Police get 4 per cent raise in new contract

By CARMELA FRAGOMENI A first-class Halton police constable now earns \$41,000 a year.

after the force ratified its contract

agreement Saturday.

Staff Sergeant Ron Southgate, president of the Halton Police Association; said the increase acrossthe board is 4 per cent, effective Jan. 1 this year, and a 1.5 per cent increase is effective on July 1.

Previous to the new one year contract, a first class constable earned \$39,000. Staff Sgt. Southgate said the salary increase and the benefits improvements bring the Halton force's 335 uniformed officers and 134 5 civilians into parity with other mao jor regional police forces of a comc parable size:

Although the uniformed officers and civilians have separate contracts, Staff Sgt. Southgate said they both receive the same percentage increase and benefits.

Among the improved benefits are improvements in the dental plan and vacations, Staff Sgt. Southgate said. But the major improvement is the introduction of a long term disability plan, something the association has been trying to get for some time, he

We need that protection for our members. We tried to carry one ourselves, but it was too costly.

Staff Sgt. Southgate would not give out the vote results from Saturday. but said he was pleased with the results of the vote and the negotiations. "I'd like to thank the board (of commissioners of police) for their professional deliberation on this."

Police commission member Jim Grieve, too was delighted with the ratification vote. "I'm delighted we were able to work things out."

Although he had previously said the association demands, including the long term disability, were too expensieve. Commissioner Grieve said the final agreeent was a package that was affordable.

He still believes the long term disability plan is expensive, but he acknowledged it is becoming a part of almost every negotiated contract.

The force has been without a contract since Dec. 31, and the salary increase is retroactive to Jan 1, with the cheques coming in May, after the contract is signed at the April police meeting, according to Commissioner Grieve.

Town reverses decision on designations

Elizabeth Hoey may get what she wanted with the Town's help after

The elderly Moffat widow withdrew a request for a heritage designation earlier this month when it became apparent she would have to pay legal costs associated with advertising her application.

At the time, it was Town policy to charge for advertising such applications. Monday night council, acting as general committee, approved in principle a policy reversal. That means the Town will pay the costs of advertising the applications.

The reversal comes because staff investigations show that Milton is the only municipality known to charge back the advertising costs to the applicant, town administrator Roy Main said.

Mrs. Hoey owns a stone barn on her 89-acre working farm which dates from 1875. She has, she said, already sunk more than \$4,000 into refurbishing the structure. A heritage designation would put her in line for provincial grants geared toward architectural preservation of historic structures.

She withdrew her application due to financial constraints when it became apparent advertising costs would total at least \$600.

Councillor Rose Harrison said " feel like a fool," for reversing policy upheld as recently as early March, when Mrs. Hoey precipitated discussion on the matter by complaining about the cost.

"I think we all look like idiots, councillor Harrison continued.

'When I make a decision I don't like to change it the next week.

Mr. Main said he takes full responsibiltiy for the proposed policy change.

Mayor Gord Krantz defended Mr. Main, calling the situation "unfortunate" and putting thr responsibilty with the town council of a decade ago, which formulated the policy.

Councillor Colin Best welcomed the change. "It's a small price to pay for conserving our architecture.

The Town will contact Mrs. Hoev to inform her of the change in policy She indicated she will re-apply once the policy becomes formal (at the next council meeting)

"It's too beautiful a barn to let die I'd like to get it restored so that it will last another 100 years, she

The Town can recoup up to 10 per cent or \$300 of any heritage grant. Usually such grants top out at \$3,000 per year

Bob Hamilton wins \$10,000 in Legion Elimination draw

Bob Hamilton of Heslop Rd. in Milton got a hefty return on his investment Saturday when his \$50 earned him \$10,000.

Mr. Hamilton didn't do it by playing the stock market. And he doesn't own a crystal ball. It was luck of the draw that netted him the cash in the local Legion's Elimination Draw.

For \$50 participants in the charity draw organized by the Joe Waters Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion (Milton) got a crack at \$13,250 in prizes, including several early bird \$500 draws as well as the grand finale on the weekend.

'That's quite a lot of money and the majority of it stayed in Milton, said Legion public relations

estimated the Legion gleaned almost \$10,000 for charity work through the draws.

In other Saturday draws Phil Bullock of Burlington won \$500 and Milton's Ron Alexander collected \$500. Several Milton winners picked up \$100 cheques. They were Kathy McAfee, Wayne Richardson, Marsha Woods, Jim Early and the people from Mike's Barber Shop.

The Royal Canadian Legion supports various community groups in town. Recently they donated \$1,000 to a Milton District High School track team competing in a prestigious European event. They, also contribute to the Air and Sea Cadets, the Milton District Hospital manager Bob Davidson He and youth scouting organizations

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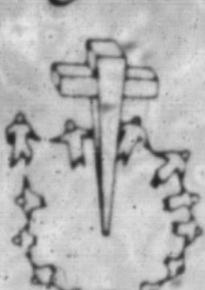
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