

Alcan pops can recovery plan on the region

A plan to change the cans that Ontarians buy soft drinks in has received slight attention from Halton Region.

Members of the solid waste management and planning and public works committees last week agreed to have Regional staff investi-

gate a plan by the Aluminum Company of Canada to change an Ontario law that requires pop cans to be made mainly of steel.

Tim Porter, a public relations consultant hired by the company, told committee members that making such a change would be "a very major contribution to waste recycling in Ontario."

He explained that under current Ontario environment laws, one end and all sides of a pop can must be made from steel. New technology, however, allows manufacturers to make the cans cheaper out of aluminum.

Derek Stephenson, president of Resource Integration Systems, a recycling consultant working on the project, said American studies have shown that 53 per cent of aluminum beverage cans are recycled and that its production requires 30 per cent less energy.

Mr. Porter said that the recycling value of the aluminum can would provide an im-

petus to the development of technology to profitably recycle other materials.

"What this is, is an economic engine," he said. "Those recycling companies that are only marginal now would have a definite incentive to hire more people."

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Another election is over and Gord Krantz is assured of seeing his 20th anniversary in local government. Members of the newly elected town council for 1983-5 were inaugurated Monday night. On hand to celebrate the occasion with the mayor were his wife Olive and mother Helen.



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'Watchdog' group is formed

A citizens' action group designed to help ratepayers present their grievances to town council in the planning stages.

Larry Cunningham, campaign manager for municipal candidate Michael Winney said he feels a group is necessary to act as a watchdog over council.

"I have gone through the minutes of council meetings for the past couple of years and found too many items have been simply filed and received," he said, adding he felt more attention should have been paid to some subjects.

Mr. Cunningham said he plans to also approach candidates who were unsuccessful in their bid for a seat, to become involved in the group.

Those interested in participating or getting more information are asked to write to Mr. Cunningham at 734 Main St.

Grieve balks at cop cost

One police commissioner believes Chief James Harding is "trying to push through" a \$51,000 new program that is not in the approved 1982 budget.

Commissioner James Grieve was outvoted at last Thursday's police commission meeting concerning a proposed new audio-visual inhouse training program which the Chief wants to start immediately.

"If we don't move now, we'll lose all the saving," said Mr. Harding. "\$51,000 is a big chunk, but it will be a savings in the long run."

"We need to obtain the equipment and the sooner the better—we'll lose the cost-effectiveness if we wait," the Chief stressed.

But Commissioner Grieve told commissioners it is "frivolous not to have tenders."

"This way of having money and spending it is frowned upon in business," Mr. Grieve said. "I'd rather have this deferred to the 1983 budget."

Mr. Grieve was the only commissioner who voted against the proposal.

Mr. Grieve said later the commission is going to have quotations instead of tenders to save time. But Administrator Robin Hale said tenders for the equipment were expected to be completed by December 14.

Oakville Major Harry Barrett who was not pre-

Inaugural hears fiscal promises

Restraint and togetherness are the watchwords for the next three years of municipal government, according to Mayor Gord Krantz.

That's the message Mr. Krantz delivered to

councillors and friends attending the inaugural meeting of town council Monday night.

The new council, elected Nov. 8, will serve for a three year term. There were virtually no changes in

the faces around the table.

"We all know that we are in a period of restraint and that must be a high priority," Mr. Krantz said. "I'm serving notice on all our departments, boards and commission that huge dollar or percentage increases in their budgets will not be tolerated by myself."

"The magic figures of six and five per cent will be adhered to," he added.

This emphasis on cost control, he admitted, may mean that the standards of some local services will decline "but I'm confident that will not happen."

"We must work together and I'm confident that we can," he added.

Among the major priorities he listed for the upcoming year are the relocation of town hall and the redevelopment of the current site and the ongoing need for industrial development to correct the current imbalance of assessments in Milton.

Correction

An incorrect headline on the front page of last week's issue of The Canadian Champion stated that two Milton teenagers had been jailed for their part in a vandalism spree that destroyed a Bell St. residence.

In fact the youths have been remanded for a pre-sentence report and have not yet been sentenced. The Champion regrets this error and any embarrassment it may have caused.

Water rate

(Continued from page A1) by the staff, including the purchase of safety equipment for the water plants and a new program of meter testing and a system of increased repairs to sanitary sewer connections and an increased budget for scheduled and emergency maintenance at the Oakville pumping station.

"In the last couple of years, rather than moving forward, we have been slipping back," he said. "We just aren't spending the money on system maintenance and the results are going to start to show."

Committee members finally approved a portion of the additional spending recommended

They also approved spending 20 per cent of the balance of the proposals, phased over a five year period.

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