

Canvassers needed

The Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society is gearing up for the spring campaign.

Volunteer canvassers are needed for the following areas of town:

- Churchill Road South apartments,
- Maria Street apartments,

- Danville Estates,
- Ransom Street apartments,
- the new subdivision by the Acton Legion.

If you have a few hours to spare and would like to volunteer, please contact Liz Bailey at 853-0585 or Cathy Gerrow at 853-1424.



INFORMATION

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

INTERIM TAX PAYMENT

The First installment of the 1996 Interim Taxes is due on:

TUESDAY, FEB. 27, 1996
— REALTY AND BUSINESS —

PAYMENT OF TAXES

WHERE?

- Finance Dept., Civic Centre or
- Hydro Office, 43 Alice St., Acton or
- Any branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce within Town of Halton Hills (subject to a service charge)

AFTER HOURS?

- CIBC or
- Night Depository located at main entrance of Civic Centre

HOW?

- By CHEQUE or CASH
- POST-DATED cheques: are acceptable and will ensure that installment dates are not missed
- BY TELEPHONE: At present the Town has agreements with CIBC, Bank of Montreal, Toronto Dominion and Canada Trust who offer the rate-payer this option. CHECK WITH YOUR BANK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

d) PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLAN: There are two (2) types of pre-authorized payment plans:

- 1) 10-month installment plan beginning in March 1996 – must be applied for by Feb. 29, 1996.

Phone Tax Department for details.

- 2) 4-installment plan. Must be applied for by 30 days prior to each due date.

Taxes must be paid in full in order to qualify for either of these payment plans.

AFTER DUE DATE?

Tax payments which are beyond the due date must be paid at the Finance Department, Civic Centre.

PENALTY?

A penalty of 1¼ per cent per month will be charged on the first day of each calendar month until taxes are paid.

NO TAX BILL RECEIVED?

Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse the owner or business operator from responsibility for payment, nor relieve him/her from liability of penalty for late payment.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Finance Department, either by phone or by mail, if you have any questions pertaining to your business or realty property taxes.

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MPP wants salaries changed

BY KAREN WETMORE
The Acton Tanner

Salaries for MPPs should be higher, but not astronomically so, said Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh last Thursday.

Chudleigh was responding to a recent article in a Toronto newspaper, which made it appear he thought MPPs' annual pay should fall in the \$110,000 range. Chudleigh maintained his quote in the story had nothing to do with the story itself.

Ontario MPPs now earn a basic salary of \$42,000. However, as Chudleigh explained, this number does not include all the added perks members enjoy.

"When you take the MPPs' sala-

ries and add the tax-free allowances, the gold-plated pension plans and getting paid extra for going to committee meetings when not meeting in the House, the number goes up to \$93,000."

There's a problem when the amount taxpayers pay for their representatives, and what they actually take home, has such a large variance, said Chudleigh.

"For me personally, the pay of an MPP should never be so high as to make someone run for office," he added. "On the other hand, you shouldn't also discourage people from running because the pay is too low."

Chudleigh wants to see the basic salary for MPPs be raised to

"somewhere in the middle" between \$42,000 and \$93,000. He'd also like to see the added extras included in the regular pay, so taxpayers know exactly what they're paying for.

The larger question, he added, has to do with the provincial riding boundaries being changed by the end of February. There is speculation this will reduce the number of MPPs from 130 to 102, saving taxpayers from paying for 28 MPP salaries.

"I don't think the average Ontario taxpayer would notice a difference in terms of providing the same amount of service," said Chudleigh. "We should do better with less."



PUBLIC SPEAKERS: These Grade 4 to 8 St. Joseph's students participated last Tuesday in the school's public speaking contest. Kaitlin McDonald, front middle, has advanced to the North Halton Catholic Schools public speaking contest at St. Francis of Assisi in Georgetown on March 5. Front row, from left: Daniel Borrelli, Brian Worfolk (runner-up), Kaitlin McDonald, Caitlin Rivers and Derek Thomas. Back row: Justin Cole, Sarah Venema, Cara McGiloway, Mary Pat O'Meara, Amanda Corp, Ricki Hlavk and Sean Laforest. (Doug Harrison photo)



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