

# Sabres, Swords pay more for ice

Acton Junior and Intermediate hockey clubs will pay \$30 an hour regular and exhibition games, and \$40 an hour in play-off games, with no gate split, if Halton Hills council accepts an administration committee recommendation.

The same rates will apply to Junior and Intermediate Hockey Clubs in Georgetown if they use Georgetown Memorial Arena. Different rates apply to Gordon Alcott arena.

The Acton Sabres had asked for a 60-40 gate split, as per previous seasons, \$28 per hour practice with one hour free practice time.

The recreation department recommended a five dollar higher fee per hour for exhibition and regular season games, but after a motion by Councillor George Malby it was cut to \$30.

Milt Ball, president of the Sabres Junior B Hockey Club, presented a brief to the committee pointing out the differences in the arenas and suggesting it was unreasonable to charge the same rates as Georgetown. He said the difference in population and average attendance at games made the gate receipts differ widely. He claimed the average attendance in Georgetown is 600 and at Acton 150.

Mr. Ball said he had no idea

how the new team in a new league would draw. In the brief, written by club secretary Bill Campbell, he said the building holds less than half the number at Alcott arena, and pointed out they have to have more out of town players in the new team, so have to pay their travelling expenses.

"Our team is a community operated team that will never make a profit, but it cannot continue to operate at a loss. The volunteer workers and sponsors cannot be expected to make up losses," stated the brief.

The club letter said they would appreciate an increase from \$22.50 to \$28 an hour,

(the rate paid by local adult groups in Acton and the Memorial Arena), but to go to \$40 an hour would mean an 80 per cent hike.

The brief said in working out in Guelph Memorial Gardens they paid \$27.50 per hour.

In conclusion, the letter said the Intermediate Club, the Swords was not self-supporting last year, and two members of the executive had to co-sign a bank loan to cover expenses.

Milt Ball asked why the situation had been left so late. "Now our hockey season has begun and we face this problem."

Recreation Director Glen

Gray said he had been under the impression the rates charged at Gordon Alcott for Junior and Intermediate teams were to be the same as the other arenas but had now found that was not so.

"What are we supposed to do? We cannot draw a full house," asked Mr. Ball.

"It's private enterprise, how you sell the product is your business," replied Mr. Gray.

"We have no product to offer," answered Mr. Ball. "That's your problem," retorted the recreation director.

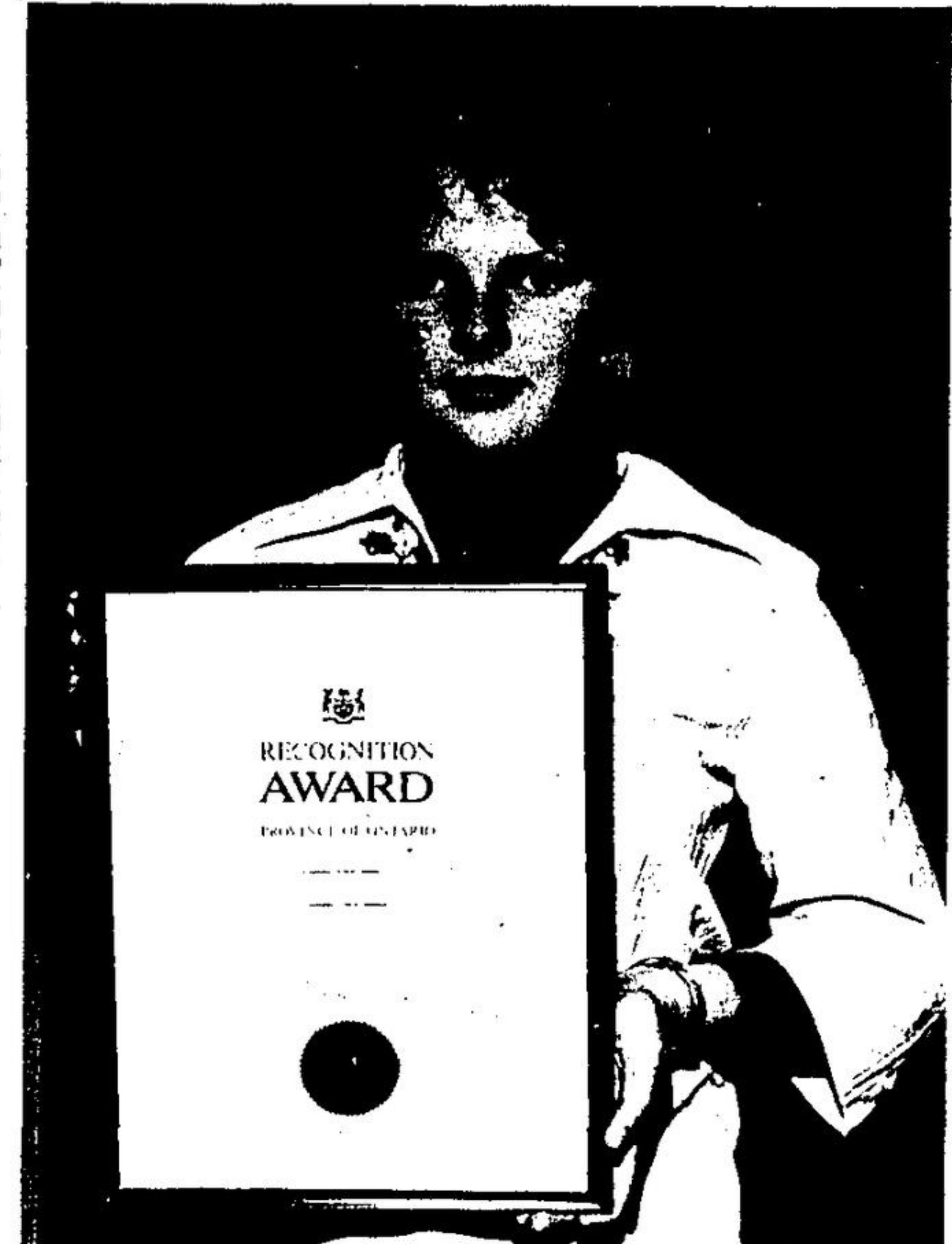
Malby then suggested the \$30-\$40 solution. He pointed out the Acton clubs had ant-

icipated paying \$28 an hour. He said there should be \$10 an hour difference between season games and play-offs.

Councillor Ric Morrow said both Acton clubs paid \$22.50 last year. Facility Superintendent Pat Sheehan said there had been a 60-40 split in gate receipts, and an hour free practice time.

Fred Buchanan, general manager of the Juniors and past president of the Intermediate Swords, asked if from 9.15 to 11 p.m. was considered prime time. He pointed out the town can only receive \$28 an hour from other groups at that time.

"You are effectively stop-



IN HONOR OF PLAYING on Brampton's Provincial B baseball championship team last year, Brenda Bigelow, of Mill Street, received a recognition award from the province. The award, signed by the premier, was accompanied by a letter. Miss Bigelow, 15, also received a City of Brampton Civic Award and a trophy.

# The Acton Free Press

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## Swedish firm buys Disston

A proposal by Viska Incorporated of New Jersey, wholly-owned subsidiary of Sandvik Incorporated, also of New Jersey, to acquire control of Disston Canada Ltd. Acton, and of Jean-Paul Rouel Inc. of St. Romauld, Quebec, has been approved by the Cabinet following recommendations by the Foreign Investment Review Agency. Both companies are controlled by Disston Incorporated of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.

Sandvik Incorporated of New Jersey is controlled by Sandvik AB of Sweden, one of the largest manufacturers of special steels and tools in Sweden.

The sale, completed in February, was subject to the decision of the Review Agency.

No changes are anticipated at Disston here, according to Tom Shields. The plant produces hand tools, saws and industrial knives. Jean Paul Rouel produces carbide tipped sawblades and machine blades for the furniture industry.



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## Main-Mill projects join

Halton Hills wants Queen's Park to do a little extra work next year when the intersection of Highway 7 and 25 is reconstructed.

Monday Halton Hills works committee endorsed a request from engineer Robert Austin that the Ministry of Transportation come far enough south on Main Street North during its reconstruction of the intersection next year so it hooks up with reconstruction now underway on Mill Street.

If the province doesn't go along with this request there will be a stretch of about 1,000 feet on Main Street North between the end of the Mill Street reconstruction which won't have been worked on.

Austin also said reconstruction of Main Street South from Mill Street to the outer boundary to the town on Highway 25 is slated for 1978.

## Saturday accident

About \$1,800 in damages to two cars occurred during a collision on Saturday afternoon when one of the vehicles was turning left into a driveway on Highway 25 about a mile north of the Tenth Side-road junction, according to the Milton OPP.

A 1977 Ventura driven by 63 year-old Margaret Bilton of Fergus, attempted to turn left into a private driveway when the collision occurred between her car and a 1974 Vega driven by Gloria Upton of Acton.

Police report no one was injured in the accident.

## Charge youth. 16 Police chase end at Acton tracks

A 16-year-old Scarborough youth has been charged with possession of stolen property and criminal negligence in the operation of a vehicle after a police chase which began in Kitchener ended in Acton early this morning (Wednesday).

According to Guelph Ontario Provincial Police the youth failed to pay for gasoline in Kitchener. The Waterloo Regional Police were called who in turn notified the Kitchener O.P.P. They radioed ahead and gave a description of the vehicle to the Guelph O.P.P.

At 1:02 a.m. Constable Jim

Sheppard of the Guelph detachment spotted the car on Hwy. 401 heading east. When the officer attempted to pull the vehicle over, the driver refused.

Milton O.P.P. were then notified and also attempted to pull the car over. The suspect car then left the 401 at Hwy. 25 and headed north towards Acton.

Constable Sheppard radioed a fellow officer in the Erin area who headed south on Hwy. 25.

The suspect vehicle went through Acton and upon reaching the railroad tracks in the north end of town,

"bottomed out". The speed the car was going over the tracks, a Guelph O.P.P. officer exclaimed, was too much for the suspension of the car, and the occupants were tossed around when it landed. The passenger received minor injuries, so the driver pulled over.

By 1:20 a.m. it was all over. The driver faces possession of stolen property and criminal negligence in the operation of a vehicle from the Guelph O.P.P., charges of theft (for the gas) from the Waterloo Regional Police, and car theft from the Toronto police.



SUE THOMSON hurls a blur during the high school softball tournament opener against Milton yesterday. Thomson, who also pitches for Brookville Selects, pitched a three hitter in the championship game which AHS took 10-0 from Milton. Schools from Arthur and Oakville also competed. See story on sports page.

See inside for Acton Fair winners

## Is United Way the right way?

Officials of the Oakville United Way were on the hot seat at a meeting in Georgetown last Wednesday night. Members of the audience were hostile about reports that the Oakville United Way was coming into Georgetown to canvass industry through a payroll deduction plan.

United Way representatives were Terry O'Connor, campaign chairman; Larmer Browne, president, and Ric Chandler, local chairman of the Oakville United Way.

Vic Bristow of the Acton C.N.I.B. suggested once the Oakville United Way has its foot in the door in industry in Georgetown, Acton would be next. "When we go to the door in our canvass we'll also get 'I gave at the office.'" He said people do not realize all the agencies do not benefit from the United Way.

"The answer to that is Yes," admitted O'Connor. He said Georgetown is a pilot project, and if there's service in Acton, that too has to be paid for. He said he had already talked to business in Acton unsuccessfully.

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## Driver killed Sunday crash

Funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon for David Roy Overland, Main St., Erin, who was killed in a car collision Sunday at 1:55 a.m. He was 24 years of age.

The accident happened on Highway 24, two miles north of Ospringe. The Overland vehicle was northbound when it went out of control and into the east ditch, rolling over several times. Total damage was estimated at \$2,000 by Guelph O.P.P.

The passenger in the vehicle, Charmaine Overland, 20, also of Erin, suffered minor injuries.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie officiated at the services at the Rumely-Shoemaker funeral home and Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were friends Doug Amos, Ross Fuller, Ken McArthur, Ken Zigler, Danny McDonald and Westley Greig.

David Overland was born June 4, 1953. He is survived by parents Isabell and Doug of Mill St., Acton; sisters Connie O'Connor, Grand Valley; Charmaine Overland, Erin; Dixie, Acton; brothers Neil, Doyle and Michael, Acton, and a son Michael David Overland.

## Found not guilty in death of woman

Silvio Zanchetta, 43, of Weston has been found not guilty of criminal negligence causing death in a supreme court in Milton following the Christmas eve three-car collision which took the life of a Windsor woman.

Elizabeth Mackie, 38, was northbound on Highway 25 last December 24 on her way to spend Christmas with relatives in Acton when the accident occurred. Acton Volunteer firefighters were summoned to the scene to free her from the wreckage, but she was pronounced dead on arrival at Milton District Hospital.

Four witnesses testified before Mr. Justice Patrick Gulligan that the Zanchetta van, heading south on Hwy. 25, weaved on the road just before the collision.

Norman Goring, R. R. 1, Hillsburgh told the court the Zanchetta vehicle hit the left

front fender of a northbound car. His wife Margaret Goring then told the court the Zanchetta van bounced off the first car and hit the northbound Mackie vehicle. Kenneth Duncan, Fergus, testified the van was in the northbound lane when the first of the two collisions occurred. The Mackie car, reported Peter Williams, R. R. 3, Milton, was hit head-on by the van.

Liquor in van

Two ambulance drivers said they found Mr. Zanchetta unconscious in the van and testified that there was alcohol on his breath. Investigating OPP officer Constable Robert Wilmott said he found two sealed bottles of whiskey and one partially-filled bottle when he searched the van.

On the second day of testimony, Dr. Oscar Karabanow, a Toronto psychiatrist, testified Mr. Zanchetta could have

suffered a blackout before his van was in the collisions.

The accused told the court his vision became foggy as he drove towards Milton. He explained that the road seemed to get thinner and shorter, and he was looking for a place to stop, when the next thing he knew he was in the hospital.

Dr. Karabanow said the blackout could have been caused by extreme heat or fatigue.

Mr. Zanchetta admitted having a bit of whiskey in Acton, several hours before the accident. He also said he had had little sleep the night before and had very little to eat that day.

Mr. Justice Gulligan, upon handing down the non guilty verdict last Wednesday, said he did not feel Zanchetta had demonstrated a wanton disregard for the safety of others.

## Lions pool committee back in business

"The door has been closed and we've been gently nudged outside, with nothing more to say about Acton swimming pool," Ray Evelan, vice-president of Acton Lions Club told Halton Hills administration committee, Monday night.

Mr. Evelan said the Lions Club received a report from the Ward 1, and 2 Recreation Advisory Committee telling the Acton Lions Indoor Pool committee was going to be disbanded. He said the club wrote a letter to the recreation department May 19 saying the committee should continue, and "maintain their rightful place as representatives on this committee."

The Lions vice-president said a May 26 letter from the recreation director said he could see no useful purpose for the committee, and pointed out the Lions Club can confer with any member of the recreation staff at an informal meeting, at a convenient time.

Morrow said he or the administration committee wanted all the support they could get and had no intention of discouraging the participation of the club.

Mr. Evelan claimed the Lions right of participation should not be revoked simply because two meetings were missed.

Morrow suggested the executive of Acton Lions Club appoint three members to the Acton Lions Pool Committee, along with Les Duby the Ward One administration committee member, and a member from the recreation department staff.

He said the three Lions members should indicate what time and place they would like to meet.

"That sounds fair to us," commented Ray Evelan, after consultation with Lion President Don Murdy, and Lions Art Gordon, Mike Murdy, Bob Bradley, and Haigaz Assadourian, who were present.

Mr. Evelan welcomed the solution and said it was perfectly satisfactory. He said he didn't care about the makeup of the committee as long as they had representation.

Mr. Evelan said the Lions Pool committee had worked with the town and the school board right from the start. He said the Lions were particularly interested in making sure the public had full use of the school, and it was not restricted to school students.

Councillor Les Duby said the Lions Club had done the right thing in coming to council to straighten the matter up.

Councillor Ric Morrow said he was surprised to hear the Lions Club had not made the decision themselves to disband the committee.

He said that's what he understood by the minutes.

Glen Gray said the Recreation Advisory Committee had made the recommendation, since no representative from the Lions Club had attended for some time.

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## Paving stones will dress up Mill St.



HERE'S HOW they go. . . Henry Stachyra shows how the new paving stones will look on Mill St. Other improvements will be discussed at a meeting Tuesday in the library.

Some of the interlocking paving stones that will be used on Acton sidewalks have been given to Henry Stachyra, chairman of the committee planning hopefully for improvements for the downtown area.

KNR-Durastone Ltd., Georgetown, produces the stones that have lately achieved wide acceptance and are being used in a variety of ways.

They come in different sizes and shapes and the one planned for Acton is like an I-beam.

The material is virtually indestructible. It comes in several colors, red, charcoal and brown and natural. Which color will be used here? That's not decided yet.

The stones are laid on a levelled bed and are compacted into place with masonry in the joints.

In Oakville the stones are used for pathways in Gairlock Gardens. In Toronto they cover the area in front of the Parliament Buildings and form walks at Ontario Place. They are laid in the central courtyard at Square One and around the public library in Milton. They also form walks and roads at the new Toronto Zoo, so Actonians are liable to have already walked on these paving stones at some time.

Use of the stones has been approved by council.