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Area councils cover removal of dilapidated buildings

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Regional Building Division Manager, Tony Suprun, told Township of Norfolk Council, last Thursday night, that they would be responsible for collecting payment for demolition of dilapidated buildings.

In the case that the regional building inspector discovers an unsafe building in the region and that building is torn down by the Haldimand-Norfolk Public Works Department, then the cost of tearing the building down would be paid by the owner by having the amount added

to his municipal tax bill.

"Several requests have come in from councillors, and concerned citizens for the Building Control Division to act upon buildings, which appear to be in an unsafe condition," said Mr. Suprun.

He said that although none had been reported in the Township of Norfolk that many had been received from the more urban centres of the municipality. The region since has had to issue 20 tear down repair orders on dilapidated buildings, and of those seven orders are still outstanding.

Should the region order that a building be torn down by public works, there is some doubt about just how the cost of the tear down can be recovered.

Mr. Suprun said that the law states that for sure the region can sue the owner of the land in civil court and recover most of the costs. However, he also said that civil law suits are a difficult method of collection, and because of a shortage of regional administration staff that he has opted for the easier method of letting the area municipality collect the

debt on it's municipal tax bill.

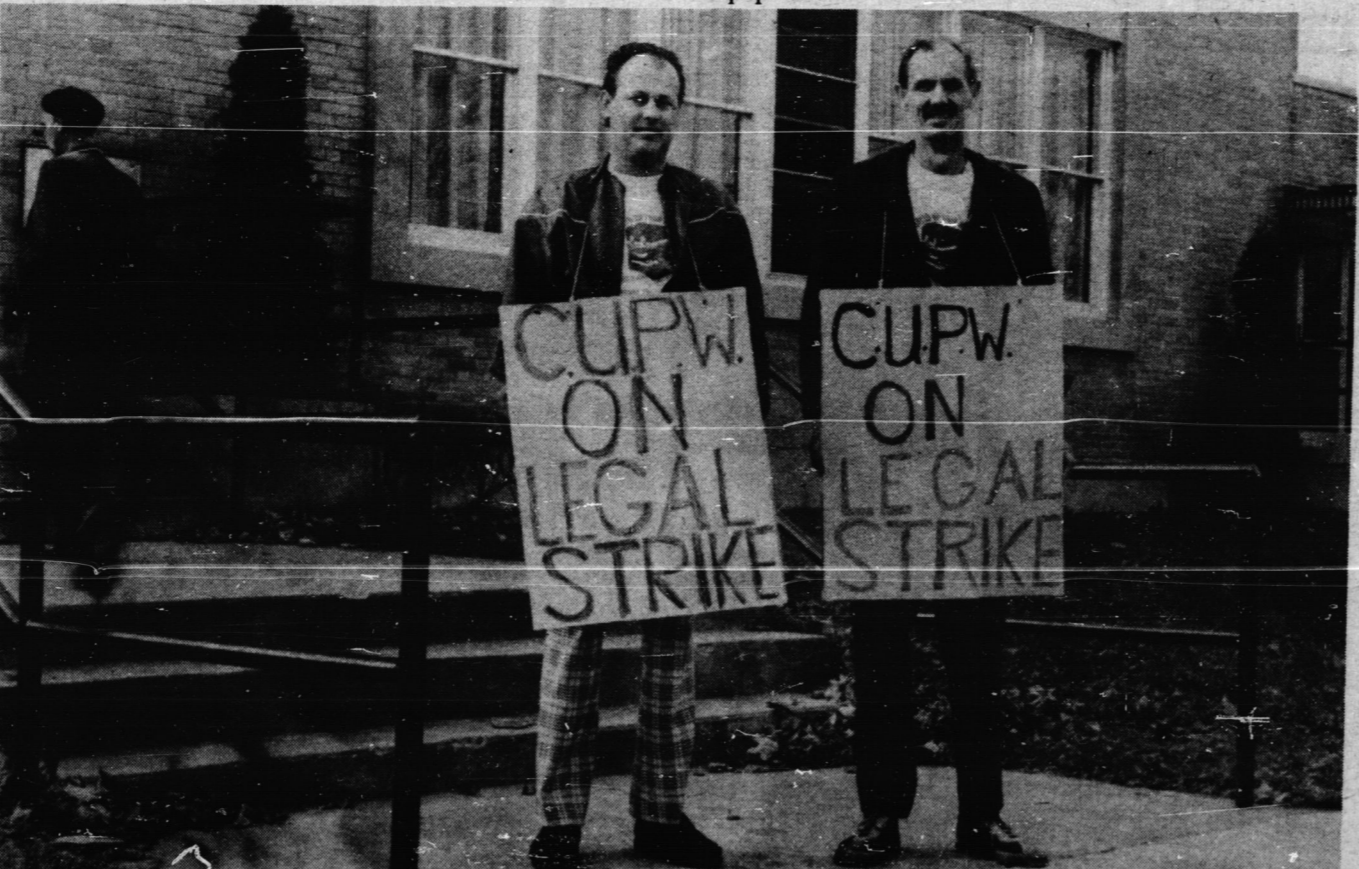
But there is some doubt as to whether this bill can be legally collected on the area tax bill.

"There is some question whether the Regional Municipality can recover the costs from the owner for the tear down or repair work, pursuant to Section 469 of the Municipal Act. There is also some question whether the Area Municipality can collect these costs as taxes," said Mr. Suprun.



Hagersville Fire Chief Bill McClarty stands proudly beside the new emergency vehicle purchased last week by the

Town of Haldimand. The truck cost about \$9,000 and will carry 80 gallons of foam as well as other emergency equipment.



Postal workers Bruce Ingraham, and John Vanhove picket outside the post office in Delhi. The workers in Delhi went

on strike at 5 a.m. on Tuesday morning. Although the workers supported the strike they said they would rather be inside doing their job.



All manner of ghosts and goblins attended the Fall Carnival held by the students council at the Jarvis Christian School.

Literary course

Book buffs will be haunting Caledonia Public Library later than usual Monday nights.

Starting October 27th, a special fall course on The Modern Age Through Literature will be offered in the Calthness Street Building. This program, presented by Mohawk College in conjunction with Library Co-ordinator Anne Corliss, will delve into certain aspects of modern man in the western world. It will consider literature, art and music as sources of insight into the problems facing mankind today.

Under the guidance of instructor Bob Donnelly, classes will examine selected patterns of philosophy, politics, psychology and others in existence today and will ponder how these patterns have evolved and where they

might progress from the present. In particular, attempts will be made to relate material directly to situations in Canada. Discussions will be based upon films, recordings, and a single required text - Eva Taube: Polarized Man.

Mr. Donnelly, a member of the College's Humanities Department, conducted the successful literary appreciation course held at the Caledonia Library last spring.

The Modern Age Through Literature will run from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. for eight sessions, starting Monday. The fee is \$20.

For registration and further information please contact either the Mohawk-McMaster Education Information Centre in Hagersville (768-1010) or the Caledonia Public Library (765-2634).

Arsonist destroys Hagersville mail

Arson is the suspected cause of a fire in the Hagersville Post Office last Friday night which destroyed all mail that was posted after 6 p.m.

Hagersville Fire Chief Bill McClarty said that the bins had been cleaned out at 6 p.m.

He said that the cause of the fire was definitely arson, and that it had been started by someone who poured a flammable fluid into the letter depository.

Mr. McClarty said that no

damage besides that to the mail was incurred. The fire is being investigated by the Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Police and the Fire Marshalls Office.

The fire was the second one this month believed to be started by arson. On October 14, Town of Haldimand fire station No. 2 was called to the Hagersville elevators to two truck fires. One of the trucks owned by Orlin North of R. R. 4 Simcoe was completely destroyed.