

MOH receives top Halton salary

Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton's Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer of Health, was the Region's top earner last year.

He is one of 30 Halton employees whose salaries and benefits topped \$100,000, and must be publicly reported under the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act.

Dr. Nosal earned \$201,196 in salary benefits in 2003, followed by Halton CAO Brent Marshall (\$182,360), and Patrick Murphy, Halton's commissioner of planning and public works (\$160,357.)

Halton Police Chief Ean Algar (\$153,787) is fifth on the salary and benefit list that includes six other police personnel, including the deputy chief, a detective constable and three district commander/superintendents.

Twelve Halton directors, four commissioners, a computer system technician and the manager of long range planning also topped the \$100,000 mark.

Seven Halton Hills employees earned more than \$100,000 in salaries and benefits last year, up from three the previous year.

Former CAO Steve Andrews topped the list at \$115,735, followed by Acting CAO Bob Austin (\$112,416.)

The Town's director of planning Bruce MacLean, finance director and treasurer Ed DeSousa and Henry Tse, the director of building, zoning and enforcement services, each earned

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\$106,330, while Fire Chief Bill Meads and director of education and parks, Terry Alyman, both earned \$102,075 in salaries and benefits last year.

Political cost

Halton Hills politicians cost taxpayers \$260,989 last year – most of it for salaries and benefits, with small amounts for conferences, seminars, meals and mileage.

Former Mayor Kathy Gastle earned the most, receiving \$50,674 that included \$46,541 in salary and benefits, \$2,181 for conferences and seminars, and \$1,951 for "other," a category mainly for meal and mileage expenses.

Former councillor Rick Bonnette was second on the list at \$23,551, with salary and benefits of \$22,374 and \$1,177 for other.

When Town councillors dealt with the annual remuneration and expenses report on Monday night, Georgetown Councillor Mike Davis asked for more detailed reporting next year than just a category called "other."

Treasurer Ed DeSousa said they've used the same reporting system Region-wide for two years, and that \$5,000 of the \$7,000 in the "other" category was mileage and meal expenses, with some expenses for retirement functions and gifts.

Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson questioned how much detail Davis wanted, and if he thought there is something wrong with the expenses. He said he had "noulterior motive." He received no support for his motions to include mileage and meal expenses in a separate category next year.

The remuneration and expense report also showed the Town paid the five members of its Committee of Adjustment a total of \$6,760, and \$760 to the three members of its property standards committee.

Mold-Masters money

Town Council approved a financing plan for its share of the cost to bring water to its prestigious industrial 401-Steeles Avenue corridor on Monday night.

The \$2.25-million project is a four-way partnership with the Town, Region, Mold-Masters and Halton Hills Hydro.

The Town's share is \$1.5-million, and Mold Masters will prepay \$1-million in water and wastewater development charges to the Region to service its land west of Trafalgar Road where the company plans to relocate.

Any cost overruns are the responsibility of the Town, a condition that concerns Acton Councillor Mike O'Leary.

"We're putting an awful lot of money out here," O'Leary said, asking for an update on Mold-Masters plans to relocate to the 401-corridor area. CAO Bob Austin said

while there is no guarantee, Mold-Masters has hired a consultant to proceed with a planning application and site plan, and there is every indication the development is proceeding.

The Town will fund its share from four sources, including an expected \$600,000 operating budget surplus, redirecting a \$100,000 servicing design work contribution, \$150,000 from the Transit and Transportation Reserve Fund and \$650,000 from Halton Hills Hydro Inc.

Mayor Rick Bonnette said approval of the financing plan was a "major impact decision" of this term of office.

"This is something that is very important for the future," he said, urging his colleagues to support the plan that he said showed staffs' creative financing and included a partnership with Hydro.

Public meeting Monday re street name changes

Halton Hills Council is holding a public meeting regarding changing duplicate street names in Halton Hills at the Acton Legion this coming Monday, March 29 at 6:30 pm.

Council wants public input regarding the proposed renaming of Main Street, north and south, Park Avenue and George St. as well as Mary St. and Arthur St. in Norval. The proposal has been contentious since Bell Canada requested changes in street names, especially in Acton. **See ballot on page 7.**

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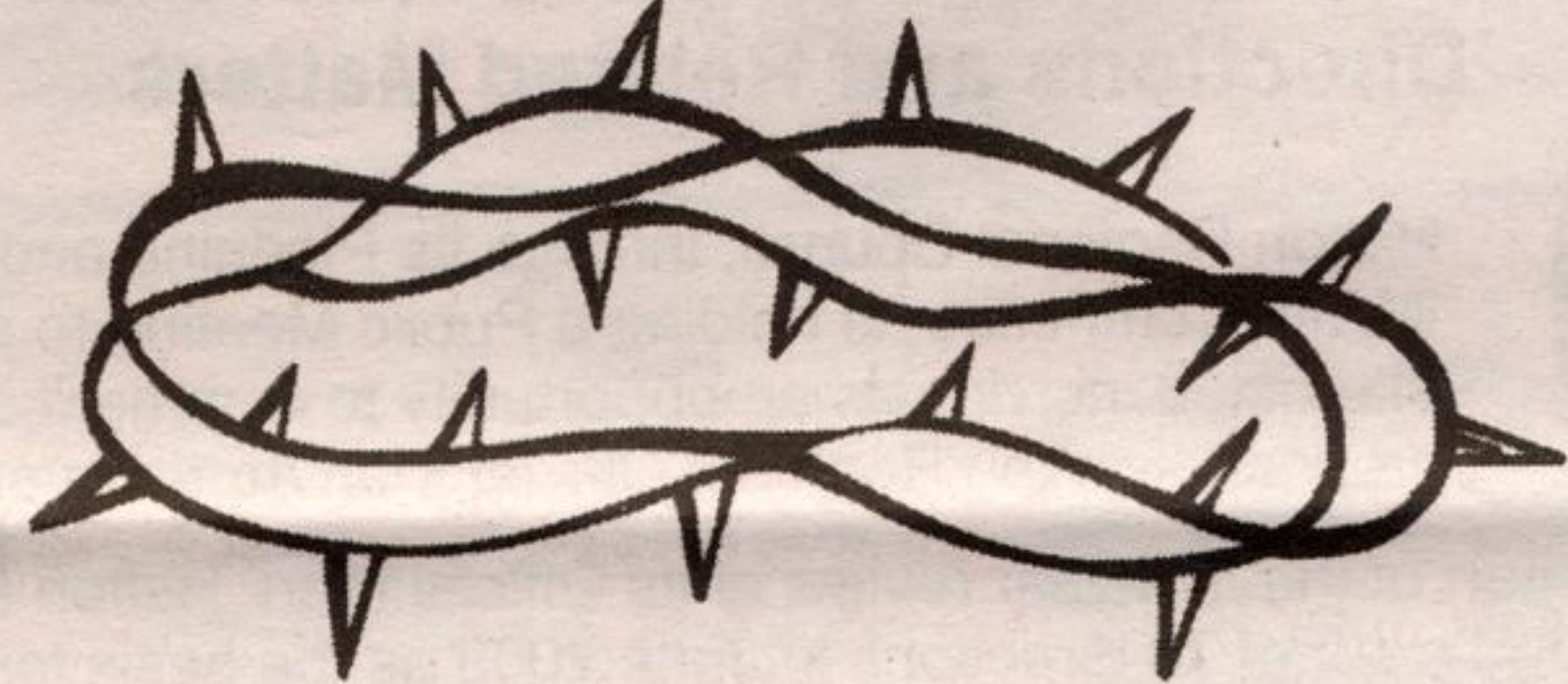
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