



Many farmers' fields resemble lakes after two solid weeks of rain dropped about 25 centimetres of water in the area. Although there were several times when Kelso Reservoir and 16 Mile Creek reached dangerously high levels, neither overflowed their banks.



Rain, rain and more rain have brought levels in creeks and ponds to their high points recently. However, the past few rain-free days have permitted the flow to subside. The worst problem has been that fields are saturated with water causing all new rain to immediately drain to the nearest creek.

## No threat of floods despite record rainfall

The recent respite of sunshine from almost two solid weeks of rain have helped only slightly to solve many of its accompanying problems. Since Sept. 1, about 10 inches of rain has fallen in the Milton area, the most on record for close to 40 years.

John Matthews, the Town's public works director, said he has had several crews out in force clearing storm sewers to free the movement of water. He said with trees shed,

ding the leaves, sewers have become blocked with saturated leaves necessitating regularly cleaning.

He has had few reports of flooding, although some basements in town have a tendency to flood anyway. The large amount of rainwater has raised creeks to dangerous levels - flooding some fields - but 16 Mile Creek remains within the allowable limits and poses no immediate danger.

Ray Tufgar, manager of water resources for Halton Region Conservation Authority, said the reservoir at Kelso survived a flood threat last week.

He said Kelso reached its crisis point last Monday. However, he said that by maintaining the emergency overflow at the maximum discharge for about five days, the flooding was avoided.

He said the water situation is

under control now.

The wet farmland has delayed several farm operations. Some low lying land remains saturated under a sea of water making it impossible for farmers to work. Some farmers have resorted to planting their winter wheat by air. About a week of dry windy weather is needed before tractors can properly operate on the fields and harvest what stands to be a good crop.

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## Leaders touch base at Halton caucus

Presenting a more united front to bring federal and provincial development money to Halton Region was one of the many outcomes of a special "Halton Caucus" meeting held Monday.

The meeting was proposed by Halton regional chairman Peter Pomeroy and designed to bring all four levels of government together under one roof to discuss items of mutual interest.

Those attending included: federal members: Otto Jelinek (Halton), Bill Kemping (Burlington) and John McDermid (Halton Hills/Brampton); three of the four provincial members including Halton

Burlington MPP Don Knight, the four mayors of Halton and Mr. Pomeroy who took the chair.

He said Peel, Durham and York regions have all benefitted in one way or another from federal and/or provincial loans to get development moving.

"We might look at a Halton version of federal or provincial support and possibly money from the municipalities and the other players like the developers," Mr. Pomeroy said.

He said there was general agreement that the four levels should come together to help Halton apply for development money on a loan

basis. This has been done in Durham and York regions.

Mr. Pomeroy said the feeling in the room was "positive" and said a large number of items for the next agenda came out of the Monday morning meeting in the Milton town hall committee room. He said the next meeting will probably take place in the spring. He expects three meetings will be held in 1987.

"I'd say a meeting of four hours because we have so many people to get together... and about 15 items on the agenda," Mr. Pomeroy said.

He said the subjects discussed Monday ran from social housing to economic development.

Mr. Pomeroy confirmed there was discussion of the water sewer line from Oakville to Milton but only in the broadest sense. He said discussion centered more on being better prepared for future development.

He indicated the next move in terms of the double line must come from the locally affected

municipalities (Milton and Halton Hills) and the region and that the initiative must flow from there to the next levels of government.

"We have to start looking down the line for the next 20 years and defining where it is we should be," he said.

Mayor Gord Krantz said he found the meeting productive and of benefit to Milton. He said he hopes the meetings will continue to be held.

## First diabetes fund raiser

The Oakville and District Branch of The Canadian Diabetes Association received permission from Milton Council Monday to plan a fund-raising drive in November.

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