

## Reconsider hiring financial manager

Halton Region's Administration Committee will be required to reconsider a recommendation the committee made to hire a manager of financial services for the treasury department.

The committee dealt with the matter at the regular meeting Nov. 13. During that meeting, in an open session, the committee voted not to hire the new person.

Apparently after press and

public were asked to leave, the matter was discussed again and the committee, in closed session, changed its mind.

According to chairman Ric Morrow four members present voted unanimously to hire the man. Both Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur and Oakville Councillor Carl Erikson had left the meeting by that point. Both had opposed the hiring earlier in the meeting.

## Opposes closure

Regional Councillor Tom Sutherland was enraged when he became what he felt was the victim of closure during a meeting of Halton Regional Council.

Council was debating standards for communal wells in rural subdivisions. Sutherland asked permission to speak but meeting chairman Ernie Sykes had already called the vote. Sykes ruled Sutherland had waited too long to express a desire to

speak.

**Support**  
Sutherland challenged the chairman's rule. When council supported Sykes in his decision not to hear Sutherland, the councillor said the action was similar to what they called closure in Ottawa.

"This is ridiculous. You people should be ashamed. Never mind, I saw the hands that went up," he shouted amidst laughter from colleagues.



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## Chair debate ends happily

The great chair debate is over and justice prevails once again at Halton Regional Headquarters. In an effort to crack down on spending, regional council recently voted against providing 50 chairs for public seating.

Only two weeks ago Burlington councillor Dave Coons argued there had never been an occasion where people visiting council had to stand or sit on the floor. What Coons did not say at that point was there had been frequent occasions when staffers were required to cart office furniture into the chambers to accommodate those who otherwise would have had to stand.

**All over the floor**

At a public meeting just after the decision had been made, all available chairs and some chesterfields were in use and people were still left standing. Last Wednesday during a regular session of council about 30 Milton District High School students made the trip south to see the "circus" and they were left to scatter themselves about the floor.

It was at that juncture that Oakville Councillor Terry Mann re-introduced the matter of more chairs and finally, authorization was given. The expenditure, estimated at \$200, will be absorbed in the region's \$15,000,000 budget.

The matter had been introduced on at least four occasions in committees and council.

## Yule do at museum

Members of Halton Region Council will join the staff of the Halton Museum at the Kelson Conservation Area for a Christmas social event Dec.

8. It was decided at a Community Services meeting last week.

Museum curator Erla Brittain also discussed the possibility of a visit from Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon during the Christmas open house between Dec. 9 and 16.

## Burlington group tries to replace A. Wright

A move is underway by the Burlington members of Halton Regional Council to have Allan Wright replaced by Councillor Vern Connell as one of the city's three representatives on the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

During a meeting of council Wednesday, Mayor George Harrington told council the original hope had been to replace all three citizen appointees with Burlington councillors but the caucus had agreed to renew appointments for Frank Rogers and Brock Harris. Harrington said Connell would be an excellent candidate for the position.

Harrington said the position should be filled by elected, not appointed people, because of the problem of communications and the amount of money the authority is now handling.

Burlington Councillor Mary Munro objected to the motion even being presented. She said Burlington Council had said it would advertise all positions to the public. She read a letter from a committee of Burlington citizens which objected to the method of selection without discussion.

The committee had re-

quested permission to appear as a delegation but had been refused as the subject was not on the printed agenda.

Harrington's motion was eventually ruled out of order and referred to Burlington Council for advice. Mr. Wright is longtime citizen member of HRCA and has served as vice-chairman for several years.

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## Expand day care service to Halton Hills area

Meetings are currently being held to draft plans for the establishment of a municipal day care centre in Halton Hills. Regional Director of Social and Family Services Rennie Vivian said the proposed centre would handle from 34 to 42 children.

The only municipally operated day care centre in the region now is operated in Oakville. While the Halton Hills Centre will be only the second operated by the municipality, the region does have agreements with a number of private day care centres in the region.

Vivian said he was currently negotiating an agreement to buy services from Milton Day Care Centre.

The agreement sets rates the region would pay for people they refer for the service.

**Keep off welfare**  
Usually those people who either have day care paid for or subsidized by the region are single parent families or welfare recipients or those unable to absorb the cost on their own for a variety of other reasons. In many cases the municipality will pay the costs of day care to allow a mother the opportunity to go out and work and keep off the welfare rolls.

The region is pioneering another form of day care. Vivian expects to soon have a number of homes providing day care services in the home under the supervision of the

Social and Family Services Department.

The private home day care program is expected to be used especially well in the sparsely populated areas of the region where municipal day care centres wouldn't be practical.

The province has identified the day care field as a priority item and pumped \$5,500,000 into projects across the province since mid-October. The major percentage of funds granted goes towards renovation and conversion of existing facilities.

The island of Cape Breton is 110 miles long by 85 miles at its maximum width.

## Council queries day care

The Community Services Committee of Halton Regional Council was approached last week regarding the taking over of the May Court Service Club day care centre in Oakville.

The May Court Club delegation, headed by Mrs. Peter Wright of Oakville, suggested the region assume control of the nursery by June 1975. The service club can no longer support the project.

Day care will be available to all region residents should council accept the May Court recommendation.

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## Forecast of staff requested

Concerned about being "nickel and dimed to death," Halton Regional Council has requested Administrator Ernest Reed to prepare a report indicating the staff needs that will be required until the end of 1976.

Burlington Councillor Jack Raffis said he wanted to look at the entire staff needs of the region, rather than one or two people every meeting or so. Administration and Finance Chairman Ric Morrow agreed with the proposition but noted it should be used as a guide. He said there might be some situations where new staffers were urgently required as a result of a change of circumstances or workload that could not have been forecasted.

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