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## Schouten pipes up over water whammy.

By **BRAD REAUME**  
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Halton Region is poised to impose a special water charge of about \$42 to the average ratepayer for each of the next 10 years. But there are differing ideas about exactly how to pay for it.

There is widespread support for the charge which will accelerate the Region's cast iron water main replacement program and will likely be put in place in conjunction with the Region's 1997 budget.

Originally the plans called for a 17-year program but due to complaints of rusty water, odour and pressure worries, staff have suggested a seven year timetable financed over a decade.

The program will likely be paid for based on individual water use, members of the planning and public works committee heard last week. However several alternate schemes have been suggested. Burlington Councillor Ralph Scholtens proposed the cost be based on the frontage of each home, so that those requiring more pipe would pay more. He added that perhaps the cost should be borne entirely by those ratepayers who are going to get the new pipes.

"A good number of those people we are asking to pay the \$42 per year are owners of new homes who have paid development charges," said Mr. Scholtens. "We've always said that new growth has to pay its own way — perhaps that argument can be extended to say that older areas should pay their own way."

Halton officials explained that new developments do not contribute to the costs of older infrastructure, such as water pumping stations. They only pay for the new elements which they are directly caus-

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## Man out for a walk finds body in park

Police say foul play wasn't involved in the death of a man found yesterday morning in a Milton park.

A local resident walking his dog in a conservation area on Lower Base Line between Fifth Line and Sixth Line came upon a body at about 7:45 a.m.

Upon arrival, police located the lifeless body of a male on a pathway in the woods.

Trauma to the body prompted police to initially believe that they had a murder on their hands. However, that notion has been ruled out.

"Foul play is not suspected," said Sgt. Frank Phillips of the Public Affairs Unit.

The investigation is ongoing by the Major Crime Unit, with the assistance of district criminal investigation personnel.

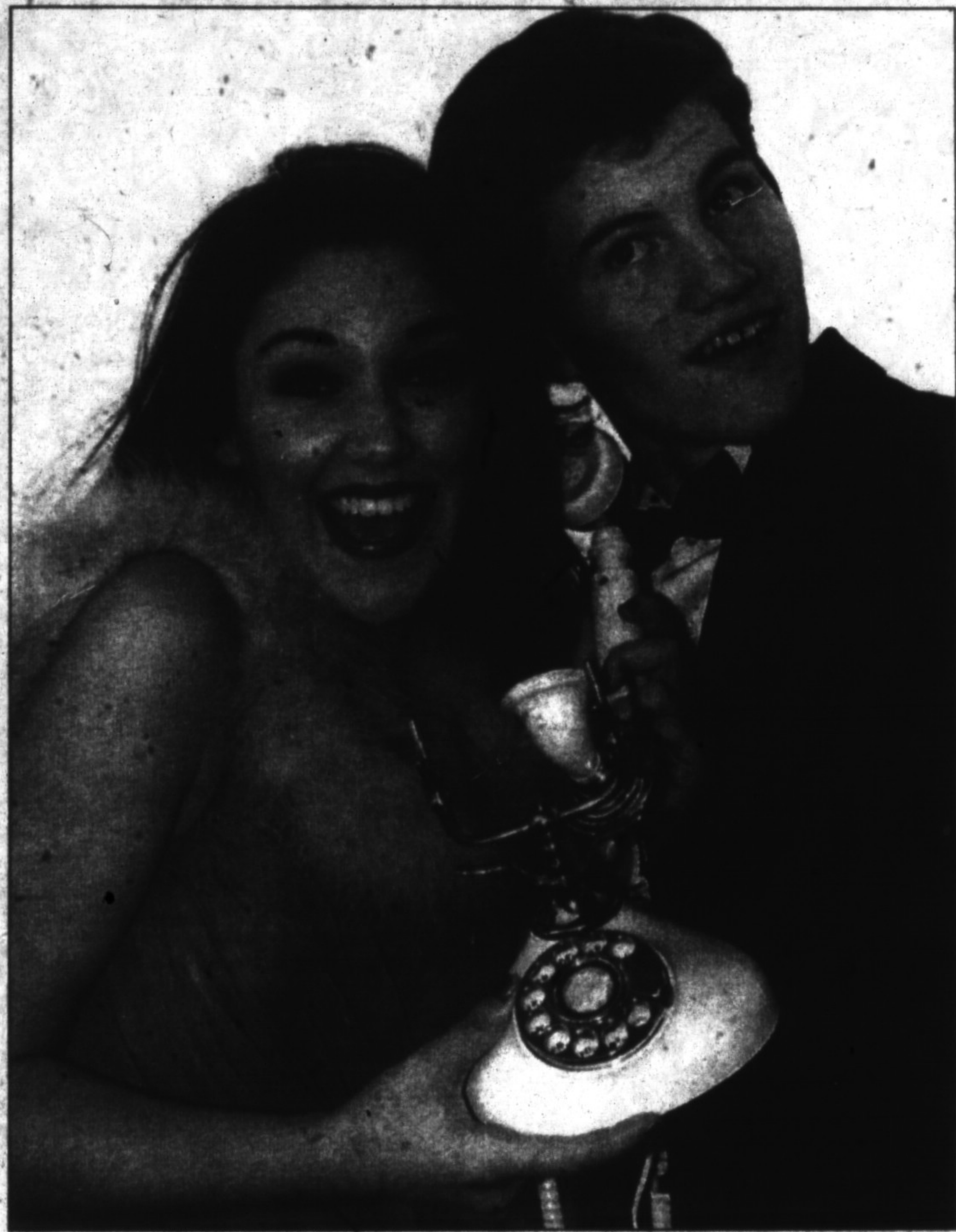


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## Calling all comedy fans

Ella played by Alaina Brouwer (left) and Jeff portrayed by Noah Hicks listen in on a surprising call to Ella in the E.C. Drury musical comedy *Bells Are Ringing* to be staged at the high school December 5, 6 and 7. For tickets, call 878-0575. See story on page 22.

## Christmas Bureau Fund on the rise

Miltonians are getting into the true spirit of the holidays through *The Champion's* Christmas Bureau Fund.

People have already given \$1,300, up from \$405 earlier this week, to the Salvation Army fundraiser, which ensures local citizens have a real Christmas dinner and toys for the kids.

The 1996 goal has been set at \$16,000 after surpassing last year's \$15,000 target.

To contribute, drop off donations by cash or cheque (payable to Christmas Bureau Fund) at The Champion office, 191 Main St. E., or mail cheques to: Christmas Bureau Fund, c/o The Champion, Box 248, Milton, L9T 4N9.

### NEWSLINES

#### Harness driver gives to charity tonight

Hall of Fame harness racing driver Ron Waples will put his driving talents to work for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada tonight.

Mr. Waples will donate five per cent of his driving commissions made at Mohawk Raceway to the foundation. He has also encouraged many of his driving colleagues to donate as well.

Mr. Waples' daughter-in-law, Angela, has battled Crohn's disease for a number of years.

"She's had surgery seven times and continues to be patient and hopeful. She's been an inspiration to me and this is my small way of helping in the hope they will find a cure someday," said Mr. Waples, who hopes \$5,000 will be raised on the evening.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can send a cheque to the attention of Mr. Waples c/o The Canadian Trotting Association, 2150 Meadowvale Blvd., Mississauga, L5N 6R6.

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