## Miller promises no tax increase

By Oksana Buhel

. Halton Hills residents can enjoy the same zero-taxincrease they have had for the last two years for at least one more year, assured Mayor Russ Miller at the Mayor's Annual Christmas Luncheon, held Thursday at North Halton Golf and Country Club.

"For the last two years, we've held the line on taxes," Miller told more than 100 guests. "People can expect the same thing in 1994."

He listed the social contract, cuts in provincial funding and various events in the ·community, such as the IWA dump site selection and the Acton quarry issue, which have cost the municipality a considerable amount of money, but insisted Halton Hills taxpayers will not feel these financial setbacks next

Halton Hills residents will also profit from a new economic development committee, which Miller helped implement. Miller explained the committee was working with representatives of industry and commerce to encourage more local business. He praised the business people in the community and gave them some new year advice.

"When you ask someone to do something, you have to be prepared to work with them and do something in return."

Town administrator Ray King listed the initiatives the town has committed itself to in 1994. Staff vacancies will



Russ Miller

be carefully examined for the most effective, least costly solution. Town services will be compared to those of other agencies to ensure greater productivity and pre-

vent duplication of service. King said the town will focus on quality customer service in a productive and efficient manner, considering all levels of input. The final initiative was to carefully examine services to see which services are necessary, and to what degree. "Some things may have to go," King bluntly pointed out.

Speeches by Director of Planning Ian Keith and Deputy Planning Director Bruce MacLean followed.

Margaret Eggleton-Kaye concluded the luncheon with short humorous anecdotes of what Halton Hills residents really did this year.



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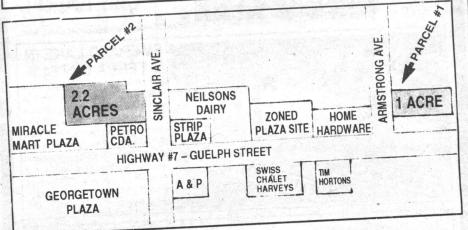
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