

Chudleigh's hospital funding motion is successful

Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh's motion calling for municipal and hospital funding to be based on current population counts was supported by the Ontario legislature Friday.

Members of the legislature voted 31-1 in favour of the resolution that insists the Ontario government use updated

Forum on volunteering

Local residents are invited to attend a community forum Thursday to learn about the work of the Chairman's Roundtable on the Non-Profit and Voluntary Sector.

The roundtable will present recommendations developed over the past several months and provide an overview of its fact-finding activities, including a series of community dialogues with Halton's volunteers, agencies and funding organizations.

The free event will feature keynote speaker Ian Hill of the Changing Point. He was once an at-risk youth and has since moved from a successful career in the private sector to a community leader and capacity builder across North America.

In addition, the forum will provide an opportunity for agencies, volunteers, funders, elected officials and the community to develop strategies to support the roundtable's recommendations and strengthen Halton's non-profit and voluntary sector.

"The input of all stakeholders is needed to create strategies that will keep this sector thriving and continuing to serve the needs of our community," said Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline. "That's why it's so important for Halton residents to bring their ideas to the table on June 15."

The community forum will be held at Le Dome Banquet Hall, 1173 North Service Rd. E., Oakville, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

For more information or to register call the Region at (905) 825-6000 or visit www.halton.ca/VolunteerRoundtable.

A report on the roundtable will be brought forward to regional council in September.

population counts when determining provincial funding transfers to municipalities, hospitals and other partner agencies.

"I was surprised the member for Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Aldershot, who represents several growth communities, voted against this," said Chudleigh.

"All other members of the legislature seemed to understand that this is simply a non-partisan request for funding equality for the people of Ontario."

Chudleigh said now the issue needs to be taken up by the government, especially in light of the strong multi-party support it received in the legislature. He said he would push the government to act on the issue.


"In some parts of the province population growth is so rapid that census data, which is used to determine provincial funding, is obsolete even before it's available," he said. "People who live in high growth municipalities are being short-changed of their fair share of provincial dollars."

For example, census data from 2001 has Milton's population listed as 35,000, but Town officials say Milton's true population is 62,000 and rising.

"The current funding model does not recognize growing communities such as Milton because it is based on outdated information," said Mayor Gord Krantz.

"Our population has nearly doubled since the 2001 census, so in areas such as gas tax and hospital funding, Milton is essentially receiving half of what it should. I believe Mr. Chudleigh is on the right track with his proposal to base funding on a more up-to-date system of population counting."

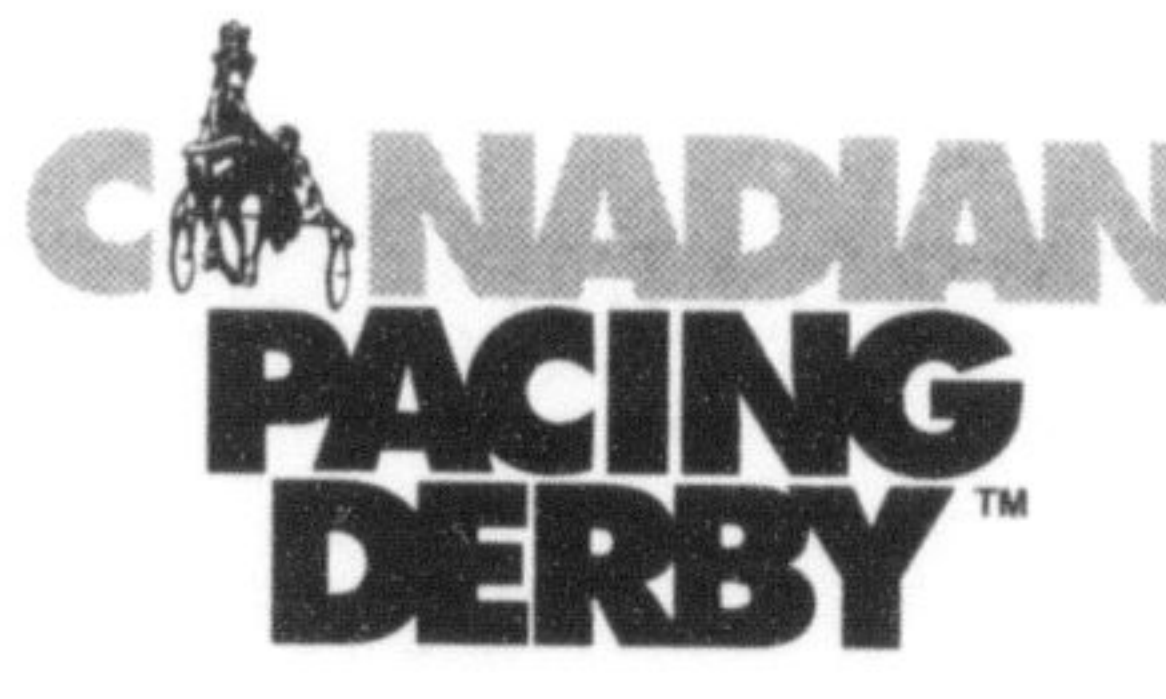



As part of his motion to the legislature, Chudleigh proposed that population figures should be based on household counts from property tax rolls with a multiplier to account for children. This system is currently used by the Province to determine which communities qualify as medically underserved.



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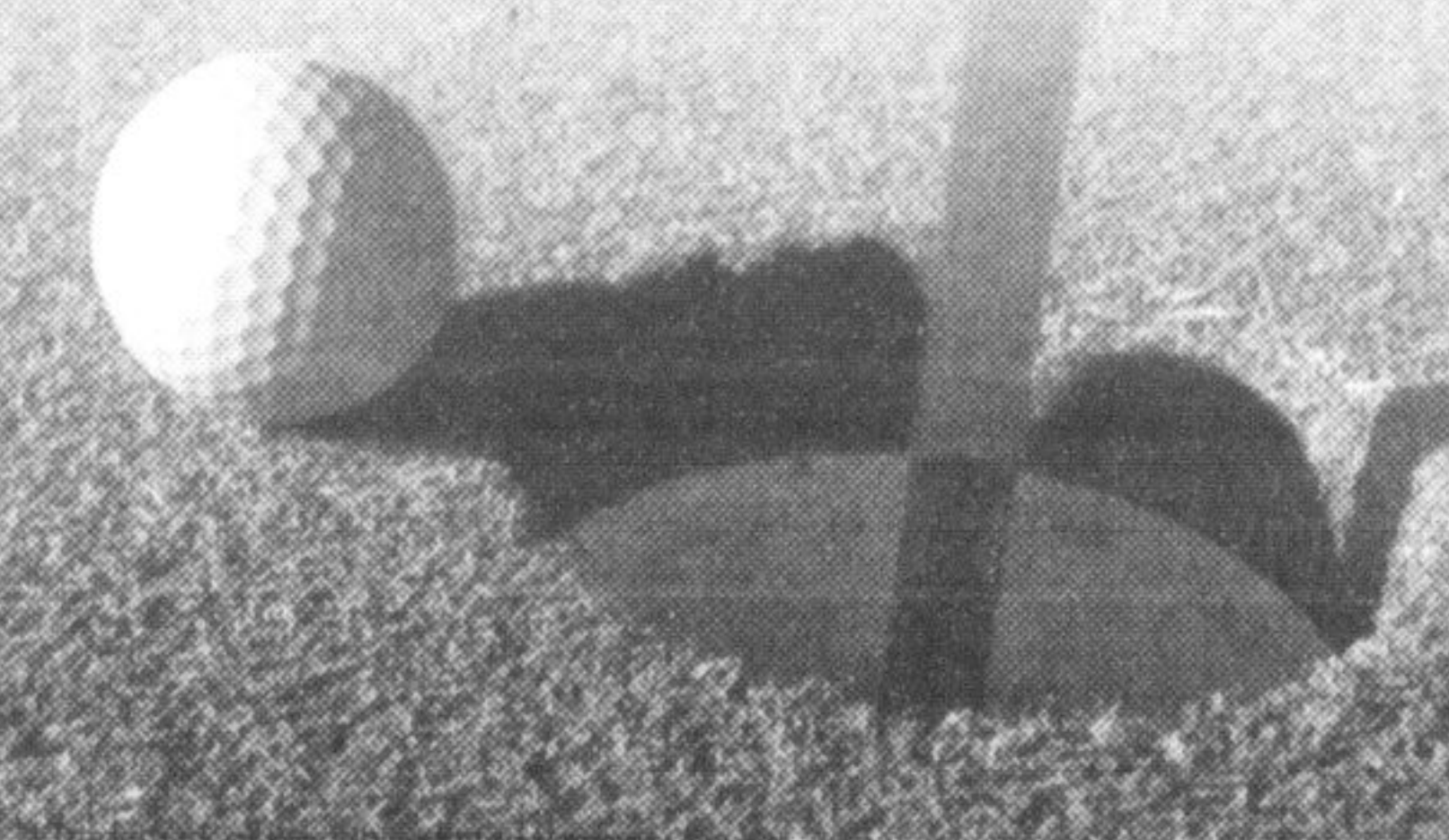
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