

\$850,000 complex planned

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under one roof. I am hopeful this site will have the full endorsement of all councillors," Hyde said.

McKenzie said that as an Acton representative he could support having the municipal complex on the Seventh Line where as he couldn't if it was in the area of say the Georgetown Market Centre. He said it was the site which would best serve the entire town. He thought the town had more to gain bringing everything under one roof than it had to lose.

Maltby agreed the Seventh Line was the best location for the municipal complex but was concerned about the cost and heavy burden on the taxpayer.

"It will cost each and every resident six cents a day for a year to build this. For that reason I am not totally in favor of going right ahead and building the complex but I support looking at the project further," Maltby explained.

Armstrong noted the development committee has come up with a site and drawings for a building and the only move left was to find a way of financing the complex.

"We built a new arena for about the same price and I remind you we have a municipal office downtown we can rent or sell and other pieces of property we can sell off to help offset the cost of this project. It is just about time we got on with this project and prepare to approve it," Armstrong said.

Mayor Hill noted the longer the town leaves the project on the shelf the more it will cost when it is built.

"Why should we be afraid of this cost with over 32,000 people living in the town. Acton debentured a \$650,000 water pollution control plant with only 4,000 people in the town so what are we afraid of?" Hurst wondered.

Treasurer Raymond King wondered if he could come up with totally accurate funding figures for the project in a short time especially since the Ontario Municipal Board hasn't approved the town's capital forecast yet.

Howitt assured him the committee wanted only approximate figures and was looking only for various alternatives of putting the \$850,000 together.

"We will want to look at monies tucked away in slush funds, lot levy revenue, selling off of municipal buildings that won't be needed once the complex is completed, and debenturing. We just need to find out what the various alternatives are," Howitt explained.

He was concerned about telling Mr. Hallford to proceed with the project further until financing alternatives had been examined.

Hyde said he would be very disappointed if the council didn't say that night "This is what we want and this is what we are going to do."

He said he thought the town should tell the architect to proceed with more planning.

"We will have the financing worked out long before we are ready to go to tender," he said.

"I like the design. I like the idea. My support is behind the project subject to finding out how we are going to pay for it," Howitt countered.

Mayor Hill and Armstrong thought finding out how the project would be financed was the only fair thing to do in respect to the ratepayers.

"We shouldn't go ahead with this and then try to see how we will pay for it. Once we find that out we should go full steam ahead," Howitt said.

He said the town may find it can raise \$300,000 or so through lot levies and the sale of property and then only half the project would have to be debentured.

King warned the councillors he wouldn't be able to come up with specific figures until next year and until then everything would be in the form of generalities.

McKenzie thought that was all right since the town wouldn't have to pay any bills for the complex until 1977, anyway.

Mr. Hallford said the project should go to tender by the fall so construction could begin before winter arrives. He added if the project wasn't tendered by the fall the cost could go up considerably as the months slipped by.

"You get the best price from the contractor when he thinks he has a good chance of beating the winter weather," Mr. Hallford noted.

Mayor Hill said he thought the cost was scaring the council and reminded everyone that when the report comes back from the treasurer chances were the town would only have to debenture half the project.



DONNA MILTON
Donna Milton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Milton, R. R. 3, Acton, graduated today (May 26) from the University of Guelph with her Bachelor of Arts degree. She was in the General Arts program, majoring in psychology. Donna will be attending teachers' college in September.



LYN MCLAREN, AHS's new vice-principal, will take on his duties starting this fall. Mr. McLaren, of Georgetown, teaches at Perdue High School. He has already attended staff meetings here in preparation for his new post.

Mr. Hallford warned if the councillors delay would mean two valuable weeks would be wasted. He noted if the town went ahead with the project that night and then wanted to back out in two weeks it would only cost \$4,000 to \$6,000.

"I think we should gamble the \$4,000 and tell the architect to proceed with the specifications. We will then still have to pass a motion to tender. I believe we are at the point now where we are thinking positively enough to gamble \$4,000," Hyde said.

He noted the town could still say at any time in the future that the project must stop and said that passing the motion to have the architect prepare contract documents didn't commit Halton Hills to the project.

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Police say a claimant will have to describe the bicycle in detail before it is turned over.

According to Learning magazine, Thomas Edison was at the bottom of the class when in school.

Halton Hills Recreation Department and Red Cross Water Safety Service
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Winners will be awarded a summer pass to the local pool. All posters must be handed in to Acton or Georgetown pool office no later than Saturday June 5, 1976, 5:00 p.m.

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New municipal complex.

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in constant touch with the public and thought recreation was more accessible to the public at the arena.

Howitt and Councillor Joe Hurst said recreation would be just as accessible at Esqueing and noted it was only a case of educating the public to go to the Seventh Line to talk to recreation personnel.

Hurst said once people have to drive to see someone then it didn't matter if they went to the rink or the new complex.

Councillor Ern Hyde suggested the recreation department would be more accessible to people in the Moore Park area of Georgetown at the municipal complex than at the rink.

Planner Mario Venditti said it was an asset to the town to have the planning, engineering and building departments located in the same wing as plans call for and suggested there is enough room for any or all of the departments to grow.

"This design is flexible and with no partitions between the three areas if one department is pressed for space it can take over some of another department's space," Venditti declared.

Mr. Hallford told the councillors the project will take 19 months to complete with four months for detailed planning and designs, one month for tendering and 14 months of construction.

A total of \$685,000 would be spent on the building itself and \$82,500 for site work and servicing. Architectural and engineering fees would be \$77,000 for a total cost of \$844,500 for everything which

\$22,000 for gas tanks

New and bigger gas tanks will be installed at the Seventh Line Works garage, as part of the extension now being built.

The cost of tanks and the installation are not to exceed \$22,000.

When the extension is completed the Seventh Line works garage will be the works department headquarters centralizing all works equipment in the one spot.

isn't moveable. Things like furniture would cost extra and likely by the time everything was finished and the building occupied, it would have cost \$850,000.

Mayor Tom Hill said having all departments under one roof would be valuable to the mayor, whoever it was, so he could talk to employees and get answers quickly for residents without having to drive all over town.

Hyde said many departments could now share secretarial staff which isn't often feasible right now.

Councillor Mike Armstrong noted the new building would be beautiful and reminded council Mr. Hallford designed the building they were in now. He added the artist sketch of the new building had been done by John Pryce, a Georgetown resident.

"NOTICE"

Effective Monday May 31, 1976 twice weekly garbage pickup will take place until Oct. 1st. Household holders having garbage pickup on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday will have their garbage picked up on Monday and Thursday. Household holders having their garbage picked up Wednesday and Friday will have their garbage picked up Tuesday and Friday.

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