

Walpole Sets '72 Budget; Down 7.25 Mills

Public residential Walpole Township ratepayers will be paying 7.25 mills less on their taxes this year.

Walpole council Friday struck its 1972 mill rate at 81.56 mills for public residential ratepayers, a decline from 88.81 mills in 1971.

The decline in mill rates is reflected in all categories with public commercial ratepayers paying 91.23 mills this year, down from 97.93 mills last

year. Separate school residential supporters will pay 82.06 mills this year, compared with 88.83 mills last year and separate school commercial ratepayers will pay 91.79 mills this year compared with 97.95 mills last year.

Total assessment in the township is \$6,578,800 a slight increase from 1971 assessment of \$6,516,960. The total requisition is \$554,445, a decline from last year's requisition of \$595,938.

A breakdown of the residential and farm rate, with 1971 figures in brackets, shows the following.

Township of Walpole General 8.16 (16.88); County of Haldimand 24.78 (23.77); Secondary School Board 23.94 (24.64); County School Board 24.66 (23.51); RCSS School Board 25.16 (23.52); Nanticoke Community Hall 1.17 (1.46); Cheap-side Community Hall .48 (.49); Springvale Community Hall 1.08 (.68); Selkirk Community Hall

2.51 (2.50) and the police village of Selkirk 10.98 (11.55).

A special collection of \$15 per owner for street lights in Nanticoke will affect 54 persons.

An unconditional grant from the province of \$23,000, applied against farm and residential properties reduced the rate by 4.27 mills.

The reduction in mill rates is the largest reported in the county to date.

In other business, council decided to continue with its present waste disposal practices and perhaps look at an incineration method at a later date. Council has looked in the past at the incineration method of garbage disposal and is currently using a landfill method.

Reeve Gordon Miller noted the Waste Management Branch is "trying to upgrade the standards, but at a pace we can cope with."

Coun. Harold Nie said he could not see pursuing the incineration method. "If in two or three years we are in a region, then would be the time to look at it."

The resignation of Charles Pearce as building safety inspector, effective May 5, was accepted.

Council appointed Hugh Greenfield as building inspector and bylaw enforcement officer at a rate of \$3

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Stelco Brief To Study Agrees With 2-Tier Region

A two-tier system of regional government is seen as the most effective answer for the Haldimand - Norfolk area by the Steel Company of Canada in a submission to the Haldimand - Norfolk Study.

In its 34-page submission, done in response to study director Nigel Richardson's request for reaction to his brief Towards a New System of Local Government, Stelco rejects two other suggested forms of municipal government restructuring - a single tier system and a unitary system.

The submission contends that for the two county area "the present and prospective

inter-mixing of rural and comparatively small urban developments throughout most of the area dictates a system that can be fitted to a heterogeneous pattern of community development. In our opinion, only a two level system can do so effectively."

Stelco finds the two-tier system similar to the present county system, especially since Haldimand and Norfolk contain no separate towns or cities.

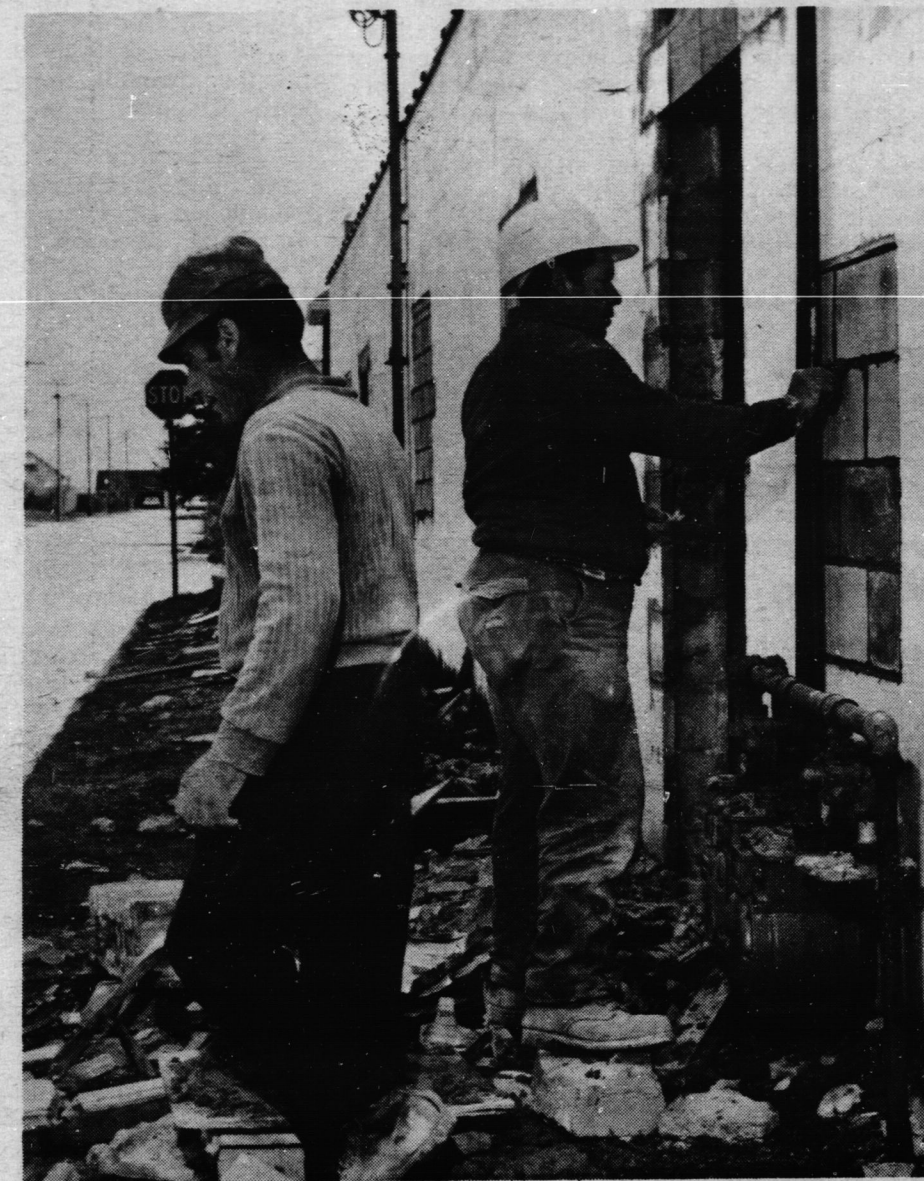
"Indeed, where there are no separated municipalities, county government is a form of regional government, differing from the new regions only in being smaller in scale and

in concentrating more governmental responsibilities at the local municipal level."

A staged introduction of regional government in Ontario, as stated by provincial legislation, affords the opportunity for new regional governments to learn from the mistakes of other areas, Stelco finds. The brief states that refinements in the design of a two level system "would seem to afford the most fruitful opportunity for improvement of regional government in its application to the Ontario scene."

The report suggests the region should

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Work is progressing at the new site of the Hagersville Library, which will also provide facilities for service clubs and the Cubs and Scouts. Here, workers for Sidi Masonry Construction Company, Hamilton, work on repairs to the exterior of the building, located at the corner of David and Alma Sts. (Staff Photo)

Hagersville Chief Issues Warning To Dog Owners

HAGERSVILLE (Staff)-Police Chief Warren Burger has issued a notice to all dog owners in the village that their animals may be seized, impounded and destroyed if caught running at large.

Anyone who keeps a dog that is found running at large is also liable to a fine of \$50., according to a village bylaw, the chief notes.

His warning follows a discussion in Hagersville council Monday night in which the owner of a number of chickens destroyed by a dog last week is to be reimbursed by the village.

Gordon Eishke, of Parkview Rd., appeared

before council asking for payment for the loss of 11 chickens.

He told council he had called the police on the matter, but that no officer appeared for two hours and by that time the dog was gone. He said he had been unable to identify the dog.

Deputy-Reeve Ross Slote noted council had made restitution some years ago when a number of rabbits had been destroyed by a dog. He said that if the dog could be caught and identified, then the owners are liable for payment. "But if the dog isn't caught, then we should pay."

Reeve John Kincaid suggested that the village's insurance might cover the situation. Chief Burger, in his

report to council, said the matter was not strictly a police affair, but more of a court-

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Marshall, Pow Liberal Candidates

James Gibson, president of the Norfolk-Haldimand Liberal Association announced Tuesday that Dr. T. D. Marshall, of Cayuga, and former Norfolk County Warden John Pow have both indicated they may seek the Liberal nomination to run in the next federal election.

The nominating meeting is to be held Tuesday, June 6, in

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A hot rubber mix was being applied to the surface of the Nanticoke Creek bridge on Highway 6 south of Jarvis Tuesday as work continues on the rebuilding of the highway between Jarvis and Port Dover. The work is being done by Cayuga Construction and Materials Ltd., Cayuga. (Staff Photo)