffic control arms. A further \$1,000 has been set aside for required materials and supplies.

The user fee is expected to decrease present traffic levels (approximately 200,000 cars annually) by 50 per cent.

Regional Public Works staff will be designated as By-law enforcement officers to investigate and charge people responsible for the expected increase in illegal roadside dumping.

Garbage dumpers are advised to explore alternatives to using the Container Station - such as waste reduction, municipal collection programs (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for Georgetown and Wednesday for Acton), private container stations and private waste haulage contractors.



Lucy Maud Montgomery, author of "Anne of Green Gables", lived in the Village of Norval from 1926 to 1935, and as the obligation to the Tweedsmuir History Books the Norval Women's Institute have almost completed the Lucy Maud Montgomery collection as displayed by Institute member Dorothy McLean. The historical display was at Norval United Church last weekend for the "Montgomery Christmas" celebration. photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

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Lunch-time crossing guards are eliminated

By Oksana Buhel

In a further effort to save money, Town of Halton Hills councillors proposed Monday at the general committee meeting to eliminate lunch-time crossing guards at five locations, but maintain morning and afternoon crossing guard services until the end of the school year.

A report by town adminis-

trator Ray King was modified considerably before councillors accepted it. Councillors agreed lunch hour period services be eliminated at all locations, but did not agree the services should be eliminated before and after school. Councillor Ron Chatten recommended the crossings at Delrex Blvd./Weber Dr., Princess

Anne Dr./Mary St., Main St./Prince St., Glen Williams and Harrison Public School/Rexway Dr. be studied further until May 30, at which time council will reconsider the removal of the crossing guards.

King recommended the implementation date be Jan. 24.

Councillors also did not

agree with the reduction of crossing guards at Mountainview Rd. S./Delrex Blvd. and Main St. N./Moore Park. Councillor Gail Rutherford insisted the removal of the crossing guards was "only asking for trouble."

King stated in his report, all seven locations have consistently failed to meet the criteria of the Warrant System - a traffic survey used to find any safety gaps at crossing locations.

Town engineer, Bob Austin, pointed out all seven areas have been "studied to death," - emphasizing the latter two locations. Councillor Norm Elliott suggested previously approved traffic lights at Trafalgar Rd. and Hwy. 7 may slow down eastbound traffic approaching Moore Park/Main St. intersection, but was warned by Austin installment of the lights would "still be a long way away."

Council's final decision was to establish a subcommittee on crossing guards.



Last Saturday the Charlie Fitzwhiskey's Tap & Eatery "Breakfast with Santa" was held in support of the study for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). On Santa's knee (left) is 5 year-old Brittany Moore and 5 year-old Brendan Moran. At rear (left) is 10 year-old Khristopher Moore and Associate Manager Craig Dunkerley of Zellers at Marketplace Mall.

Minor hockey dispute settled

By Colin Gibson

With the threat of possible governmental intervention hanging over their heads like a wayward Glen Anderson high stick, Ontario's squabbling minor hockey groups appear to have resolved their differences and set aside their collective egos so those who really count - the youngsters - can finally get on with their game.

Since last January, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) and its

recognized majority branch in Ontario, the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) have been at odds over insurance coverage and its subsequent costs.

The CAHA - the national amateur hockey umbrella - had its insurance program and required that all organizations affiliated with the national body join in.

The OMHA argued it had its own coverage in place, much cheaper per player, than that offered by the CAHA.

There were also personal-ity conflicts involved span-

ning years and the end result was that the OMHA was rejected by the OHF and subsequently by the CAHA.

Both the Georgetown and Acton minor hockey associations are affiliated with the OMHA. While the CAHA ban on competing in CAHA-sanctioned tournaments - including provincial and national events - might not have caused too many problems locally, it also effectively prohibited OMHA teams from playing against OHF affiliated teams (including those in

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