

Smoking to be continued despite pleas

An appeal by the Canadian Cancer Society to have Milton Council recognize National Non-Smoking Week by putting "no smoking" signs in the council chambers this week was flatly rejected by council.

The Milton unit of the Society asked council to give "consideration... to the banning of smoking at any council meeting held during the week."

The request was contained in a letter from Len McNeil, president of the Milton unit of the Society.

The matter was dealt with in the latter stages of the meeting, defeating the purpose of the request. Only three of 10 hands went up in favor of the ban, when it came time for the vote.

Councillor Rick Day, an ex-smoker, said he was not in favor of a ban on smoking, because it would cause councillors to "leave the room every once in a while for a smoke."

"If that happened, I'd get interrupted—even more than I do already."

Four of the 10 councillors are smokers: Don

McMillan, Blanche Hinton, Bill Johnson and Terry Gibbons. As well, Mayor Don Gordon, Treasurer Don Loughheed, Parks Director Larry Arbic and Building Inspector Ray Weido also smoke.

Councillor Rose Harrison made a motion that smoking be permanently banned in the council chambers, but that motion didn't get a seconder.

During Mr. Day's speech, he suggested all smokers in the room light up immediately, in case the request was approved.

Four people—Mr. Arbic, Mr. Loughheed, Mr. McMillan and Mrs. Hinton—took him up on that idea.



LACK OF SNOW didn't deter the Angus family from going out on a hay ride. Sleigh rides were planned but Dale Devlin, a parent, was able to substitute a wagon.

From left are: Mrs. Sylvia Angus; Christopher, 4; David Angus; and Jennifer, 8.

Minister asked to prosecute

The Halton Region Conservation Authority will petition the Ontario Environment Ministry to prosecute those responsible for a chemical dumping incident near the Mountsberg Conservation Area in December.

In a report to the authority Education Advisory Board meeting, members were told the cost for cleaning up the spill of a chemical, believed to be acetone, has been set at \$1,800.

The board was told the Ministry would probably be content if the Camp-

bellville man who did the dumping, and the Oakville firm which supplied the chemical, paid the bill for the clean-up.

But this did not sit well with members of the board particularly Joan Allingham who said she was "not against stringing people up by the thumbs" in order to get the message across the authority takes illegal dumping seriously.

The board said the authority should not be content with violators getting off with paying for the clean-up only.

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Region sends team to oppose Bill 127

Halton Regional Council has sent a strong delegation to hearings on proposed amendments to the Pits and Quarries Act which were being heard yesterday at Queen's Park.

The council had expected the Planning

Committee to review a report on the amendments yesterday but this had to be cancelled in order to appear in Toronto.

The amendments are wide-ranging and the regions is on record as being strongly opposed to

the changes suggested. Councillor Bill Johnson says these changes would allow mining for aggregates almost

anywhere in the region and that the Minister of Natural Resources would be able to over-rule an official objection on the

part of the region. This would include areas protected under the Niagara Escarpment Act.

Halton Helping Hands in need

Halton Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to maintain its level of service.

Barbara Stevens, North Halton supervisor of HHH, said today provincial cutbacks are threatening the organization's ability to continue its services.

"We need volunteers to help us," said Mrs. Stevens.

Halton Helping Hands

is a home-support service agency. It tries to keep elderly citizens independent and in their own home for as long as possible.

It also extends its services to people with chronic disabilities.

Mrs. Stevens said volunteers could help the person with housework, cooking, cleaning and "help alleviate the physical stress of homemaking."

She also said the volunteer could drive the person to or from shopping, or appointments.

"We've been able to offer quality services to these people in the past, but we're concerned about our ability to maintain that level unless we get more volunteers."

People wishing to help can contact Mrs. Stevens at 877-5920.

Nothing new on Site F appeal

The Provincial Cabinet has not made a decision yet on when it will hear the town's appeal against a sanitary landfill at Site F.

Roy Main, town clerk said Monday he hasn't heard anything about the Cabinet considering the town's appeal of an Ontario Municipal Board decision.

One year ago, the OMB held hearings in Milton on the Site F landfill project. It handed down its decision in June in favor of the landfill, as advocated by Halton Region.

Our mistake

The Champion omitted a name, that of Michelle Callan, sister of the bride, from the list of bridesmaids in the Fritzley-Callan wedding story published last week. She was an attendant when Colleen Callan was married to Terry Fritzley in Holy Rosary Church. Our apologies.

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