New municipal building out vote to expand present hdgtrs.

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 foot addition. except Councillor Harry Levy. Monday night.

Hallford and Wilson Archi- extending from the south east the back. tects, showed two sets of plans one showing a 10,000 square foot addition, and an-

end, where the entrance is

other showing a 15,000 square be moved almost straight the first plan and 64 in the back, the driveway moved Both plans have two storey south, and a separate service space for 20 cars. , road built on the property line

Architect Don Hallford of the north end and a larger one for the works garage area at

Much of the green space area, and would preserve the will be retained and parking uncluttered appearance of The existing firehall would will be available for 50 cars in second. At present there is King to tell council what

Mr. Hallford said the park-

He asked Treasurer Ray funds are available, and

pointed out the town would

probably recover some money from the sale of property. separated from the works The Treasurer said \$300,000 has already been approved by the O.M.B. for debenture of the first phase of a municipal

Hyde pointed out some of (Continued on page 2)

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\$1500 to fight Hydro The town will pay \$1,500 to ceived this, he was still op don't want the line but we a lot more people than there will be posed. WINS AWARDS

ward legal costs incurred by the Interested Citizens Group in fighting the proposed Milton to Bradley Junction hydro corridor.

Councillors Rie Morrow, Harry Levy, Ern Hyde, and Joe Hurst opposed the grant. to them after they had spent the money, and claimed it

Levy said the group came

would set a precedent to bail any group out after they incurred a debt without consulting council. He said to be fair council asked for a detailed report, but having re-

Councillor Ernie Sykes claimed the fact council has approved sending a brief to the provincial government, which basically agrees with the Interested Citizens viewpoint should be enough evidence to support them. He said the group has spent \$12,000 in legal fees, and said \$1,500 was a small part since they have been carrying a burden for everyone.

proved their brief. "We may generally approve that we

we should not be expected support outside groups. Booth asked if any other

"Just one," replied Councillor Dick Howitt.

municipalities had supported

Mayor Tom Hill said couneil has supported the Citizens' brief, and has asked the Ministry of Environment for an independent study.

Hyde said the group should Levy said council never ap- not be looking to the general taxpayer to pull them out. He said council is responsible to

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

Council George Maltby claimed the Group asked Esquesing council for help originally. He said it had mushroomed into more than they could handle. He said the finance committee showed restraint in keeping the amount down to \$1,500.



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Slippery roads cause of many collisions

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

There were high winds and drifting snow on Feb. 8 when an accident occurred on No. 10 sideroad at the ninth line intersection. Driver John Tzimas, Georgetown, had estimated \$700 damage to his car and driver Robert Robinson of Esquesing township about \$800 to his. Mr. Robinson also suffered cuts in the crash.

Ice and water on the road foiled a driver's attempts to stop on the first line at the town line Sunday. Drivers involved in the accident were

Clint, R.R. 2, Acton, slid on the ice-covered 5th line at the

den, R.R. 3, with \$125.

Erin-Esquesing town line, striking a parked car Sunday. The parked vehicle was owned by Susan Bosch, R.R. 1. Limehouse. Injured Pedestrian Paul Graser, 16

Vimy St., was struck by a car as he walked on the edge of the road Friday. His wrist was bruised and his lunch box knocked from his hand. Driver was Roland Royko,

R.R. 1, Orton. On Saturday two vehicles

Main S. Driver of one was with estimated \$250 damage David Galbraith, 30 Main S., to his car, and D. W. Lamband the other driver failed to A car driven by William remain at the scene of the accident. Damage to the Galbraith car was about \$70.

Seat belt charges

Acton detachment of the regional police has so far laid two charges of failing to comply with seat belt legislation, according to Staff Sergeant Bernie Ward. The charges were laid in the course of investigating an accident.

Signs of Spring?

Red Cross fund for Guatemala

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

The national Red Cross Society has pledged \$500,000 to aid victims of the earthquake and officers of the Ontario division have pledged to raise \$250,000 of these monies. Within the next seven days they hope to reach that goal.

.Funds are being used to buy such items as med-

icine, food, blankets, tents and medical equipment. 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. Red Cross officiats in Halton Hills, on the eve of their own financial campaign, nevertheless have decided to plunge into the Guatemalan relief fund. They report excellent co-operation from local banks.



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".

The Free Press

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 Prees 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.

Only Beardmore objects to bylaw

The town of Halton Hills Beardmore based their considers the objection by objection on the allocation of family development on the development. They said they Campbell farm in Acton, to be should have priority. frivolous, and intends to tell

They will seek a private meeting with the OMB and Beardmore representatives to try to iron out their differences without recourse to an expensive public hearing.

Town Planner Mario Venditti explained Beard-

Beardmore Co. to a single sewage plant capacity to the

Halton Hills council passed a resolution asking Beardmore effluent be accommodated in the expended Ac-

The planner said an OMB hearing could cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000, while a private meeting would cost \$300 to \$400.

He said the OMB would not more is now the lone objector automatically comply with to the bylaw since the other the town's request. "If they letters of objection have been don't feel it valid they would demand a public hearing."

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.

Weight Watchers meet every Monday evening in the Robert Little school library.

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. Mayor Jary had pointed out that 10.9 per cent of patient

days at the General and one per cent of patient days at St. Joseph's are used by Halton residents. Mr. Reed is now preparing a report to be presented to the

administration committee of Halton region. All Acton doctors are on staff at Guelph hospitals and district patients are treated there regularly. No contribution

Some members of the administration committee indicated they felt the region should not contribute to any hospital outside its boundaries.

the scout group committee hoists a model into the display window for Scout-Guide Week. More pictures and stories on this special week on the Youth Pages.

ANYTHING TO help a lady! Don McDonald of



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

Councillor George Malthy is surface adjacent to the new going to push for the third Gordon Alcott Memorial arena in Halton Hills to be arena built in a place serviceable to Committee chairman Ed the Acton, Ballinafad, Spey- Wood posed the question of

Arena on John St. being

closed down. Several months ago, the same group discussed the topic at length just after councillor Mike Armstrong suggested building a third arena in Georgetown. The committee agreed that if another facility were to be built, it should be in an area more serviceable to the entire town of Halton

With the recent closing of the old arena, there had been talk in the council chambers

When the time comes, of replacing it with a new ice

side and Silvercreek areas, the area arena once again. At the Acton and Esquesing Instead of knocking a wall Recreation Advisory Comm- down in the new arena, why ittee meeting Thursday, the not make a new facility in the group brought up the topic of more central area? he suggthe Georgetown Memorial ested. Make push

Mr. Malthy said he did not know whether council's idea was "wisdom or folly" when the equipment in the Alcott arena was capable of servicing a second ice service. "I am going to push for a new arena to be in this area," he told the group.

Peter Papillon inquired about the condition of the John St. arena. "Is it anv worse than the Acton arena was before it was renovated?

Mr. Malty 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 fram-

Suspicions arise New member Joan Agiss asked if there was any truth to the rumour that town officials knew the Georgetown arena was going to be closed.

Pam Sheldon said she felt strongly about having the third arena built in the rural area, but with the closing of the old John St. structure, the new arena would be just replacing the closed one. "We were reacting to a third arena in Georgetown," she told her fellow members. "We are now talking about just replacing the old one.

Kerwin McPhail said it was not fair to sell the old arena and tell the people of George-town their money was being used on another building in another area. He got the impression that if the old arena was not repairable the town would get enough money from the sale of the property to do the necessary work at the Alcott arena.

Mr. Maltby said that he understood the \$350,000 is a repair bill. "It is the opinion of the councillors, " he said, "that they could sell the existing property for enough money and that the new arena would be built for less than \$300,000." He explained. that the total bill would be \$600,000. The councillor pointed out however that "these are figures people are pulling out of the air."

Recreation program coordinator John Cooper wondered whether the public would be told the "whole

Mr. Malty emphasized "the public had better know. The people deserve to know, it is their money," he said. "Any time the councillors start to hold back that kind of thing, they should be chastised."

It was decided to hold the subject over until the Georgetown Recreation Advisory Committee and the Acton and Esquesing Advisory committee got together for a General Administration Committee meeting March.

Keep complaining - bills higher yet Mrs. Urquhart reported

Comments on higher hydro Ontario Hydro, will not be forwarded to the provincial their meeting last Thursday. television draw a lot of power, Commissioners pointed out they commented. Furnaces

has ever been made.

The increase, passed along MacArthur attended. Resolto the local commission by utions approved here will be increase in hydro rates is now

bills have been frequent at apparent on bills until April. the hydro office, secretary. Commissioners blamed the treasurer Audrey Urquhart unusual cold for the higher told hydro commissioners at bills. Car heaters and colored mainly due to the cost of

many people wrongly think their latest billings include the next increase of 21.4 per cent.

They felt that Reports of the annual missioners agreed Thursday. The problem will be discussed by commissioners and a representative from the discussion of the annual missioners agreed Thursday. The problem will be discussed by commissioners and a representative from the discussion of the annual missioners agreed Thursday. The problem will be discussed by commissioners and a representative from the discussion of the annual missioners agreed Thursday.

convention in March. Acton commission's

spending is over its budget, transformers. Subdivisions and increase in industry regretfully that the upcoming have been operating more created the problem, com-increase hasn't even been than usual. missioners agreed Thursday.

Although the 21.4 per cent

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.

5.2 million dollar cutback. A special meeting will be year, held Feb. 26 concerning the Atte upcoming union agreement. Members expressed their concern over the amount requested by the local union

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 Ontario Hydro anticipates a normal work at this time of

Attending the meeting were chairman Wilf McEachern. commissioner MacArthur, former mayor Les Duby, and Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill, with Mrs. Urquhart.