

Seniors apts. superb view

The planned 38 single bedroom senior citizen units will be housed in a three-story building on Elizabeth Dr. with an elevator. The building would be the first on the right, past Lakeview Centre. Two existing houses will be removed. The older house will be razed and the newer one will be moved somewhere else. The curve in the road will be straightened out.

The lot is a better size because of a land exchange between Rugby Consturction and Lou Bonnette. Mr. Bonnette now has two lots on Elizabeth past the planned housing.

There will be a common room, carpeted corridors, roomy grounds, parking area and a shuffleboard court in the garden.

The building will be three storeys from the front, but just two storeys at the back because of the sloping lot.

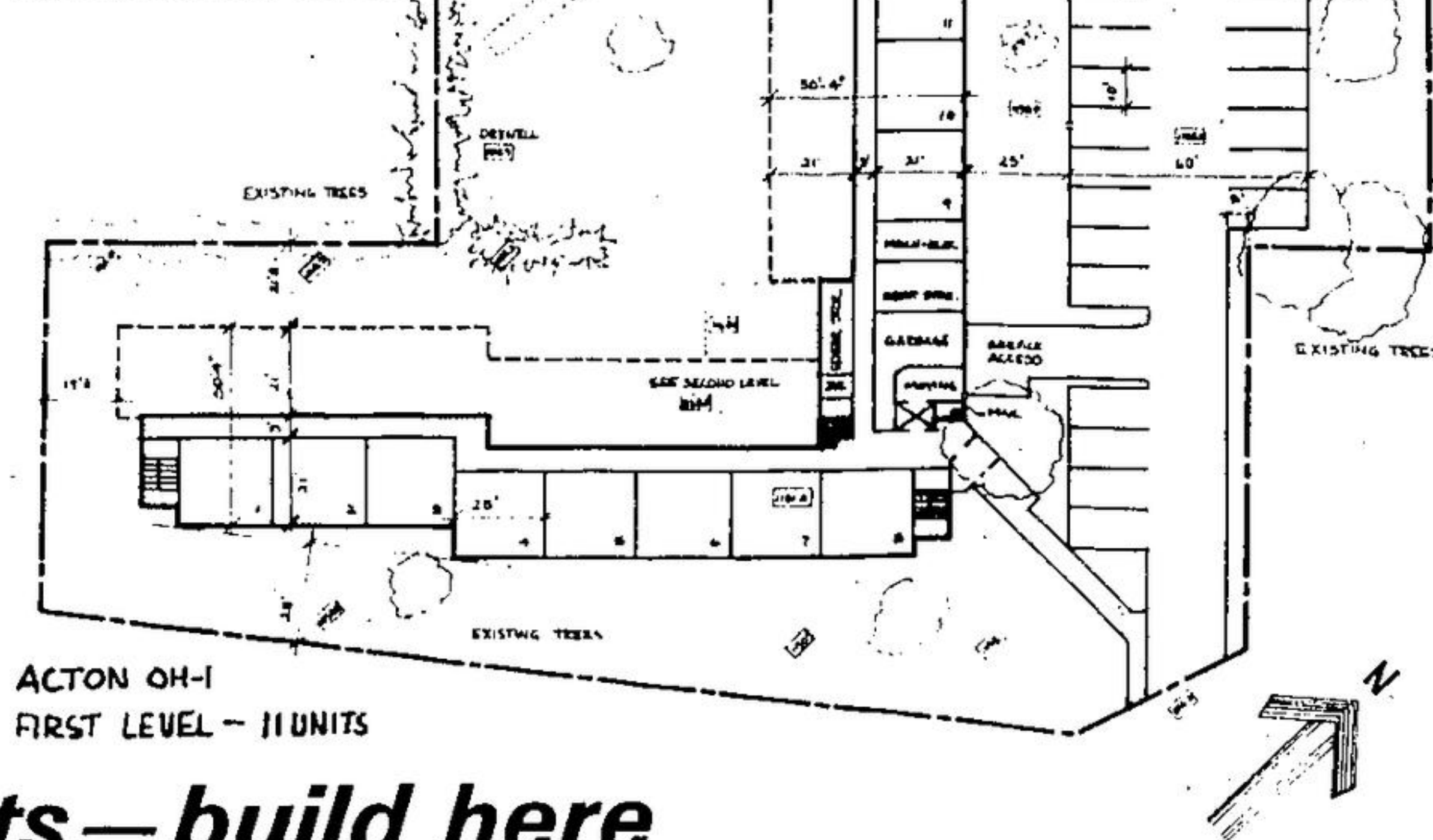
The second storey apartments will have patios which open out onto ground level. The third floor apartments will have balconies.

From the rear, the units will be the height of a normal two-storey house.

It is expected the other side of the road will remain as parkland, giving residents a great view of the lake and park.

Ontario Housing officials predict that once people see how attractive the apartments are there will be a dramatic increase in applications.

Proposed senior citizen units on Elizabeth Drive



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More applicants — build here

(Continued from Page 1) that about 60 per cent of these who applied actually take units. This gave him a figure of 88, for the two planned buildings.

However during discussion it was determined that once construction starts, requests for accommodation go up by one-third immediately.

Although councillor Marks did a quick juggling of figures and determined that by these figures, only four more applications would be needed for Acton, Mr. Hickory insisted on applications.

Councillor Marks then figured another 20 applications, on top of those already in, should meet the requirements for Georgetown and Acton.

Decision made
The councillors explained to Mr. Hickory they had expected construction to begin here soon and were completely unaware of the decision Acton units would not begin until the Georgetown units were filled.

The decision to build 89 units in Georgetown was based on the need in 1974. Now there are not enough applications on file to fill it. Our figures were not correct, Mr. Hickory said.

"Why ask Acton people to suffer for what you have done wrong?" councillor McKenzie wanted to know.

Unique situation
Councillors criticized his assumption that Halton Hills is one town. He admitted they have been instructed to recognize regional government. Julian Reed commented it is obvious Acton is in a unique situation and the regional concept is "not working well here."

Acton has one-third of the population, yet just 12 units. Georgetown already has 74 units, Mr. Doby pointed out.

All our charts identify Halton Hills, not two communities, Mr. Hickory explained.

Nevertheless we have two towns! Mr. McKenzie and others insisted.

Mr. McKenzie suggested the building here could be constructed in two stages. Mr. Hickory said this could be done, but would add to the final cost.

If we could accelerate the applications in Georgetown I would be more than happy to proceed, Mr. Hickory said. He pointed out the land is purchased and land exchange

completed. He will be applying for rezoning, possibly this week.

Planner Mario Venditti foresaw no delay in Halton Hills. Rezoning should take two or three months, if no objections are laid. He questioned the 40 per cent shortfall in occupants anticipated by the officials. He said the apartment rental situation is almost a "crisis" situation making alternative accommodation for older people difficult.

The architect would require six weeks, tenders could close the end of July, the Ontario board would approve, working drawings would have to be made and work could probably commence in October. Construction would take nine months, so the Acton units could open in the spring of 1978.

There is no budget problem, in the Ministry or the local council.

Discouraging
Asked whose responsibility it is to advertise, Mr. Hickory suggested the municipality take the lead. He also suggested a meeting of senior citizens.

Mr. McKenzie said it's discouraging to have to seek applicants again, when the report citing the need was approved in 1975 and the resolution passed by council. Mr. Doby added that quite a few people have applied since then.

Applicants must be processed and their finances determined, since the units are subsidized by the government. Mr. Ishikawa pointed out he has only one person who makes those calls, Laura Beckwith, and she is very busy interviewing residents for units in Oakville which are ready for occupancy.

George Gray said he had spoken with the Minister of Housing, John Rhodes, who advised him "update your figures."

Mr. Ishikawa said he is now convinced the Acton applicants wish to remain here and he thinks it is desirable they remain.

Councillor Booth said he is concerned at how long it takes these things to get off the ground. "Let's get on with it!"

"Since I see a need here I can safely say you'll get a sympathetic recommendation," Mr. Hickory concluded.

refusal to live up to a promise to provide \$280 million for mass urban transportation caused plans for GO train expansion to be cancelled. It was intended to increase the Georgetown-Toronto runs.

30 applicants give go-ahead

A total of over 30 new applicants in both Georgetown and Acton are needed before construction of Acton's senior citizen housing units will begin. This number of applicants would ensure that the new 89-unit building in Georgetown is filled, with enough in Acton to fill a new building here.

Only new applicants need apply. Halton Housing Authority has a list of 32 people who have already applied for

the 38 new units in Acton. Application forms are available from Lorna Clark in the town office on Mill St. Anyone who would like to talk over the applications may contact Terry Grubbe in the Community Services Centre in the Y building. She will be glad to help, find answers to problems or questions, and help fill out the form itself. An advertisement will appear in next week's paper seeking applicants.

Subsidy for snow removal

A special subsidy for municipalities whose budgets are hard-pressed by the extra heavy snow removal costs this year has been announced by Minister of Transportation and Communications James Snow.

To qualify for assistance, a municipality's winter main-

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Halton Hills engineering department is checking snow removal costs to see if they are eligible.


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Meet on GO

Councillor Walter Biehn will be the town of Halton Hills representative, at a meeting called by the provincial government to discuss the cancellation of the expanded GO train service.

The meeting to be held at Mississauga City hall, Friday, will have Premier William Davis in attendance. Minister of Transportation and Communication Jim Snow announced February 18 that the federal government's

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