

New municipal building out vote to expand present hdqtrs.

Expansion at the present Halton Hills Administration Building on the Seventh Line instead of the building of a municipal complex at another location, was endorsed by all Halton Hills councillors except Councillor Harry Levy, Monday night.

Architect Don Hallford of Hallford and Wilson Architects, showed two sets of plans one showing a 10,000 square foot addition, and another showing a 15,000 square foot addition.

Both plans have two storey additions, a smaller one at the north end and a larger one extending from the south east end, where the entrance is now.

The existing firehall would be moved almost straight back, the driveway moved south, and a separate service road built on the property line for the works garage area at the back.

Much of the green space will be retained and parking will be available for 50 cars in the first plan and 64 in the second. At present there is space for 20 cars.

Mr. Hallford said the parking for visitors would be separated from the works area, and would preserve the uncluttered appearance of the site.

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\$1500 to fight Hydro

The town will pay \$1,500 toward legal costs incurred by the Interested Citizens Group in fighting the proposed Milton to Bradley Junction hydro corridor.

Councillors Ric Morrow, Harry Levy, Ern Hyde, and Joe Hurst opposed the grant. Levy said the group came to them after they had spent the money, and claimed it would set a precedent to bail any group out after they incurred a debt without consulting council.

He said he would not be looking to the general taxpayer to pull them out. He said council is responsible to a lot more people than there are in the group.

Sykes said council wanted an independent study and that was all the group wanted. He said the situation should be judged on its merits.

The Free Press wins awards

The Acton Free Press will be presented with a certificate for placing second in its category at the Ontario Weekly Newspaper Association convention later this month.

In the circulation category of from 3,001 to 4,500, The Free Press placed second behind the Arnprior Chronicle. The Gananoque Reporter was third.

The Free Press will also receive first prize certificates for Best Front Page and Best Advertising.

The Milton Canadian Champion placed first in its circulation category, 4,501 to 6,500. Second was the Kapuskasing Northern Times and third the Bradford Witness.

There was an all-time high in the number of entries this year.

Slippery roads cause of many collisions

Poor driving conditions got the blame for several car collisions this week. Hundreds of dollars worth of damage and some minor injuries resulted.

Charles Barton, Elmore Dr., with estimated \$250 damage to his car, and D. W. Lambden, R.R. 3, with \$125.

were involved in a collision on Main St. Driver of one was David Galbraith, 30 Main St., and the other driver failed to remain at the scene of the accident. Damage to the Galbraith car was about \$70.



Signs of Spring? See Page 15.

Red Cross fund for Guatemala

Halton Hills Red Cross has made arrangements with local banks to receive donations for Guatemalan Relief up until Friday, February 27, 1976, co-operating in a nation-wide campaign to aid earthquake victims in the stricken country.

The official death count from Guatemala's February 4 shocks rose to 22,122 and an estimated 74,015 have been injured, although officials said many victims might never be counted. A million persons reported homeless, are reported homeless.



Rush order for Flora!

RUSH DELIVERY! A newspaper published especially for the Flora McDonald campaign in Ottawa this weekend was picked up behind The Free Press plant Tuesday afternoon by helicopter and flown straight to Ottawa. Pilot Douglas McCutcheon volunteered his services as pilot to the campaign. Carrying bundles of

papers into the helicopter is Ross Colquhoun of the campaign staff. To the left, Dave Dills and Alex Chidley. It was the company's first pick-up by helicopter and Helen Leavell photographed it all from the roof. The helicopter, orange and yellow, is temporarily named "Flora".

Only Beardmore objects to bylaw

The town of Halton Hills considers the objection by Beardmore Co. to a single family development on the Campbell farm in Acton, to be frivolous, and intends to tell the OMB so.

Beardmore based their objection on the allocation of sewage plant capacity to the development. They said they should have priority.

10 cents a pound goes to Heart Fund

The Weight Watchers dreamed up a smart idea to help the local Heart Fund this month. As the members are weighed each week, they promise to contribute 10 cents to the fund for each pound lost.

Records go into headquarters and the cheque to the heart fund will come from there when the month is over.

Prepares report Guelph hospital

Acton doctors met Monday evening with Halton region administrator Ernie Reed and region treasurer Don Farmer, region councillor Pat McKenzie and Halton Hills councillor Les Duby.

The meeting was arranged to discuss the request to the region by Guelph Mayor Norm Jary for a contribution toward the financing of Guelph General Hospital.

Keep complaining — bills higher yet

Comments on higher hydro bills have been frequent at the hydro office, secretary-treasurer Audrey Urquhart told hydro commissioners at their meeting last Thursday.

Ontario Hydro, will not be apparent on bills until April. Commissioners blamed the unusual cold for the higher bills. Car heaters and colored television draw a lot of power, they commented. Furnaces have been operating more than usual.

forwarded to the provincial convention in March. Acton commission's spending is over its budget, mainly due to the cost of transformers. Subdivisions and increase in industry created the problem, commissioners agreed Thursday.

being charged to Acton commission, it cannot be added to bills until April. Ontario Hydro had also written the commission saying they must hold the line on capital expenditures.

Mrs. Urquhart reported that it cost \$117.52 in wages to deliver hydro bills by hand last month. Formerly mailing cost between \$80 and \$90, plus envelopes. Commissioners felt the deliveries were not interfering with the men's normal work at this time of year.



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FAREWELL PRESENTATIONS were made Sunday morning at Churchill community church. Leaving after six and half years for his "real" retirement is the Rev. Walter Fosbury. Little Ginger Denny had a nosegay for Mrs. Fosbury.

Maltby to push for rural arena

When the time comes, Councillor George Maltby is going to push for the third arena in Halton Hills to be built in a place serviceable to the Acton, Ballinafad, Speyside and Silvercreek areas.

of replacing it with a new ice surface adjacent to the new Gordon Alcott Memorial arena. Committee chairman Ed Wood posed the question of the area arena once again. Instead of knocking a wall down in the new arena, why not make a new facility in the more central area? he suggested.

Mr. Maltby said he had already asked that question and had been told that the Acton arena was far easier to repair as the Georgetown building had a problem with the front portion and had steel framing.



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