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Halton axes \$5 million in provincially ordered cutbacks

 from REGION on page 1 control plan cutbacks and \$800,000 as a cushion in excess of targeted restraint.

John Burke, Halton's chief administrative officer, explained that the \$800,000 was a contingency fund in the event of further reductions, and would also serve to lessen the impact of cutbacks on next year's regional budget.

"We usually have a \$600,000 surplus which is passed on to the next year's budget. We could be faced with not having that surplus, reductions today," he said at the meeting.

Expenses will be curtailed in supplies and some services, Mr. Burke

Regarding payroll reductions, an additional 41 full-time vacancies will be eliminated, which may result in three layoffs.

However, Mr. Burke said Halton will attempt to accommodate the three employees in other departments, rather than see them laid off.

Social service agencies will be hard hit by a 2.2 per cent reduction in regional grants this year, and an additional 1.3 per cent cutback next year, with the exception of the Children's Aid Society (CAS).

Mr. Burke said the region will only cut funding to the CAS if the province decides to do so. Under provincial legislation, the region must fund 20 per cent of the CAS annual costs.

Another casualty of the cuts will be the Household Hazardous Waste program in Burlington, through con-

solidation with other such endeavours in the region.

Halton also hopes to reduce its child care costs by re-examining some of the "discretionary" programs it now provides, social services commissioner Bonnie Ewart

Council voted to slash \$17,500 from its own expenses, money earmarked for conferences, official functions and travel.

The regional administrative building will be closed for an additional three days between Christmas and or we could take some additional New Year's, resulting in a 10-day

With the exception of those per- restraint in the past, Mr. Burke said.

forming essential services, each regional employee will be asked to take three vacation days or leave without pay to cover the holiday hiatus. Mr Burke expects to save roughly \$50,000 in employee, material and building overhead by doing that.

"We wanted to minimize the impact on services and existing staff, as well as meet the standards set out in the social contract," Mr. Burke

"At the same time, we wanted to ensure the viability of the region."

The task was made easier because Halton has exercised economic

Campbellville Lions Club, seniors centre get money

Halton North MPP Nocl Duignan has announced \$263,835 in jobsOntario Community Action funding for Milton.

Seniors will receive \$213,835 to renovate and develop F Wing and Pettit House at Allendale as a senior citizens' recreation centre.

The Campbellville Lions Club will receive \$50,000 to purchase and renovate its hall in the village, leased from the town. Renovations include insulation, new windows, fire and health code improvements.

"Both of these projects are important to the community," said Mr. Duig-

"The senior citizens' recreation centre will be of immediate benefit because it will provide a permanent seniors' facility in our community.

"The Campbellville Lions Club Hall project is part of a rural village community improvement program and this will allow area residents to continue using this facility for a variety of activities."

Provincial support for the project comes from a special \$31 million portion of the program set aside for capital projects that can start creating jobs this summer.

JobsOntario Community Action is a \$300 million, three-year program.



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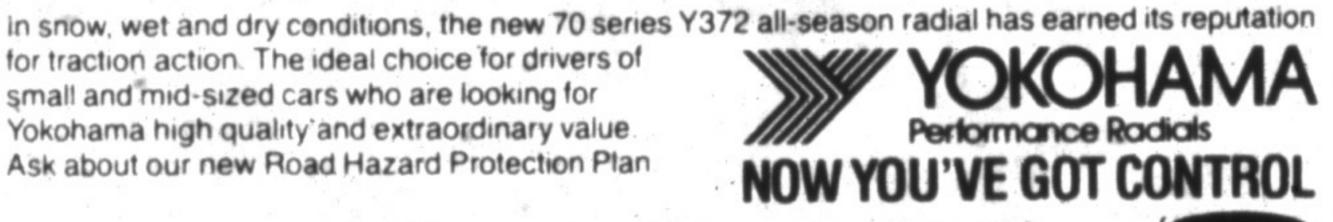
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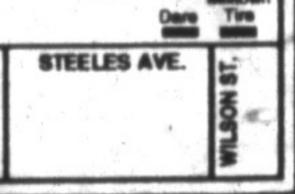


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