

Region spending \$150 k in emergency work study

Regional councillors are hiring a consultant to study emergency services, and will pay as much as \$150,000 for the work.

The consultant will study emergency service options, provide recommendations and perform a full financial review of ambulance services.

The work will be done in conjunction with several other Greater Toronto Area regional governments.

"These are complex issues. I believe we have to get a handle on service delivery options and recommended criteria," said Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Bob Nosal.

The issue was being dealt with by the Halton Area Services Review but that committee's members have complained about difficulty getting information from the provincial government.

Diane Dennis-Findlay, general manager of Canadian Medical Response, which represents the Halton-Peel Ambulance Service, said the schedule proposed by the Region for action is too short.

"It's a difficult, complex issue," she said. "A two month timeline (for establishing consultant tasks) followed by three months before start-up is a little short."

Ms Findlay said allowing a year is a more realistic schedule. She added if the Region insists on keeping to the quicker pace there should be consideration given to narrowing the study.

Milton Councillor Rick Malboeuf said his community is not well served by the current system.



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The public is cordially invited to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

DATE AND LOCATION:
June 17, 1998

**Community Care Access Centre
440 Elizabeth Street, 4th Floor
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Burlington ON L7R 2M1**

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allow for a stable organization and provides a base for the social planning council to leverage other funds.

Burlington Councillor Jack Dennison led the charge to pull funding from the social planning council, saying it is Halton policy to try to get out of the grants business.

He also pointed out that much of the information provided to Halton council by the social planning council is actually supplied to the latter group by Halton staff.

"We have to decide what is most needed in the community," said Mr. Dennison. "Some things they do are very worthwhile but maybe they belong to other agencies or levels of government, such as literacy programs being conducted by the board of education."

Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale said the committee does not have the detailed knowledge of the social planning council to shut off the grant or determine the timetable. She called for a staff report on the issue.

"They are on notice now that changes could happen, but I want to see the figures," said Ms Mulvale. "With the proper information we'll know if we should put this agency on notice officially."

Rookie Councillor Linda Schreiber took a position between Mr. Dennison and Ms Mulvale in supporting the study, with an eye to reducing Halton's grant to the social planning council.

"I don't want a report with a lot of verbiage saying these are great people. I already know that, I need specific detail," she said.

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