



Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Young, of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Regiment, left, pulls a ticket in the recent Milton 2990 Royal Canadian Army Cadet draw. Holding the box is Milton commanding officer Bill Saddington.

First-year army cadets win Strathcona Shield

A special night for Milton's 2990 Royal Canadian Army Cadets occurred Monday, Dec. 17. The corps was presented with the Strathcona Shield for Corps Efficiency earned during the 1983-84 Cadet year.

The award was presented by Lt. Col. Peter Young, the commanding officer of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Regiment at the James St. Armouries in Hamilton. This is only the second time in the long history of

the award that it has been won by a first-year corps.

The cadets held their Christmas fundraising draw and the Officers, civilian instructors and cadets wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this a very successful event.

Congratulations and Happy New Year go to the following winners:

- First prize—Arlene Stevenson.
- Second prize—Mrs. Lang.
- Third prizes—Don Smith, D. Lima, Susan Rogers, Tom Richardson, Scott Richardson, Jerry Burre, Lucie Bergeson, S. Maeder, D. McElhinney and Albert Casson.

Housing study gets trimmed

Sensitive to the demands of the Province, Halton Region has trimmed its plans for an updated housing study in an effort to avoid extra time and expense.

Regional councillors called the Province's administrative requirements for the study a waste of money recently as plans for a new housing study were considered.

Milton Councillor Bill Johnson contended that Halton must "play the game by the rules" if it wants financial assistance for the study from the ministry of housing and municipal affairs. Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett pointed out that the Region did play by the rules in its efforts to find a central landfill site, but was repeatedly thwarted by Provincial restrictions.

Burlington Mayor Roly Bird led the assault on a series of administrative requirements submitted by the Province after Halton indicated its readiness to finally update housing statistics "as a means to accurately define the need for housing" in the Region.

He suggested that council forget about negotiating a Provincial grant for the elaborate study and establishing a study steering committee and technical advisory committee. Instead, he said, Regional planning director Rash Mohammed should simply contact municipal staff in four area municipalities and together compile simple housing surveys to meet criteria.

Council sided with Mr. Bird, rejecting the Provincial requirements and a motion to defer the study before endorsing his suggestions.

Urging changes to the original recommendation rather than its outright rejection, Burlington Councillor Walter Mulkeiwich nevertheless agreed that a "long and involved bureaucratic study" would be too cumbersome for the Region.

The waiting list for affordable housing has doubled in the last two years, Mr. Mulkeiwich said. The need for housing is now more important than waste disposal, he contended.

Councillor Dave Whiting of Halton Hills said he sees no need for the Region to spend money to obtain more money—in the form of a Provincial grant—to study a problem of which everyone is already aware.

Creative financing

Halton Region plans to use a little creative financing, in the form of borrowing from itself, to help pay for its \$7.7 million centralized sludge storage facility.

Regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo's recommendation to set up an internal debenture system to help finance the facility was passed by the administration and finance committee last week, after questioning from Burlington Councillor Joan Little.

Her concern is that Halton will be exceeding its 20 per cent debt capacity guidelines, even if it is borrowing from its own reserves.

But Mr. Rinaldo explained it is a different kind of financing when the municipality uses its own reserves.

"It isn't circumventing the Ontario Municipal Board," he said, adding that Halton will save about \$600,000 by the internal rather than external borrowing.

Mrs. Little said she is having trouble coming to grips with the philosophy, because she fears Halton will be spending over and above what it had planned.

"It makes a lot of sense when we're reducing our reliance on outside debenturing, but what we are doing is spending more," said Little. "I'm caught in the dichotomy."

Mr. Rinaldo said Halton is essentially expanding its capital program beyond what would be possible without its reserves, but the extension is only for the sludge storage facility project.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said his town is almost at the point where it can finance its capital projects through interest earned on investments, and Halton should be trying to get to that point as well.

Mr. Rinaldo said if the Region runs into problems paying back the debt, it merely has to restructure the repayment schedule.

Grant process streamlined

Faced with a handful of applications for cultural grants, Halton Region has drafted specific criteria to help streamline the annual process.

Halton's four area municipalities will be asked to comment on the extensive criteria before a final decision is made.

Among the proposed rules:

- grant approval in no way constitutes a commitment to future funding;
- applicants not funded by other levels of government get top priority;
- applicants can continue making individual appeals before council or its committees;
- applicants have until the last Friday of November each year to submit requests, except this year, when the deadline is January 15, 1985.

Chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin told the planning and public works committee last week that a number of Ontario municipalities have recently developed specific criteria for grants. He noted that the majority do not fund applicants based outside their areas, as Halton does in the case of Hamilton's Royal Botanical Gardens.

The horticultural complex received 80 per cent of the \$217,500 which Halton meted out to six "cultural" groups this year, he said.

According to the proposed criteria, eligibility for cultural grants will be limited to non-profit groups engaged in vocal or instrumental music, dance or theatre for the enjoyment of the public. Groups outside the

performing arts that nevertheless offer "a unique benefit" to Halton residents may qualify for special service grants.

Tourism grants would be available to non-profit groups that promote and develop Halton's tourist industry.

Grant "sub-categories" offer funds to groups launching new cultural programs, continuing their role in the community or staging a special event.

Subdivision gets approval

It would likely be another year or two before bulldozers would begin digging, but Milton councillors have provided initial approval to a subdivision plan for estate homes in the Guelph Line and 15 Sideroad area on a 98.76 acre parcel of land.

The plan put forward by Interpark Developments Ltd. and St. Moritz Development Ltd., would consist of 36 single family lots ranging in size from approximately 1.5 acres to 4.4 acres in size.

The proposal also calls for the extension of Amos Drive from the Brookville Estates subdivision to 15 Sideroad plus two cul-de-sacs.

A three-and-a-half acre commercial block is further proposed for the corner of Guelph Line and 15 Sideroad as well as a large 22-acre open space area at the southwest corner of the lot.

Reduction in drinking-driving

There has been a drastic reduction in the number of drinking-driving charges laid by police and no one is happier than Sergeant Jim Drennan of the Halton Regional Police Traffic Unit.

During December police stopped more than 1,000 vehicles in spot checks and laid nine drinking related charges. There were 48 charges laid under the Highway Traffic Act for unsafe vehicles and not wearing seatbelts.

Since Aug. 1, police stopped more than 3,200 cars. Of that total only 42 drinking-driving charges were laid.

"People are starting to realize that if they drink and drive there is a much greater chance now they will get caught."

"They are also starting to realize that it just isn't worth it if they get caught and they aren't drinking and driving," Sgt. Drennan said.

In the Aug. 1-Dec. 28 period, police have, however, given out 904 written warnings to motorists and there have been more than 290 charges laid under the Highway Traffic Act.

Sgt. Drennan said the public are on the whole, more concerned about drinking and driving and are acting accordingly.

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