

# Halton will hang in too

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tem, which could add chlorine to the system in the event of contamination.

Ms Savoline insisted that Milton residents had a right to be informed. The resolution was, "A clear indication to the people of Milton that the region has done everything it can do," said Ms Savoline. "It is obvious that provincial bureaucrats are strapped by their own rules and regulations. The ball is clearly in the province's court."

Mr. Krantz stood his ground. "The region is trying to wash its hands of this and I don't want any part of it," he said.

Milton Councillor Colin Best said people have moved to Milton to get away from chlorinated water for health reasons. He said if local government is seen to be abandoning the fight against chlorine then those people could look at legal action.

Ms Savoline said any legal action would have to be directed against the province.

Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale supported the resolution and Ms. Savoline's position. "We have to do this. We are the board of health," said Ms Mulvale. "We have an order to comply, not a request."

Oakville Councillor Liz Behrens said the region would be abdicating its responsibility to all of Halton if it allowed standby chlorination because any liability claim would be paid by all taxpayers.

# Cop logo contest on

Halton Regional Police want entries to the Silver Jubilee logo contest.

Back in May, police announced the winning slogan honoring their 25th year of service: Silver Jubilee, 1974-1998, 25 Years of Community Service.

To compliment this slogan, police are looking for a logo. The entries should include references to the policing areas of Halton, the past and the future, the regional colours and the incorporation of the slogan into the logo.

Closing date for the contest is July 31, 1997.

Halton Regional Police came into existence on Jan. 1, 1974.

# Fresh input on the Crown land

Those who live and work near Ontario Crown land may now have a stronger say about protection plans for their stomping grounds.

Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson recently announced the appointment of 41 representatives to three regional round tables as part of the Lands for Life program.

Aimed at developing grass-roots strategies for the protection and use of natural resources, the project will focus on three specific areas: Boreal East (bounded roughly by Kirkland Lake, Hearst and Wawa); Boreal West (north of Lake Superior from Marathon to Thunder Bay to Fort Frances) and the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence area, which includes land north of Haliburton and Huntsville west to Sault Ste. Marie.

Members include environmentalists, aboriginal peoples, tourism operators, foresters and concerned citizens selected through a nomination process in March and April. Each member must reside in the region he or she represents.

# Play it safe, lock up

Police are warning citizens not to let those lazy days of summer put them in a position to be victimized.

Thefts from three Milton homes were reported last week after residents left their side garage doors unlocked, said Constable Rick Earle of Halton Regional Police.

Sets of golf clubs and a cellular phone were stolen from garages of homes on Woodward Avenue, Willow Avenue and

Clover Park Crescent overnight June 21.

The cellular phone was stolen from a vehicle left unlocked in one of the garages, Constable Earle said.

"People don't lock cars in garages either," he noted.

The community support officer added that people also have a tendency to leave the front and side doors of their homes unlocked while they're in the backyard — another habit that should be avoided.

# Teachers get a new deal

The Halton Board of Education and Halton elementary school teachers have ratified a two-year deal, with no increase in pay.

The tentative agreement was approved by the board at the June 12 meeting and was ratified by the 1,750 elementary teachers June 19. The new deal will be effective Sept. 1, 1996 through Aug. 31, 1998.

The collective agreement arrived at by the two unions involved, local branches of the Ontario Public School Teachers' Federation and the Federation of Women Teachers' Association of Ontario, includes changes to planning time, the pupil-teacher ratio and the benefit package.

Erica Andrews, president of the Halton Elementary Teachers' Association, is glad the talks are finally over. Despite receiving no increase in pay, she is satisfied with the deal.

"The agreement brings a measure of stability to the board, especially when going out for the summer," said Ms Andrews. "I think it's a fair and equitable agreement."

With the new contract, teachers will have 160 minutes per week in planning time, for a full-time instructor. The collective agreement will allow two professional

activity days to be used for planning time, as well as a newly designated third day on June 5, 1998.

Effective September, 1997, there will be an increase in the pupil-teacher ratio from 16.89 to 17.14. This increase will save the cost of approximately 22.5 full-time equivalent teacher positions. Class sizes will not be affected.

Changes to the benefits package will result in additional savings of \$298,000 annually.

"As a result of this agreement, students will be better served because teachers will be spending more time in the classroom," said Linda Glover, Chair of the Halton Board of Education.

# Correction

There was an error in the headline of a recent story promoting last weekend's Strawberry Fair.

The headline indicated the event was to be held at Springridge Farm contrary to the story, which cited the actual location — Milton District Hospital.

The newspaper apologizes for any inconvenience.

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