

New officers for health council

The Halton District Health Council has elected a new slate of officers for 1992-93.

Shelagh Gill, who has been a member of the council since 1988, was re-appointed chairperson for another year at the organization's recent annual general meeting.

Ms Gill is a resident of Oakville and is a college professor at Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology in Hamilton. She is presently chairperson of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Dr. Matthew Stempien, emergency physician at Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, will also continue as vice-chairperson for a second year.

New members of the executive are Don Scott, executive director of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, who assumes the duties of treasurer, and Ruth Taylor, a teaching professor at Sheridan College of Nursing and a resident of Georgetown, who was appointed secretary.

Deanna Williams-Laws continues as the Halton District Health Council representative on the Association of District Health Councils of Ontario.

Three vacancies currently exist on the council for Burlington, Halton Hills and Oakville appointments.

For further information on the work of the organization and application forms, call 842-2120.

Wetlands plagued by purple loosestrife

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the 1930s when it began to take over flood plain pastures along the St. Lawrence River. It has steadily spread since.

The search continues for an effective system to control the "purple plague." Pulling out the weed by hand is effective but only practical in wetlands where the plants are young. The roots of older plants are too large to be removed by hand.

Researchers will likely need another few years to fully

develop a biological control method, the report said.

Scientists in the U.S. are currently testing three species of beetles which are believed by Europeans to prey on purple loosestrife and kill the weed by feeding on various parts of the plant, said Ms Axon.

In Canada, the Ministry of Natural Resources has established a committee made up of several wildlife agencies to make recommendations on managing purple loosestrife in Ontario.



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF ONTARIO

We are the Police Officers of Ontario. We are twenty-one thousand men and women. We come from every race and every ethnic group that populates our province. Just like you do. We are educated in local schools, attend neighbourhood churches and synagogues and make our homes in suburbs, in large cities and small towns. We have wives, husbands, children and sometimes grandchildren who we love dearly. Just like you do. We value the opportunity to make and live out our lives in this province. We respect the law and the rights of our fellow citizens. Just like you do.

In so many ways, we men and women, the police men and women of Ontario are just like you but there is one important difference. It is our job to protect our communities from those who desire to break the law, from those who use violence against their fellow citizens, from those who use weapons to get their way and sometimes from those who are prepared to kill. Everyday in many ways we risk our lives to protect your life or property.

Under our law for more than a hundred years we are entitled to use force when there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that your lives or ours are endangered.

Some groups believe that we "want" to shoot people. Bob Rae's Parliamentary Assistant has herself said so. So have the appointed leaders of the Black Action Defense Committee. We reject this notion as unfounded and abhorrent.

Premier Rae's government now wants to change the law so it will be more difficult and riskier for us to protect your lives and your property as well as ourselves, so that it will be more difficult and more dangerous for us to perform our jobs in your service. These proposed changes are the most fundamental that have been proposed in Ontario's history. The government has set up a small committee to recommend changes. That committee includes the very organizations that call us "killers".

We believe that these issues require broader consultation and more public input from a wide variety of groups.

Will you help us by asking Bob Rae to stop? Write to him at Queen's Park. The ability of Police Officers in Ontario to do our job — your job — is at stake.

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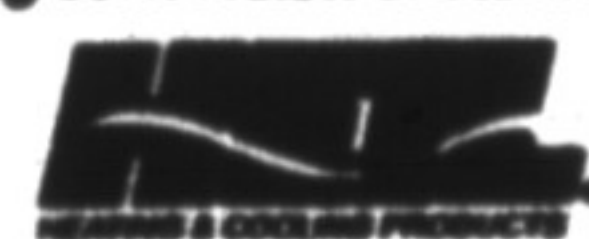
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