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## Viewing area for pool placed in capital budget

A viewing area at the Acton indoor swimming pool has been placed in the capital budget for 1976-1980.

Pam Sheldon, Acton and Esquesing Recreation Advisory Committee member, has been suggesting such an area for some time.

At the December 9 meeting of the group, Recreation Program Co-ordinator John Cooper asked the group for items they wanted placed on the budget. He would then take the recommendations to the Recreation Department, in whose budget the expense would fall. From here it must be passed by the General Administration Committee and Finance Committee and then Council.


Ron Mitchell suggested building a mezzanine at the west end near the exit door.

Mr. Cooper said there is enough room for one row of chairs at the side of the pool which seats the officials.

Mrs. Sheldon explained that her main concern for a viewing area would be to get more people out to watch the swim meets, and give parents a chance to watch their

children swim. At the present time, anyone watching must do so through a small window on a door.

Recreation Director Glen Gray told the group to put the items in the order they want them. The committee recommended the viewing area be built in the 1976-1977 time span.



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## Suggest several items 1976 recreation budget

Several items for the 1976 recreation budget were suggested by the Acton and Esquesing Recreation Advisory Committee during their December 9 meeting.

Among these items was the placing of swings on the north side of Fairy Lake in Prospect Park.

Ed Wood pointed out that the area does not have any facilities for children and suggested swing sets, slides and teeter-totters.

Peter Papillon suggested taking the equipment from the western point of the park and using it to the north.

Mr. Wood also suggested similar equipment be placed in Sir Donald Mann park in the Glenlea subdivision.

Recreation Program Co-ordinator John Cooper said he was planning to have a meeting with the people living in that area to ask them what they wanted in the park.

Mr. Cooper said the Hornby Hill Park has asked for an overhead foul screen attached to the back net on number two diamond. He told the group a pitching machine has been bought and people would like a fence erected to stop the balls.

Mr. Wood, who is very active in Acton baseball, said that his own personal opinion was to place the machine in the middle of the field and let the players stop the balls themselves.

Pam Sheldon said that in the Spexside area, play-ground equipment and lights on the ball diamond were

needed, but if given the choice, she felt the people of the area would rather have the equipment.

Peter Papillon suggested tennis courts at M.Z. Bennett school with skating rinks in the winter.

He also suggested channelling down garbage cans and picnic tables in Prospect Park to avoid thefts and misuse. He said a storage shed for the beach and the outdoor pool should be erected, which was originally suggested on May 23.

Skate on Lake  
Mr. Papillon said that he felt there was no reason why

the children could not skate on Fairy Lake once the ice was frozen sufficiently. Mrs. Sheldon felt that the children should take care of the rinks themselves, shovelling the snow as she and the other members had to do.

Mr. Cooper said that if a community group wants a rink the works department would set it up, supply the hose, and have the community maintain it.

Mr. Papillon said that in case any of the budget has to be cut, one place should get at least one of things asked for, which the other members agreed upon.

## Dangerous driving charge laid Friday

A charge of dangerous driving has been laid against Colin Gibson, of Georgetown following investigation into the car-train collision at the Acton Mill St. crossing Wednesday, Dec. 3. Colin Gibson,

the driver, remains in the respiratory unit in Toronto General Hospital.

Killed in the accident was Len Chiasson of Georgetown. The charge was laid last Friday by the police acting on

instructions from Crown Attorney James Treleven. Police report it is not likely an inquest will be held since a charge has been laid.

## Purchase land soon P. Papillon suggests

Land for future tennis courts or other recreation facilities should be bought soon before the cost of property becomes any higher.

Peter Papillon, of the Acton and Esquesing Recreation Advisory Committee, told the other members this during the December 9 meeting.

or in the rural area of the Halton Hills.

He emphasized that this was not a top priority item, but he felt it should be mentioned now and thought about.

During the same meeting, the capital budget for 1976-1980 was discussed with this suggestion being placed on a list of items.

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and Re-building of Mill St.**

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## Band is practicing marches to carols

Extra-long practices are being held this week for the Acton Citizens' Band annual Christmas concert this

Sunday night at the high school. The evening of music has become a happy tradition

with the band. The band choir will be singing as well.

A new feature this year will be "Big Band Sound," with selections played in the

manner of the Duke Ellington and Glenn Miller bands.

Other numbers on the program range all the way from the Knightsbridge March to O Holy Night.

## No free passes for recreation committee

A suggestion by Peter Papillon, Acton and Esquesing Recreation Advisory Committee member, several weeks ago has been shelved.

Mr. Papillon made a recommendation to the General Administration Committee that complimentary passes for recreation facilities be given to various people, including the advisory group. The purpose would be so members could

drop in to the arena or pool and see how everything was run or used. Mr. Papillon used the argument that they now have to pay to get into these facilities, to just observe, when it is part of their job on the committee.

John Cooper, recreation program co-ordinator, sent the recommendation to the GAC where it was turned down.

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