

Halton Region to sketch its Golden report position

With Anne Golden's watershed report on the Greater Toronto Area finally public, Halton regional councillors have formed a new committee to formulate a position on it.

The committee will be comprised of the four area mayors, three chairs of the standing committees and an extra Milton representative to make for two people from each local municipality.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz supported

the idea, adding that each Halton municipality will likely produce a local perspective on the report. He suggested that Halton, along with the other regional governments, should also formulate a position of the report.

Halton Chair Joyce Savoline said meanwhile business at the region must proceed, or a great deal of time would be lost if the province decides not to scrap the regions.

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Cop board cool to council stance

BY TIM WHITNELL
Special to The Champion

Police and politicians in Halton may be headed for budgetary warfare.

If the Halton Police Services Board and regional councillors can't agree on funding for policing in the region for 1996, it's possible, somewhere down what appears to be a rocky road, a mediator may be needed to settle the matter.

And right now the two sides aren't seeing eye to eye.

In a presentation Thursday to the police services board — the body which sets the budget for Halton police — Police Chief Peter Campbell indicated some members of regional council have balked at the board-approved 1996 budget of \$39 million. They instead pressed for the board to accept the original council guideline of \$38.34 million.

The crux of Chief Campbell's subsequent speech to the police services board was that Halton needs 10 new constables. Even given that, he said, the force will still be understaffed in terms of what should be its authorized personnel strength on the streets.

Halton currently has 300 constables for its 340,000 or so residents. The services board previously approved an increase to 307 for 1996, but Chief Campbell said the new regional council guideline would result in just 297 constables.

Chief Campbell offered various scenarios for Halton police's internal structuring, based on either the services board or regional council budget models. But the constant theme of the chief's presentation was, no matter what the budget is, some tough decisions have to be made in terms of police staffing and services, both now and in the near future.

"What we really must consider here is not just 1996, but 1997. We're probably going to have to consider being asked for additional restraint."

The police chief bluntly stated to the board significant changes would have to be considered for 1997. In that vein, he cited several possibilities: The termination of three front desk clerks at the District 2 station in Oakville; elimination of the drug abuse prevention program (DARE) in Halton's grade 6 classes; closure of the safety village at Bronte headquarters

and the elimination of region-wide elementary and high school safety programs.

Chief Campbell also hinted police might decide to bill parties for false alarms and increase the cost to the public for records retrieval.

The gloomy forecast prompted former police services board chair Richard Szymczyk to request the board reaffirm its budget of \$39 million and to ask that the chief work with board and regional staff to seek ways of lowering expenditures without the loss of police jobs. Mr. Szymczyk also stressed that any layoffs be considered an inadequate situation according to the Police Services Act. The motion passed 3-2.

Paul LaCourse, administrator for the Halton Regional Police Association, which represents more than 500 civilian

and police staff, said the situation is a dire one.

"Peter is right," he said of Chief Campbell. "We are this close (two fingers almost touching) to being inadequate. The Ontario Civilian Commission could say you are 30 constables short and they would have to hire them." Mr. LaCourse noted, illustrating a possible scenario should talks between the police services board and regional council break down to the point arbitration is required.

Only one impaired

Only one motorist among 4,444 vehicles checked was charged with impaired driving in Halton police's Super Bowl RIDE initiatives.

However, a stolen car was recovered.

"During the course of the program, a car that had earlier been reported stolen in Oakville was stopped," said Halton Regional Police spokesman Sgt. Frank Phillips.

"As a result of further investigation, a 16-year old male was arrested at the RIDE location."

Three 12-hour driver's licence suspensions were also issued in Sunday's Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) spot checks, which were set up throughout the region, Sgt. Phillips said.

"The officers involved thank the public for their cooperation."

NOTICE TO CITIZENS PUBLIC MEETING WATER CHLORINATION VARIANCE APPLICATION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1996

Milton Optimist Building
311 Commercial Street
Milton, Ontario
7:30 p.m.

At its November 29, 1995 meeting, Regional Council voted to apply to the Minister of Energy and Environment for a variance from the requirement for continuous chlorination of the Kelso well water supply and to ask that a requirement for standby chlorination of the Kelso well water supply be imposed instead. As a part of that application, the Region is holding this public meeting to hear from the citizens of the area.

The Chairman of Halton region invites members of the public to comment on the issue of continuous chlorination of the water supply. Verbal submissions will be accepted at the meeting and comment forms will be available there to complete and return. Written submissions should be forwarded to the Office of the Clerk at the address listed below no later than Thursday, February 29, 1996.

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