



Pictured here, The Olsten Visiting Nurses serving the region. Left to right: Shirley Egger RN, Kim Grace RN, Stephanie Joseph RN, Donna Morris RN, Karyn McGilvray, Judith Drosky RPN (front), Marlene Ariss RPN (back), Evelyn Labusch RN

Olsten Health Services Proud To Be Serving Halton Region

Olsten Health Services was recently awarded a contract from the Community Care Access Centre of Halton, to provide Visiting Nursing throughout the Region. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to deliver client-centred, high quality care to the patients and families of Halton.

Our team of 15 nurses is led by Linda Lane, RN, Manager of Clinical Practice, who has 24 years of nursing experience, and our co-ordinator is Norma Tomlin, RPN. Together they bring a depth of nursing and home care experience that will ensure compassionate and professional nursing care.

Olsten Health Services has been providing home care services to communities across Canada for nearly 30 years, and is excited to be establishing roots in Halton. We are committed to the highest ethical standards and to providing value to the members of this community.



Buying time on welfare

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more people who require these services than there were a few years ago because of other program changes," said Halton Chair Joyce Savoline.

Mr. Dennison said his plan would provide the groups more time to find alternate funding or to raise money. He indicated he wants the grants phased out.

Ms Ewart said her department had tried to free up money from the provincial Ontario Works program but had been unsuccessful.

"As long as we fund it the province won't take the responsibility," said Ms Mulvale. "We are paying bills now that I don't think we should be paying. I believe strongly this is a ripple of provincial policies."



Mega-board look worries councillors

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adding to the confusion.

Surface treatment tenders

Milton will spend \$170,088 on gravel for rural road improvements in 1998. The project comes in under budget by almost \$10,000, with the low bidder, Cox Construction, being awarded the contract.

Eramosa Sand just missed out on the contract with a bid a little more than \$2,000 above the winning one.

The highest bid of the six received came in at \$323,101.25. There were 19 companies which initially expressed an interest in making a bid for the work.

In another project town council awarded MSO Construction with a \$275,000 contract to undertake upgrades of some rural roads. The contract is handled on a joint tender basis for all Halton municipalities.

Milton is on a five year cycle of resurfacing rural roads. According to a report by John Matthews, director of Public Works, good prices in the past couple of years have allowed Milton to keep up with the five year timetable. However, prices have risen sharply for 1998.

The report indicates the proposed program for 1998 will reduce Milton's gravel roads by 3.1 kilometers, leaving only 39 kilometers still gravel. In 1984 Milton still had 96.5 kilometers of gravel roads, representing about 30 per cent of the total road system.

Milton doesn't like mega-board look

Generally unhappy with the proposals for creating a Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB) the Town of Milton recently fired off comments to the provincial government.

"The GTSB has become a level of government looking for a role to play," warned Councillor John Challinor.

Milton council suggests that operations be handled through an authority, much the way GO Transit is run. Local councillors also called for provincial and federal cabinet representation on the GTSB, parity representation rather than representation by population for regions, and an exemption for the Halton waste management site from use by greater Toronto.

Councillor Wally Hunter said the proposed legislation does not mirror what he thought the GTSB would be. He said the board should be making services simpler to use and create. He said simplification can only occur if the province plans to end regional government.

Emergency funds

Members of the administration and planning committee recently approved emergency funding of \$3,630.10 to cover a security system installation and a new furnace pilot light assembly.

In addition councillors agreed to allow Jim McQueen, town director of corporate services, to authorize emergency expenditures below \$5,000 without prior council approval.

Mayor Krantz suggested the change in order to more quickly deal with emergencies. Committee members quickly agreed.

LCBO concerns

Council took no action on a request to endorse the status quo at Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) outlets.

Susan Goring, an LCBO employee from Fergus, asked council to stand against potential privatization.

She said privatization would likely result in closing smaller stores, such as the one in Acton, and a poorer selection, especially in smaller markets.

"Private liquor stores will not have the economies of scale enjoyed by the LCBO," she said.

She said employees of the LCBO have been pushing for better ways to serve the public, including the introduction of debit and credit card services and extended hours.

Ms Goring said the LCBO refused to serve more than 76,000 customers in 1997. She said without the profit made by the liquor retailer, property taxes might have to increase.

"Let's remember if it's not broken there is no need to fix it," she said.

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