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Welfare numbers down

Welfare figures just released indicate a two per cent monthly reduction in Halton Region's caseload, a reduction similar to that of Metro Toronto.

Toronto officials rejoiced at the reduction, saying it heralded the end of the recession. Halton officials were more reserved in their judgement.

The drop in Halton's numbers reflect 73 fewer cases on the rolls, and according to Halton social services commissioner Bonnie Ewart, there has been a 5 per cent drop in cases from this time last year. Currently the Halton caseload is running at about 3,500.

The caseload numbers have remained high since building to their peak in May, 1992. Last autumn caseload numbers began to decline substantially, though the trend was not sustained, with the numbers rising again during the winter.

Ms Ewart was optimistic and said the drop in cases would help keep her department's budget on track. Previous trends suggested the budget for social assistance would be exceeded.

Bird lover day

Bird lovers probably don't want to miss being a part of Mountsberg Wildlife Centre's bird banding morning on Sunday (May 15) from 8-11 a.m.

Resident bird bander Martin Wemaart will be mist-netting a wide variety of birds on their journey back from the south. They'll be carefully identified, measured, weighed and banded, then released.

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Pipe rust may be a widespread problem

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

Halton Region has received one liability claim so far in connection with the triple house fire in Burlington late last month, during which firefighters reportedly had trouble securing adequate water supplies.

Brent Marshall, regional director of maintenance, also clarified the region's hydrant testing programs, explaining there is an annual valve testing program, but not an annual water flow test.

Wednesday planning and public works committee chair Marilyn Serjeantson of Halton Hills said the Ontario Fire Code requires flow tests annually. At that point in the meeting Mark Meneray, commissioner of legal services, insisted the committee finish its discussion behind closed doors.

When the doors were opened the committee recommended an accelerated replacement program for the 12,000 metres of old cast iron watermains still in service throughout Halton Region.

In fact, they required the program be presented to committee by July 6. The present 10-year program calls for 8,000 metres to be replaced. The new program will include all 12,000 metres of the older pipe.

Mr. Marshall stressed community safety is not at risk.

He showed committee members a section of pipe which suffered from "tuberculation", a rusting on the inside which severely restricts water flow. New pipes are made of plastic and are a minimum of double the size of the old.

Most of the 12,000 metres of cast iron watermains are in southern Halton, but older sections of other communities are also affected.

A fire in an old section of Burlington last month was difficult for firefighters to battle because two connections to the watermain provided insufficient water flows to battle the blaze, said Burlington Fire Chief Terry Edwards. While firefighters struggled, two adjoining homes were engulfed in flames and severely damaged. The cause of the original fire has since been ruled arson.

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That's a switch

E.C. Drury student Chris Campbell changed places with teacher Ray Watson during a recent fundraiser at the Ontario Street school. Staff and students switched roles for the day to raise money for the Children's Wish Foundation. Students paid a fee to become the head of the class.

Police nab youth in drug arrest

Halton Regional Police arrested a 16-year-old Milton youth on drug trafficking charges outside a Main Street East pool hall last week.

Plainclothes officers made the arrest after witnessing a drug-related transaction in the parking lot of the Eight Ball Pool Hall May 5 at 7:40 p.m., said Detective Ser-

geant Ron Welsh.

Police seized a small quantity of hashish and LSD with a street value of about \$25, he said.

A male youth was charged with trafficking a narcotic, trafficking a restricted narcotic and breach of probation. He was held for a bail hearing.

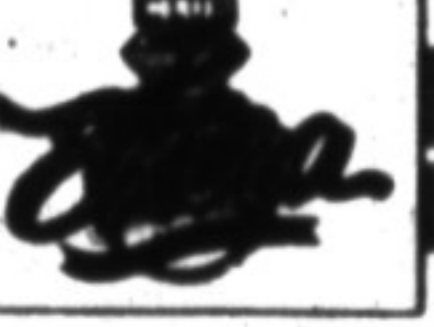


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