

Procedural hassle

Change committees from four to three

By Bob Burt
It came only after one of the region's grandest procedural hassles but the committee structure has been changed to reduce the number of committees from four to three. Halton Regional Council

approved a system Wednesday that would reduce the number of committees by merging Administration and Community Services into one committee. That leaves Public Works and Planning as separate committees.

Council had wrestled with the problem for more than an hour before agreeing to reduce the number of committees. That change allows Milton to have one representative on each committee. With only three representatives, it has been necessary for Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur to serve on two committees.

Want two
Halton Hills councillors had asked that three of the five members from that community be allowed to serve on two committees to ensure that each committee had at least two representatives.

Burlington Mayor George Harrington argued that the region had been founded on the basis of representation by population and that principle should be retained.

He suggested a system of block voting where members from the southern, more heavily populated communities would have ballots weighed in their favor.

Councillor Terry Mannell suggested the three committee structure. That system provides for three members from Burlington to be on each committee, three from Oakville on Administration and two on Public Works and Planning. Milton will have one on each committee and Halton Hills will have one on Administration and two on Public Works and Planning.

Name alternates
The new system also provides for alternates sitting in for members of any committee in the event of absenteeism.

Halton Hills appointed Councillors Len Cox and Ernie Sykes to the Public Works committee, Mayor Tom Hill to Community Service and Administration and Councillors Ric Morrow and Pat McKenzie to Planning. Milton appointed Mayor Anne MacArthur to Public Works, Councillor Marjorie Powys to Administration and Councillor Jim Watson to Planning.

In the first year of regional government members were appointed to committees but allowed to sit in and vote on matters at any other committee. Several members felt that system was too unwieldy.



A PROCLAMATION setting aside the week of Feb. 2 to 8, 1975 as Dental Health Week in Milton was signed this week by Milton's Mayor Anne MacArthur. Assisting her is Dr. Daie Schisler of Oakville, president of the Halton-Peel Dental Association which is backing the special week of dental health education in the two regions.

Mailbox vandals fined

Mailbox vandalism is costly, two Halton Hills men found out in court last week. A Georgetown man and an R.R. 2 Acton man, both in their 20s, were charged with

public mischief after 15 rural mailboxes and two highway signs were knocked down. In court last week they pleaded guilty and were each fined \$100.

H.H. Hinton heads Sheridan governors

H. H. "Bert" Hinton, former reeve of Acton and Halton warden, was elected as chairman of the board of governors of Sheridan College at their first meeting of 1975 Wednesday evening of last week. He promised a change in attitude in accountability to the students and the community, and an "adventurous new period."

He is a charter member of the Sheridan board and this is his eighth term. He is appointed by the county of Halton.

He beat out last year's vice-chairman Archie Turner of Mississauga in a secret vote. He replaces past chairman John Ronson of Mississauga, who has completed the maximum eight years allowed for his appointment by the governing Council of Regents.

Vice-chairman is Bill Cooke, a Brampton lawyer. Dr. Carl Martin of Milton was one of four who withdrew from this nomination.

Three new members, appointed by the Council of Regents. For the first time, the alumni is represented on the 12-man board. The first graduate to be appointed is Janice Johnston, 23, of Georgetown, who graduated from Sheridan's advertising course in 1972. She is advertising copywriter for The Canadian Champion, Milton. Her parents are Councillor Len Cox and Mrs. Cox of Esquesing.

"I think the role of the community college has changed noticeably since 1970, the year in which I enrolled," Mrs. Johnson comments. "Now is the time, I feel, that boards of governors of colleges need an alumni representative - not for the purpose of radical change - but to have a competent representative who had experienced the college influences first hand."

Mr. Hinton was particularly pleased to have the alumni represented.

Two others Other new members appointed are Audrey Ryckman, Burlington, a past member of the board of education and Burlington election candidate and Don Carlson, Oakville, past vice-president of public affairs for Ford of Oakville. They replace John Ronson, Dr. John Bell and J. W. Ostler.

"It is a great honor and satisfaction to be elected board chairman," said Mr. Hinton, "and I assure you that everything I do, as I've tried to do in the past, will be in the interest of Sheridan."

Above average He is optimistic and says "I think we have a very strong and competent administration and an above-average faculty which has attracted an above-average student population."

While he says "the whole college is great" he looks to the board assuming more responsibility, and not just rubber stamping. The board must create guidelines for itself as well as for the

college's advisory boards. He disapproves of the time spent in committee of the whole meetings which are closed to the public and press. "I feel that the business of the college including budgets should be open to the public" and he will have the fewest items possible considered in camera.

Cuts have been made in government support to community colleges and the budget will have to be analyzed, he said, but he is full of confidence about the future for Sheridan.

Mr. Hinton is also a member of the executive of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario. He has been on that board since its formation.



NEW chairman of Sheridan College board of governors is Bert Hinton of Acton.

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INSP. C. G. "TINY" WILKINSON, former head of the Milton Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, was recently promoted to the rank of Superintendent and transferred from Sudbury to North Bay. Supt. Wilkinson assumed command of No. 12 District at North Bay on Jan. 13. He served with the OPP at London, Forest, Glencoe and Oakville before working in Milton in the 1960s. Since then he has been at Niagara Falls, Chatham, Downsview and Sudbury. He and his wife have taken up residence in North Bay.

Snow prepared to take 5% pay cut

Halton East M.P.P. and Minister of Governmental Services Jim Snow said he is prepared to take a five per cent reduction in salary.

It has been proposed that Ontario cabinet ministers take a five per cent reduction as an example.

"Some kind of decision should be made Wednesday (today) in cabinet. I have not been involved in any of the discussions concerning the reduction," Snow said.

He said he was in favor of the reduction if it would assist in providing a meaningful example to people in Ontario but he isn't "convinced yet it would obtain the desired results."

Snow noted he knows of people in certain industries that are taking reductions of up to 10 per cent rather than have layoffs in their plants. "The idea is to have the team together when the economic climate improves," he suggested.

Snow said he wouldn't be in favor of M.P.P.'s taking a similar reduction since most of them derive their entire in-

come from that salary and they certainly aren't overpaid. He added that subject will also be considered today.

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