

**Water rates okayed**

**Delay sewer surcharge**

Uniform water rates throughout Halton were approved to take effect Jan. 1, 1979, regional council decided at its meeting at Halton Manor in Milton, Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Following a report by regional treasurer Don Farmer, council approved the rates but deferred decision to implement the sewer surcharge until after the new council has taken office.

Establishment of the water rates stems from council's Oct. 4 meeting when the decision was made.

At that time Farmer was asked to prepare a report on several aspects of the sewer surcharge which is scheduled to take effect June 30, 1979 as had been agreed at the October meeting. It was received and forwarded to the new council which takes office Dec. 13.

The action was criticized by Burlington Mayor Mary Munro. She termed it a "cop-out".

"This council has the background to make a decision," she said. "To leave the report to the first week in December is unsafe, not only to the staff but the ratepayers as well."

Munro said, "I would like to see the matter spoken to."

She said uniform rates are going to mean a shift in who pays the most. In this case, "Burlington is going to pay more."

"Burlington is paying for people in Acton and Georgetown."

Munro said "council is looking for an easy way out."

Oakville councillor Mac Anderson said, "The decision has been made. Those who fought the good fight have lost."

He agreed to have the matter referred to the '79 council.

On Nov. 1 Farmer submitted a number of recommendations, one of them being a public relations campaign to inform the public of the difference uniform water rates and a sewage surcharge are going to have on their monthly bills.

Specifically, Farmer recommended, "That with the introduction of sewer surcharges on and after June 30, 1979, the amount of the surcharge be reduced by 15 per cent for domestic consumers only in recognition of the fact that part of their water use, lawn watering in particular, does not add to sewage flows and that no further reduction be considered in respect to domestic consumers."

Because the sewage rate is tied to water consumption, Farmer said taxpayers' objections to such uses as lawn watering should be counted because the water doesn't go into the sewers.

However, he said, "The decision to base sewer surcharges on water revenue rather than water consumption softens the impact on the high water consumer as he receives the lower rate per thousand gallons for sewers as well as water, but this lessening of the impact on the high water consumer results in a somewhat heavier burden on the domestic consumer as it is necessary for the water system to raise the sum of money required to meet total expenditures."

Farmer recommended, "That for domestic consumers (one residential unit),

no sewer surcharge apply on water consumption in excess of 100,000 gallons in each calendar year."

The reason is, few domestic users require more than 100,000 gallons. The average is 60,000 to 75,000.

Farmer tackled industrial and commercial consumers.

He said users who consume a "significant" amount of water from the region and don't discharge into the sewers, "be permitted to apply for a reduction in sewer surcharge rates."

The application is to be accompanied by a statement from an independent consulting engineer, "confirming that less than 75 per cent of the water purchased from the region is directed to the re-

gion's sanitary sewage system."

Farmer said Halton has already received a request from Union Carbide in Oakville for special consideration because most of the water used at the plant evaporates as a result of the manufacturing process.

The region's implementation of uniform water rates and sewer surcharge will be assisted by special assistance grants.

Farmer recommended Halton apply to the provincial treasurer for grants totalling \$2,525,296.

The special grants will enable the 15 per cent reduction in sewer surcharge rates for domestic consumers until Dec. 31, 1982.

A public relations program explaining uniform water rates and the sewer surcharge was recommended by Farmer.

He said all water consumers should be sent a letter explaining the changes and a press kit will go to all newspapers.

"It is vitally important for a good public relations program to be organized so that ratepayers can be satisfied that the change in the method of collecting funds for sewage purposes has been adopted, because we feel that a user-pay approach is fairer than the old method of using the assessment base as a method of allocating sewage costs," he said.

**Region gets \$7 million from Canadian syndicate**

A Canadian syndicate successfully tendered to issue Halton debentures totalling \$7 million.

The announcement was made by regional treasurer D. W. Farmer at the region's meeting at Halton Manor Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Farmer said this was the first time the region held debentures out to tender.

Although bids were received from American firms, he said given the fluctuating fortunes of the Canadian dollar, accepting American money was not a good policy compared to having a Canadian firm lend the money in Canadian dollars.

The syndicate which secured the tender is composed of Burgess Graham Securities Ltd. and Assoc-

iates, the Bank of Nova Scotia, Burns Fry Ltd., Equitable Securities Ltd. and Greenshields Ltd.

Farmer said there are currently about \$10 million debentured from the region to American firms.

The debentures with the Canadian syndicate are up to 20 years with an annual interest charge of 11.25 per cent.

The money is to cover a variety of regional spending:

- \$116,500 in debentures to Milton;
- \$250,000 in debentures to Oakville;
- \$1,350,000 in debentures to Burlington; and
- \$5,283,500 in debentures to regional projects.

**Smokers enjoy habit despite warning sign**

Smoking isn't always in the nose when it comes to noticing it.

At Halton's regional council meeting at Halton Manor in Milton Wednesday, Nov. 1, the councillors were in the auditorium.

Oakville Councillor Carl Eriksen pointed to a sign which said "no smoking" and drew the matter to council's attention at the beginning of the meeting.

Halton Hills Mayor T. J. Hill noted senior citizens had smoked in the place and hadn't burned it down.

Pipe-smoking Oakville Councillor Mac Anderson quipped that Eriksen had once sat near him during a meeting and never noticed the smoke.

**User pays more under new rates**

Uniform water rates and a surcharge on sewer bills are likely going to mean the average Halton homeowner will pay more, once they are approved by regional council.

Council voted Nov. 1 to delay decision on implementation of the new water and sewer rates until the new council takes office Dec. 13.

The region accepted uniform water and sewer rates at its meeting Oct. 4. The approval was dependent on regional treasurer D. W. Farmer's report.

On Nov. 1 Farmer submitted a number of recommendations, two of them being to implement the new rates.

He also recommended a public relations campaign to inform water users what the costs will be.

One aspect of the campaign is to send letters outlining the changes.

A paragraph from one of the suggested letters says, "For the first time since the region was formed, water rates in all parts of the region will be based on the same schedule of rates."

"For most homeowners using 5,000 gallons per month, the higher cost of \$1 to \$2 per month is necessary to cover water plant expansions and other higher costs in their communities."

Farmer said the effect of the new uniform rates would vary on commercial and industrial water users in the region but those in Milton and Burlington will probably pay more. However, the costs will be less than in Hamilton-Wentworth and Peel.

When council approves the new rates, the one pertaining to water comes effective Jan. 1, the sewer on June 30, 1979.

Farmer recommended sending the water information cards in December and the letters about the sewer charges in May.

He suggested the latter say, "Starting with any billing on and after June 30, 1979, your utility bill will contain sewage costs at a rate of 105 per cent of your water bill."

"If your water usage is average, your monthly bill is \$5.11. Under the new billing method the sewer cost for this water usage would be about \$5.40 per month for a total of \$64.80 per year. For a homeowner with a property assessed at \$7,000, the increased cost will amount to less than 10 per cent."

Halton has expanded its sewage capacity 62 per cent in the last three years to a capacity of over 44 million gallons a day.

Farmer said a commercial operation in Milton with an assessment of \$46,000 would pay approximately \$6,100 in property tax of which \$530 would be allocated for sewer services under the current system.

Under the proposed system, the bill would rise to \$554 a year, an increase of 4 1/2 per cent.

**Region petitions lieutenant-governor**

Halton Regional Council approved a motion petitioning the lieutenant-governor to either rescind or vary parts of the decision made by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) with regard to Oakville's official plan.

The OMB recently ruled Oakville had to accommodate growth, its plan notwithstanding.

Oakville's official plan has been accepted by Halton as part of the region's official plan.

The region's planning committee agreed with Oakville and succeeded in having the region petition the governor Nov. 1.

—Mohawk Raceway at Campbellville continues its current race meet to Dec. 2



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The Regular Polling Day for 1978  
Municipal and School Board  
Election shall be:

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 1978**

Between the Hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8 p.m.

A notice has been mailed to each Dwelling Unit in the Municipality advising the location of the Polling Place and the Advance Polling Place for the electors in the respective Dwelling Units.

**ADVANCE POLL**

For the purpose of receiving Votes of Electors who expect to be unable to vote on November 13, 1978.

THERE WILL BE TWO ADVANCE POLLS — SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 1978 & TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1978

Between the Hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

At each of the following locations for Electors of the respective Wards.

WARD 1 (TRAFALGAR)	—Boyne Community Centre, Britannia Road, Milton, Ontario
WARD 2 (MILTON)	—Town of Milton Municipal Offices, 251 Main Street East, Milton, Ontario
WARD 3 (NASSAGAWEYA)	—Campbellville Fire Sub-station Guelph Line, North of No. 401

**NAMES NOT ON POLLING LIST**

Any person who has qualified to have his name entered on the polling list during the period of enumeration (September 4, 1978 to September 30, 1978) and finds that his name is not entered thereon or who has not filed the necessary forms to have his name entered during the period for corrections to such list (ending October 27th, 1978) can attend at my office to secure a certificate which will allow his name to be entered at the polling station. In addition to this, qualified electors may be entitled to have their name added to the list at the polling station on polling day.

Qualified Elector means: a person who during the period of September 4th, 1978 to September 30, 1978 was a Canadian citizen or other British subject, a resident of Milton or a non-resident owner or tenant or a spouse thereof and has attained the age of 18 years by November 13th, 1978.

**PROXY VOTING**

Forms are available at my office for the appointment of a voting proxy. A certificate to vote by proxy must be certified by THE CLERK. This can only be done between October 24th, 1978 and 5 p.m. Monday, November 13th, 1978.

C. Thompson,  
Clerk & Returning Officer,  
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Anne can ensure that the crowded schools question is faced head-on, and that a small fire pumper is provided on the south side of the tracks to offset the dangerous possibility of blocked crossings.

Anne MacArthur will not follow a hazardous growth for growth's sake policy.

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Anne can preserve the cultural and historical setting Milton presently enjoys. The Town Hall and Post Office are examples of this flavour that can remain local points of the spirit of our community.

Anne can ensure that the rural roads program moves from neutral to drive, easing citizen movement in and around Milton.

Anne can cut red tape, use common sense and save \$\$\$.

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Will you support a strong, cohesive, proven leader for mayor?

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