

## Battle over social service grants

The differences and polemics of Halton's four municipalities are best shown when local groups appeal to the region after their funds have been terminated.

At regional council, several groups were on hand to appeal the cutback or cutoff of funding following deliberations made by social services committee recently which was trying to stick to a 4 per cent guideline.

Health and social services chairman Peter Arch urged council to stick to its 4-per-cent ceiling, an inflationary guideline from which the committee rarely veered during the funding debates. Halton agree to allocate \$522,000 to social service groups this year and has done so to the penny, he said. No more, he urged, should be spent.

Milton mayor Gord Krantz was asked by Burlington mayor Roly Bird, why Milton town council will not locally fund the Milton Human Services Centre (MHSC). Mr. Krantz replied, "because I'm not one of those bleeding hearts."

Mr. Krantz agreed with Mr. Bird that the MHSC should not seek regional funding, but neither should the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington which gets a substantial Halton boost.

"That's a completely different thing," said Burlington councillor Walter Mulkevich.

Saying his committee would support a one-time start-up grant for MHSC if the Milton council offers support, Mr. Arch took exception to Mr. Krantz's suggestion that the committee is comprised of "bleeding hearts."

"That's tough," Mr. Krantz retorted prompting a second complaint from Mr. Arch as to parliament.

### Brochure a help to school children

A new brochure for school children has been published describing trespassing and ways it can be handled by children.

The brochure entitled, *Get Permission First*, was commissioned by the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee because of a problem of trespassing on farms. It was designed by Sheridan College School of Visual Arts and the region donated \$200 to the college in appreciation.

Approval has been granted by the two school boards for the brochures to be distributed among students in Grades 6-8 and extras are available to members of the public.

Mr. Bird pointed out that his city funds Information Burlington without regional help and suggested other communities could do the same. MHSC officials had appealed Halton's grant decision because the

Acton Social Services and Information Centre got much more of a grant. Mr. Bird suggested that the information function of both groups could be split with local funding going to information and regional funding going to the social services side.

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