

Town grabs bid for 1,000 seat arena

Ab Tennant, a member of the special building committee for the Georgetown pool and arena, was the hero Monday night, when Halton Hills council, in committee of the whole, grabbed the firm bid of \$800,000 submitted by Whitney Construction Ltd. of Brampton to build a 1,000 seat arena.

Mr. Tennant a well known contractor, had claimed the \$1.2 million estimate was too high. He spent four days exclusively devoted to rounding up bids and proving his could be done for less.

Over the weekend Mr. Tennant sent copies of the firm quotation obtained from Whitney Construction to all councillors.

Mr. Tennant operates his own construction business and at no time has bid on the arena or pool.

Council instructed the architectural firm of Lee, Elken and Becksted to stop all work on the design of the arena and invoice the town for all work done to date.

They voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with Whitney Construction to design and build the arena. The arena building committee will meet with them to draw up specifications.

Councillor Ern Hyde said "we all got a quote from Ab Tennant, which is better than anyone could have hoped for. It includes everything the town wanted, including 1,000 seats and the provision for an extra ice surface."

Hyde said Mr. Tennant deserved a great deal of credit for his efforts and admitted he had proven his point. He said Mr. Tennant wants to pin down everything in the specs.

Hyde pointed out Whitney Construction had built the Century Gardens arena in Brampton and said this one would be the same in the inside, but would be masonry on the outside. "In fairness to Mr. Tennant we have to admit we're getting everything we were going to get for \$1.2 million for \$777,400."

He suggested the figure be rounded to \$800,000 to cover contingencies.

Councillor Mike Armstrong said he had originally opposed a design-build package, but said now he saw what could be done for \$1.2 million and what was offered for \$800,000 he was convinced. He said this firm could begin construction within three weeks. "It's foolish to continue with Lee, Elken and Becksted," he added.

Councillor Harry Levy said he gave Mr. Tennant a hard time last week when he was at council. "But I said if anyone could show me a way to have what we want and save money I'd listen. Well, I listened, and I'm all for it."

Mayor Tom Hill said if everything goes through a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr. Tennant. "Maybe we could call it Tennant arena," quipped Councillor Len Cox.

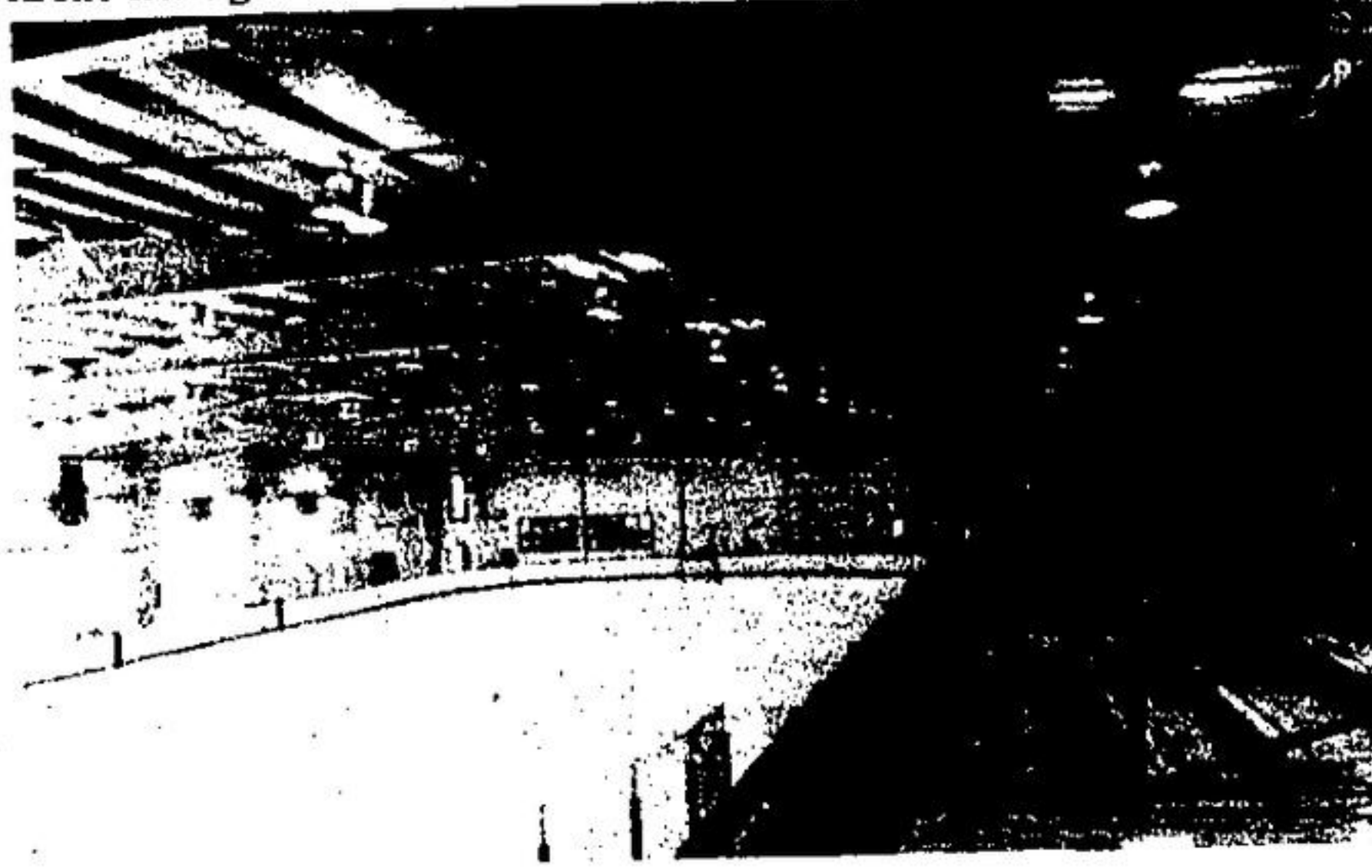
Councillor Russell Miller asked council to meet with Mr. Tennant before he leaves for a trip to the Arctic fishing next week.

Tuesday night council put their stamp of approval on entering into an agreement with Whitney Construction for design and construction of the arena as outlined in the \$800,000 tender.

Only Councillor Ric Morrow opposed the motion which also instructed architects Lee Elken and Becksted to stop all work.

Morrow criticized the design-build package, claiming it would leave council open to criticism for not tendering the job.

Councillor Mike Armstrong said council had not as yet hired Whitney Construction.



Century Gardens, Brampton

Hinton stuck in same row

A motion put forth by Councillor Ernie Sykes, which would have allowed H. H. (Bert) Hinton to switch rows in Fairview Cemetery, Acton, went down to defeat at the meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Halton Hills council Monday night.

The finance committee recommended that Hinton be allowed to move but only in the row he is already in. They were concerned with violating their by-law. "This is not necessarily a precedent setting move. How

many times will this happen?" Sykes asked. He added that he hoped he wasn't flogging a dead horse.

Councillor Joe Hurst, who seconded the motion, said "each situation should be considered individually and on its own merit."

Councillor Harry Levy pointed out the problem had been examined three times by the finance committee and each time they arrived at the same conclusion. "We are looking for symmetry in the cemetery. If we do it for one we will have to do it for all," he said.

Sykes said that the by-law was designed for convenience in accounting while Levy countered that it was designed to allow the town to have control over the plots. "This is different because it is an exchange and out of the deal the town will come into possession of some prime property," said Councillor Ern Hyde.

Levy said that it was not an exchange. "We had to convince Mr. Hinton that what would happen is we would buy back the plots he already owns at the old price and sell him the plots he wants at the old price."

"We did convince him though that he would have to pay \$175 for each of the 14 plots he is buying and we would give him \$250 for the five plots he already has," Sykes added. He said that he thought it was a good deal for the town and that this type of situation probably would not happen again.

"The by-law has been approved. If we bend it today what will we do tomorrow," Councillor Pat McKenzie said.

Freight train derailed

A 15 car southbound CPR train was derailed near Brampton, around midnight Monday night. Nine of the freight cars were damaged, but little disruption was caused to rail service in the area.

Most of the damaged freight cars were empty.

New parking area at Milton

Tenders will be called this week for construction of a new parking area at the Ontario Government Building, Milton, for the Ministry of the Attorney General. The building houses the registry office as well as courtrooms and supporting facilities. Specifications call for approximately 61,000 sq. ft. of asphalt paving to accommodate an additional 142 cars.

Patrols doubled

Weekend police patrols were doubled, as Corp. Bob Harbour promised last week, and the local detachment reported a quiet weekend. There were a few arrests.

Major development

A major development program in the swimming area is at the final design stage for the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. This will include a modified swimming area and filtration system to improve swimming quality and safety.

Work is also progressing on a shelter.

It is hoped construction can begin as soon as the season closes in September. The Credit Valley Conservation Authority's development plans have been approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources for the conservation areas maintained by the Authority.

Committee wants say on quarry licences

Halton Regional Planning Committee will ask the province to let the municipalities in Halton have a voice in the issuing of licences for quarries and extractive industries.

The committee passed a resolution at a meeting last week asking that the province check official plans to make sure the permits being issued by the province do not conflict with official plans for the area.

No licences
The resolution went further and asked the province to issue no licences until the region and area municipalities had an opportunity to comment.

The committee was discussing the interim goals and objectives for commercial and industrial

development in the region. Much of that discussion centred around the quarry industry. An enraged Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur noted a recent report released on the matter indicated the licensing should be left in the hands of the province and the municipalities not involved.

No change
Burlington Councillor Mary Munro noted the province had been carrying on that way for a long time. She claimed the Burlington council opposed licences being granted in specific cases but were overruled by the province. Mrs. MacArthur argued no quarry should be allowed to operate within 600 feet of the face of a quarry. She noted legislation now restricted operations other than on top of the escarpment to 300 feet. She expressed concern about

the heart of the escarpment being gutted and a 300 foot ledge not being able to withstand an earth tremor or even extensive blasting.

Support commission
Staff had suggested the committee should support the Niagara Escarpment Commission in the area that agency controls and review applications outside their jurisdiction.

There is only one of the eight sections of the interim planning measures or goals yet to be presented. That will be dealt with at a meeting Tuesday afternoon. Following that the policies are to be revised to reflect changes suggested by councillors and presented to council for implementation. The committee will consider the policies as a whole before recommending them for council's consideration.



On the beat

This is the tenth and final of a series of photographs to introduce the local police officers and staff to the public.

Robert (Bob) Hart is seen at his desk signing information and summonses. Mr. Hart has been the Justice of the Peace in Acton for three and a half years.

Mr. Hart stops in at the

office daily or on appointment as any charge going before the court has to be sworn to before a Justice of the Peace, thus legalizing the document.

It is not all roses for Mr. Hart as he has had to get out of bed on several occasions to sign a search warrant or a removal form for the police to carry out their duties.

Mr. Hart's full time job is a life underwriter locally.

19 riders

by Martha Corker
On Sunday, June 23rd the Halton 4-H Horse Club travelled to Eileen Marshall's for their annual trail ride.

Nineteen riders started out along the Marshall's back fields, down to the 16-mile creek, through the forest and back to the 16-mile creek conservation area.

At the conservation area, a truck arrived with a watermelon and ice-cold punch as well as the riders' lunches.

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Beginning September 1, approved drugs prescribed by a doctor or dentist will be available, free of charge, to those qualifying for the special benefits outlined above. Family Benefits or the federal Guaranteed Income Supplement. Drug cards will be mailed automatically. You don't have to apply for them.

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