## Almost the worst

By STEVE ARNOLD **News Editor** 

Halton still has the second worst regional road system in Ontario, according to the latest consultant's study presented to the planning and public works committee last week.

report also warned committee members they would have to spend more than \$35.8 million just to meet the immediate repair needs of the system. Another \$13.4 million in repairs will be needed in the next five years.

In Milton and area, 37 stretches of road have been included in the list for immediate repairs, with a total price tag of more than \$18.2 million.

Six of these projects are for Guelph Line alone, at a cost of more than \$4.5 million. Public works director Bob Moore said the study was an annual update of a road needs study carried out four years ago. An indepth review of the regional system will be

conducted next year.

The information gathered through the studies is used by the region in making subsidy applications to the provincial govern-

Committee members also approved a recommendation to hire another consultant, for \$31,000, to continue a detailed analysis of the pavement of regional roads to collect information on the deterioration of the system.

Rick Robertshaw, manager of the public works department's engineering branch, said the roads needs study was mainly for subsidies "but this gets into a very scientific kind of approach.'

The study, he said, would examine the regional road system "at a network level to try to use our money to the best advantage for the entire system."

For several years, Mr. Robertshaw said in answer to questions by councillors, the region has been moving money from the construction portion of its roads budget to maintenance in an effort to keep the aging system patched up and safe.

"All we're really doing there is buying some time because eventually we are going to have to reconstruct the entire system," he

# Two car charge will not change

By LINDA KIRBY Staff Writer

Two car families hoping to get a break on gate entrance fees at local conservation areas are out of luck.

The issues was discussed at a meeting of Conservation Area Community

## October opening planned

The official opening of the Hilton Falls gatehouse is planned for this fall and will include a variety of special activities in honor of the occasion.

The "special event" is prosposed for Oct. 1 and will feature and introduction and preview of the Hilton Falls master plan.

Halton Region Conservation Authority is also planning helicopter rides over the area to show the expanse of the conservation area and the nature of the landscape.

Wagon rides will also be offered and there will be a wildlife and forestry exhibit and demonstration by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

There will also be a tour of the Hilton Falls dam and reservoir and visitors can look forward to a variety of entertainment and food services.

The day's events will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and invited guests will include local provincial and municipal politicians, members of the Conservation Authority and Foundation, senior staff from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

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Relations Advisory Board Thursday evening following receipt of a report submitted by Sandy Bell, manager of the Conservation Areas Division.

Individuals now pay \$30 for annual car pass to all of the conservation areas in the region. Mid-week passes sell for \$20.

Authority members recently endorsed a request to conservation staff to look into the possibility of a reduction in the cost of second weekday car passes.

But according to Mr. Bell, the Authority is now providing a fairly good product for a "very reasonable price".

"It's a good deal," he said, noting that families need pay only six visits a year to Kelso to realize the value of their pass.

According to Mr. Bell, part of the problem of providing reduced rates for second car families is people take advantage of the opportunity to sell the pass to friends.

He also noted recent complaints for reduced passes could be attributed to a crackdown by gatehouse attendants on the use of the passes.

Authority policy is the pass must be affixed to the window of the vehicle to be valid. Prior to this year, enforcement of this requirement had been a little lax and many people took advantage of the situation by switching their pass from car to car and

from family to family, said Mr. Bell. Although at one point, several years ago, second car passes were issued free of charge to two-car families, that system soon turned out to be more problem than value, and it was decided a fee would be charged for the second pass.

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Board members ageed to support Mr. Bell's recommendation for the status quo. A final decision will be made by the entire Authority next month.

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