

Region may force town to put flouride in its water

By BRAD REAUME

The Halton regional health and social services committee has voted to look into adding fluoride to the water supply in Milton.

Speaking to the motion, Milton councillor Brad Clements said, "I'm against it." Committee chairman Kevin Flynn suggested Mr. Clements could voice

that opinion with his vote.

The issue came up when a dental health report to committee revealed Milton has high "DMF rates" (decayed, missing and filled teeth) compared to the rest of the region. The rates are especially bad in young children.

The provincial DMF rate for five-year-olds is less than half Milton's average. For every age group the Milton rate is significantly higher than the Ontario rate, and above the Halton rate. "Milton is experiencing dental decay rates that are higher than the region and substantially higher than the rest of Ontario," the report read.

The regional dental director, Dr. Sam Green, said it's possible to prevent 85 per cent of dental disease if you use fluoride in drinking water and practise good oral hygiene. "It is better to put fluoride in the drinking water because it only costs about the same as a chocolate bar per child per year for the service," he added.

"If you want to be a dentist, move to Milton," said Jim Grieve, of Burlington. "If I lived in Milton I'd start a class action suit against the region for not putting fluoride in the water," he added.

"Thank God you don't live in Milton," retorted Mr. Clements. "If you want to try fluoride you'll have the same problem as before. Don't forget that one-third of Milton is rural area

and is unserved by the communal wells. I think historically the people of Milton aren't appreciative of anything that goes in their water."

"I believe adding fluoride is the right thing to do," said Mr. Grieve. "If I lived there I'd be upset that my children couldn't get the advantage

of fluoride in their water."

The motion to investigate the matter passed with only Mr. Clements dissenting.

POWER initiated

Halton Hills calls GTA 'undemocratic'

Halton Hills town council passed a resolution this week which calls the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Committee undemocratic and unaccountable.

The GTA is a loose association of five Toronto area regional municipalities (Halton, Peel, York, Metro and Durham) which have similar waste management and transportation concerns. Each regional chairman sits on GTA but its decision-making processes haven't been defined.

The resolution was presented by POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources), a citizens group which is working in conjunction with PACT (Pickering-Ajax Citizens Together). The group wants to leave waste management to the present levels of government.

Presently each region looks after its own waste. The urgency to develop landfills in the GTA has led to suspension of environmental assessments for possible sites in favour of less stringent studies.

Councillor Fred Oliver of Oakville took the resolution as an attack on Halton region, which is part of GTA and generally supports it. Regional councillor Rick Bonnette of Halton Hills explained that the vote was 7-6 in favor of the resolution and that the debate was long.

"I voted against the resolution,"

said Mr. Bonnette. "The other Acton councillors also voted against the resolution. Acton is on board with the GTA."

Mr. Oliver wondered if the vote was recorded and was told by Mr. Bonnette that while it wasn't, the local newspapers kept track and published the stance each councillor took.

AIDS programs discussed . . .

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Regional chairman Peter Pomeroy, who recently returned from Africa, said officials in Uganda admit that 50 per cent of the population has AIDS. He also said health professionals told him the figure was much higher, about 75 per cent of the population. He added that it kills more people than malaria in some underdeveloped nations.

"When disease is out of control people tend to scatter to get away from it," Mr. Pomeroy said. "The potential is worse than the bubonic plague, which killed 50 million people some centuries ago." Mr. Pomeroy suggested that disease refugees from Africa and other places where AIDS is prevalent could spread it faster in the developed world.

Ms. Donnan quoted the Economist magazine as saying AIDS has killed as many Americans as the war in Vietnam. The magazine also suggests that in 10 years at the present rate of growth about a third of the people in North America will be infected.

Ms. Donnan will appear in a CBC documentary Oct. 16 at 7 p.m., on Monitor.

A number of activities are planned for Halton. AIDS awareness posters and tree plantings highlight the program.

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