

Expansion endorsed instead of new building

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that would be spent on the addition to the works garage, and renovations to the fire-hall, for the ambulance service and Maple Avenue works garage for the engineering department. He said "We could find we're talking \$600,000 for 15,000 square feet, do we have any funds available?"

The Treasurer said there are reserve funds of between \$125,000 and \$140,000 available. He said the proper course would be to make application to the OMB for the remainder. He said he was not prepared to recommend the use of the \$140,000 for this purpose tonight.

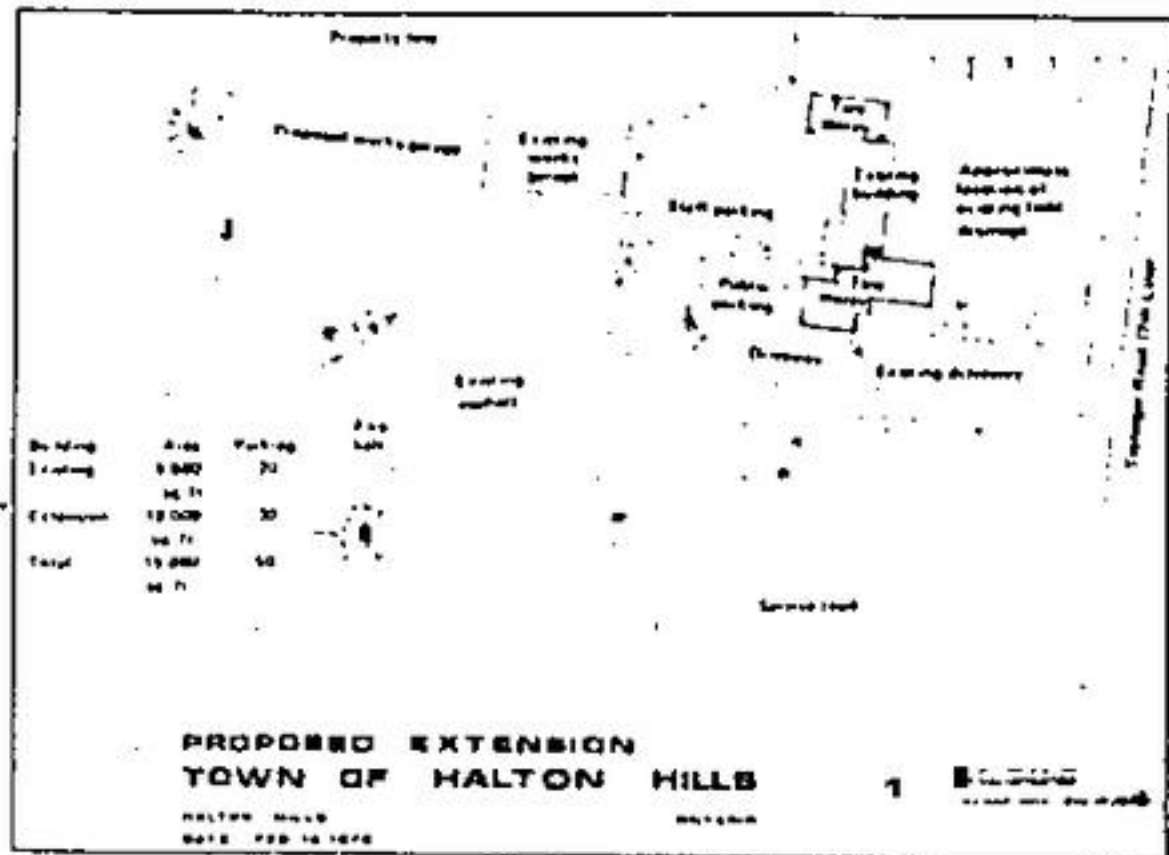
Councillor Ric Morrow said he appreciated the work done by the committee, but felt it should be discussed in committee. "I'm sure Mr. Hyde wouldn't want to railroad anything through."

Hyde said all the work that can be done in committee has been done, and said the decision to expand or not expand on this site had to be made tonight. "This is not a railroad," he added.

Councillor Harry Levy said council had never agreed to the expansion at this site, and said he objected to it. He asked the cost of moving the fire hall, providing another roadway, and servicing of building of this size.

The architect estimated the cost of moving the firehall between \$7,000 and \$10,000, and the roadway between \$3,000 and \$4,000. He said he could not come up with a figure on the addition itself until he knew what council wanted. He said the cost could range between \$30 and \$45 a square foot. He said septic tanks were quite normal in a situation like this. He said a major project of 80 acres in Milton is on septic tanks.

Councillor Ern Hyde, chairman of the committee for the development of new administration property, said Halford was here so council could decide if this site is feasible for expansion. He said



"If we want a third floor it could go up to 20,000 square feet."

Councillor Ernie Sykes said water services to the building are in the region budget this year. He admitted the budget has not yet been passed.

Councillor Russell Miller said it was a logical location since it serves the three areas.

Hyde said the other aspect was the housing of different town departments under one roof, which he claimed would be both more efficient and less costly.

Levy said, "It is a railroad. This is not the place to discuss it for the first time."

Mayor Tom Hill said he had to contradict him, since it was in the minutes. Hyde said the matter was at council two weeks ago and caused some controversy. He said first the council had to decide if the location is right and secondly the architect has to be hired to make a study, and produce plans for council's approval or disapproval.

Levy termed the whole idea "premature". He said the town should do just what has to be done, and reminded the library board was present earlier asking for more space. He said with renovations at the old arena or a new one and a library, there would be heavy costs.

He claimed the staff is adequately housed now so urgent matters should be dealt with first.

Morrow contended submissions from other architects should be heard. He said he thought Mr. Halford's initial presentation was fine, but others should be heard.

Hyde said his committee had at least five other architectural firms approach them, but Halford was given first consideration because he designed the existing building, and has done excellent work everywhere including Halton Region.

Councillor Les Duby said council has an onus to get this off the ground, even if the work cannot be completed before the end of the year. He said a group of new faces on council could hold it up for a long time. He said the site was a feasible one.

Councillor George Maltby suggested the motion be split separating the acceptance of the site, and the hiring of the architect.

Morrow said he would support the first half but not the second.

On the recorded vote, only Levy opposed the expansion at the present location, but Morrow, Maltby and Levy opposed the hiring of Halford and Wilson as architects for the building. Councillor Mike Armstrong was absent.



ABOUT 95 CHILDREN were thrilled by the puppet show The Friendly Puppet in the library board room on Saturday. The 35-minute presentation is put on by professionals who tour libraries, their home base in Weston. There's no direct cost to the local library.

In Halton

510 people on welfare

While the number of employable people in Halton receiving welfare has been increasing the last few months, Administrator of Social Services Rennie Vivian says the region doesn't have much of a problem.

Vivian reported this week there were 510 people on welfare in Halton last month, 162 of which could be working. A total of 348 of the people on the welfare rolls are classified unemployed.

He revealed welfare payments in January were in the neighbourhood of \$115,000.

If I'd known . .

Mayor Tom Hill has been asked to convene a bake sale at Halton Centennial Manor annual bazaar.

A midst the laughter of

council he explained it's Halton Hills turn to convene the bake sale, and it's always looked after by the mayor of the municipality.

He delegated Councillor Dick Howitt who in turn delegated his wife to look after the sale. The mayor explained one councillor's wife from each area is needed to help.

Various councillors volunteered their wives, but warned they couldn't be sure they would accept.

Mr. Sheldon pointed out the fact that the committee members, who are unpaid appointees, are taking their own minutes and between meetings worrying about who is going to find the time to type them and get them into the municipal office on Mill St.

Mr. Maltby suggested having a secretary attend the

meetings and do the minutes. Mrs. Sheldon reminded him the idea was suggested a few months ago by the committee but was shot down.

Mr. Duby suggested having the meetings once a month instead of twice. He explained that this would take the workload off them. "Two weeks go by so quickly," he said.

A meeting with the Acton and Esquimes Recreation Advisory Committee and their Georgetown counterparts has been scheduled with the General Administration Committee for March. It was suggested that some of the problems he brought up then.

Four tips on buying license stickers

With ten days remaining for motorists to buy the 1976 licence stickers, Ed Watson, whose music shop also handles licences has some tips for applicants.

First, only cash or a certified cheque are acceptable forms of payment. The cost of the stickers are, for a four cylinder car \$23, a six-cylinder \$32, and an eight \$40.

Mr. Watson suggest that people fill out application forms available at the shop, before presenting them to a clerk. Presenting the completed form will cut the processing time to about a minute, Mr. Watson said.

Thirdly, ownership papers must be shown when applying for the stickers, Mr. Watson said.

Also, to avoid line-ups, Mr. Watson strongly advises applicants to come early.

Stickers can be bought at the music store between 9 and 6 Monday to Friday, and 9 to 5 on Saturday.

Mr. Watson said of the 4,865 stickers issued to the store, approximately 2,500 remain. The figure does not include trucks and trailers. Mr. Watson said he expects 400 people to apply on Feb. 28.

Remembering the last year when licence plates were issued—1973—Mr. Watson said four clerks typed 400 ownership papers on the final day.

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Duby, Maltby try to solve problems

An attempt to work out some of the frustrations experienced by the Acton and Esquimes Recreation Advisory Committee was made Thursday evening at the committee's bi-monthly meeting.

Halton Hills' councillors Les Duby and George Maltby were present to give the job descriptions of Recreation Program Co-ordinator John Cooper, Recreation Director Glen Gray and Facilities Superintendent Pat Sheehan.

Mr. Maltby said he saw Mr. Cooper's job as being "a liaison person who should be encouraging local volunteer groups such as Rotary and Lions, to create the needed program."

He continued to say in his own opinion, "the town was only there to help such groups."

John should be giving guidance to volunteer groups instead of doing things from scratch. He spends a lot of time doing things no one else will do."

Kerwin McPhail said he thought someone was not doing his job, but emphasized he was not trying to criticize any one person. He explained he thought Mr. Cooper had to spend too much time on policy and a lot of the things

on the committee's agenda were of no relation to the job the group was there to do.

Super chief Mr. Maltby said he could best describe Glen Gray's job as the "super chief" to supervise the development of the town programs in co-operation with the other committees.

Pat Sheehan is in charge of the promotion and co-ordination of all indoor centres in the town, according to the councillors. He is the supervisor of all maintenance and does the hiring and firing of the staff.

Chairman of the committee, Ed Wood said "If volunteers are to do all the work, what do we need a director and co-ordinator for?" (referring to Mr. Maltby's statement)

The councillor explained that the Advisory committee does not have the time to do research and does not know about some programs such as badminton.

Mr. Duby said he understood the frustrations of the committee but told them they were very important to

council. He explained that it was this committee which took to council the needs of the public. "I think that John (Cooper) is a liaison person if you want to have a meeting," he said. "You are appreciated by council for your hard work."

One of the committee's main beefs was the lack of feedback they get from council or the General Administration Committee.

Mr. Papillon explained that this is a great frustration to them all. "We give them some input but we do not get output. We do not know what goes on until we read it in the paper," he exclaimed. "We would like to know what happens."

Mr. Maltby said he thought the committee members should get back a report letting them know of council's final decisions concerning the group's recommendations.

Pam Sheldon also discussed the lack of feedback. Mr. Duby said both councillors would try to create feedback. We don't see, he said, why the committee should

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