

# Region told assistance not keeping up with food costs

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The survey—which involved six Halton grocery stores and was conducted in June—calculates the cost of 66 food items that constitute a healthy diet.

Social assistance rates and the minimum wage have not increased in the past seven years, despite increases in utilities, rental rates and food costs, pointed out a report presented to the committee.

"The average market rents in the region are on the rise and a short supply of rental housing will ensure

rents remain unaffordable. It is not uncommon for rental costs to account for at least 50 per cent of total income."

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has repeatedly stated that families which spend more than 30 per cent of their income on housing are considered to be at risk of becoming homeless.

The only councillor to vote against the motion was self-proclaimed "right-winger", Burlington's Jack Dennison.

The problem with increasing rates is making sure the money gets

to the people who need it most, he said.

"I'm supportive of assistance and increases to assistance for those unable to work. I'm concerned about the able-bodied worker—somebody who can work," he said.

"If someone on assistance is working part-time, it changes the numbers totally. You have to want to work yourself out of the position you're in."

Council hasn't taken a position on the issue at this time, but is expected to do so next Wednesday.

—By Richard Vivian, special

# Town to spend \$400,000 for computer equipment

The Town of Halton Hills will spend \$401,747 to buy 200 computer workstations, plus 11 laptops for its staff.

The town will buy the computers from Dell Canada in a rent-to-own deal for \$385,585, plus the town will pay \$16,000 to its former lessor for existing printers and servers.

The Dell workstations will have a three-year on-site warranty; are Pentium 4, 1.8 Ghz processor, 256 Mb random access memory, 20 Gb fixed disk and 17" flat monitor. The town will be using Microsoft Windows 2000 operating system and Microsoft Office 2000 office automation software.

Treasurer Ed DeSousa said the new technology would allow staff to keep up to industry standards.

The town piggy-backed the deal onto a purchase order from Halton Catholic School Board through the town's membership in the Halton

Collective Purchasing Group. Dell, which provided warranty and added features at no extra costs, also agreed to give educational pricing to the town further reducing the price.

The money will come from the town's Interest Rate Stabilization Reserve. The town will pay itself back at a 5.2 per cent interest rate.

The town expects the computers to be worth about 10-15 per cent of their current value by the end of the three-year deal, which the town plans to put towards buying new technology in 2005.

The town's existing computers are ending a three-year lease. The

outdated equipment, with exception of some servers and printers will be returned to the leasing company.

The town will also spend \$23,000 for staff training and implementation service for the technology refresh/changeover.

Councillor Moya Johnson wanted to know if councillors would be receiving any of the new equipment. DeSousa suggested that about five of the laptops could be diverted to councillors' use, adding the clerk's department will be including money in the 2003 budget for technology for councillors.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

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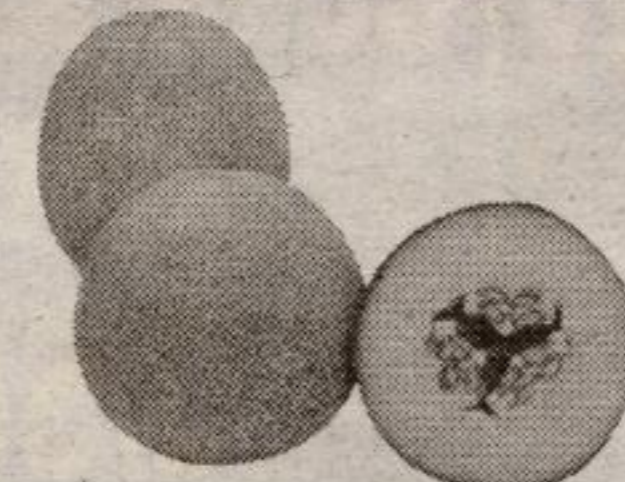
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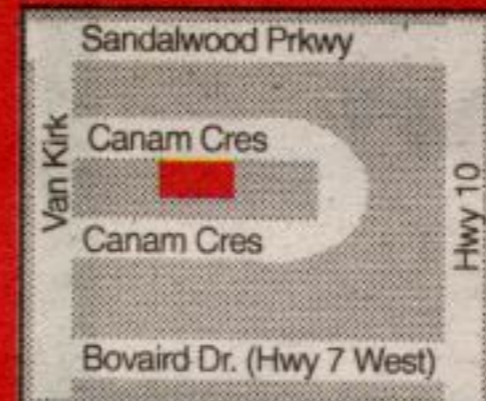
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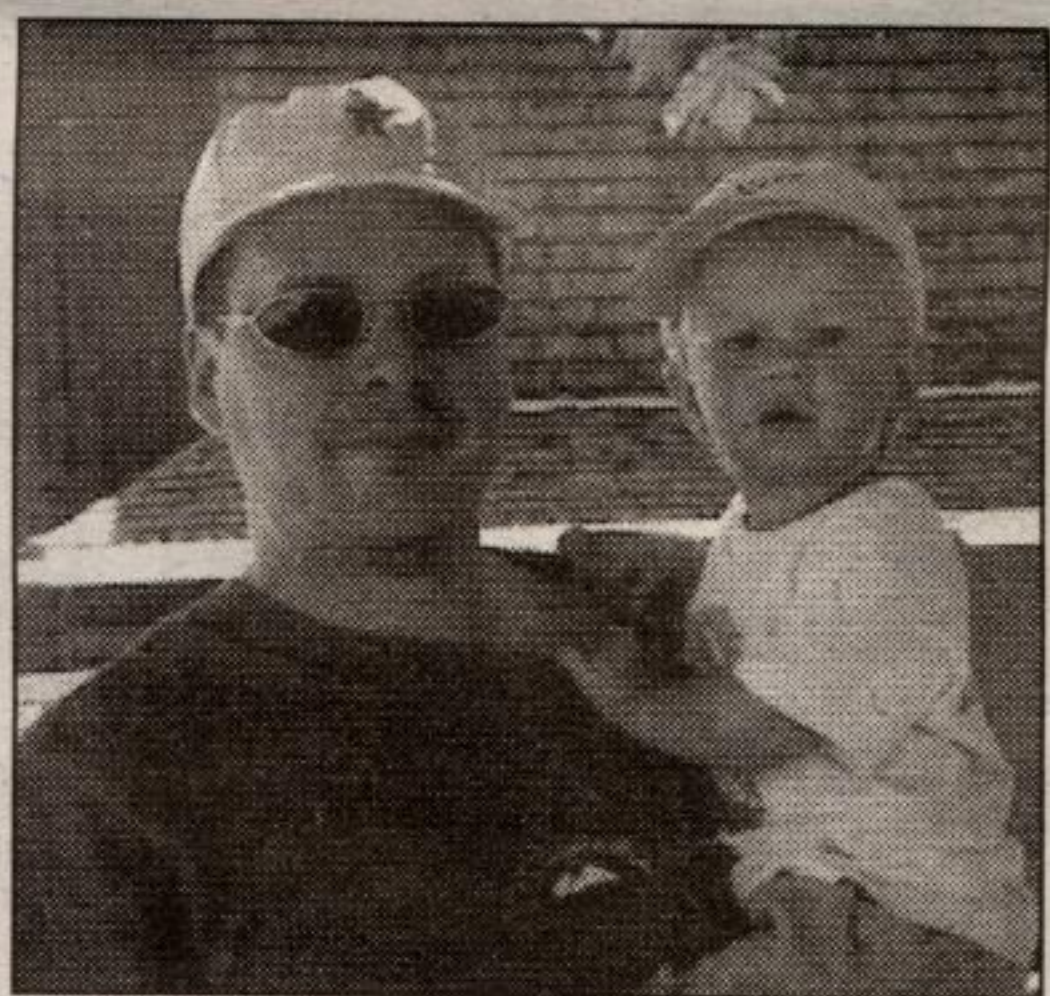
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