

## Regional councillors' pay increases approved

Incoming regional councillors are going to make about \$2,500 a year more than expected thanks to a decision made by Halton council Wednesday.

Council approved the raise that will go into effect December 1, taking councillors' salaries from \$36,535 to \$39,168. A boost in the regional chairman's wages — from \$144,828 a year to \$147,029 — was also endorsed.

The Citizen Advisory Committee on Council Remuneration, which consists of eight Halton residents, rec-

ommended the raises to bring council's earnings up to par with other municipalities.

The group will reconvene in two years to decide if a full salary market review is required.

Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline commended the group once again for its efforts, noting, "It's a job we couldn't do effectively because of the awkwardness of it."

The salary increases are expected to cost the Region an extra \$54,861 annually.

## Search on for new deputy chief

Halton police are searching for a new deputy chief.

The Halton Regional Police Services Board is embarking on filling the vacant Deputy Chief - Operations position created when Gary Crowell assumed the role of Chief of Police June 3.

In making the announcement, Ken Musgrave, chair of the police services board, said that in the best interests of the service and the community, applications will be invited from both internal and external candidates.

"It must be noted that this decision was taken by the board in full recognition of the existence of very talented and high-

ly-qualified individuals within the Halton Regional Police Service," said Musgrave.

The decision to fill the vacancy at this time is welcome news, said Crowell, as the priorities of the police service and the region are addressed.

"The filling of the deputy's position will allow the management team to ensure the service's goals and objectives for the community are carried out.

"It also allows the service to continue fulfilling its mission to provide effective and efficient community-based policing services," the chief said.

The board hopes to announce the results of its

recruitment efforts by the end of the year.

Halton police had two deputy chiefs prior to Crowell's promotion to chief.

Mike Kingston is deputy chief of administration; he was promoted to that position in November 2004.

The Halton Regional Police Services Board is a seven-member civilian board that governs Halton Regional Police. Under the Police Services Act, the board is responsible for providing adequate and effective police services to the citizens of Halton Region.

## All-way stop at Britannia and 4th Line

The Region has put a temporary all-way stop in place at the intersection of Britannia Road and Fourth Line.

The move comes as a result of a Thompson Road reconstruction project from Britannia Road to Louis St. Laurent Boulevard.

With the closure of the busy road, Fourth Line has become an alternate route for residents. The all-way stop will be in place for about five weeks

until the work is done.

There'll also be an additional police presence at the intersection and random enforcement to ensure the all-way stop is followed.

The Region says the change will improve both traffic operations and safety at the intersection for the more than 9,000 vehicles that use Britannia Road daily.

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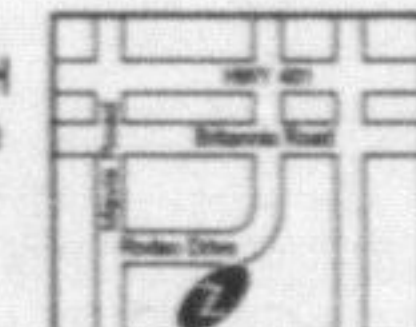
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