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A whopping 82 per cent of citizens live and work in Halton Hills yet one wage earner families can't afford an average single family home.  
These and other statistics were gathered and unravelled in an industrial study done by two urban planning students, Ron Jaros and Elizabeth Gilson, for the town of Halton Hills.  
A questionnaire was sent to all Halton Hills industries in May to find the types of industries, employment and services required. The majority responded.  
They've found 40.8 per cent of the total industrial land sites are vacant. They will recommend the town council redesign Acton industrial park to provide smaller sized lots. They said the land was not used to its best capacity.  
Manufacturing and processing firms, mostly small tools and electrical parts, rather than heavy industries which require large lots, employ 55.7 per cent of the overall total of males employed in Halton Hills and 54.3 per cent female. Of that figure, 44.2 per cent are residents here, and so are 36 per cent of the females, who comprise the other 54.3 per cent of the work force.  
Salaries range from \$6,000 to \$14,000 in Halton Hills, but it takes two wage earners to own a home, the students state. They

found from a recent Fobert Real Estate report an average Halton Hills home cost \$56,000. The result is a section of Halton Hills industrial workers are living elsewhere, (18.4 per cent are commuters) and commerce also goes elsewhere.  
Halton Hills homes are largely single family dwellings while other communities offer a wider selection, from condominiums to townhouses. The students will recommend thought be given to a full range of housing, low to medium to high rise, also suggesting three to four storey apartments and four storey townhouses. Their research shows Halton Hills also needs skilled production workers. They suggest the housing problem will remain if non-skilled jobs predominate in the town.  
The planners would like to see government housing assistance programs promoted. A recent Halton housing and job report indicates Burlington has 464 housing units constructed or in the process through A.H.O.P. and O.H.A.P., Milton 276 and Halton Hills a meager 18. (A.H.O.P.—O.H.A.P.) Assistance Home Ownership Plan (Fed.), Ontario Housing Assistance Program.  
Jaros noted that phasing and monitoring has to follow housing and industries because Halton Hills municipal assessment ratio in 1976 was 83 per cent residential and 17 per cent industrial including commercial. The ideal ratio, they say, is 60 per cent residential and 40 per cent industrial.  
Gilson says the preponderance of residential taxpayers now hinders a solid tax structure.  
Another part of their summer's work, was a residential study in Norwal, Stewarttown and Glen Williams. Though the study is incomplete, Gilson said all three hamlets have vacant land and she foresees 100 new units, (single family on small lots) per hamlet. She thinks they will be built gradually, adding 15-20 units each year. They've also found railway sidings

provided for the Georgetown industries are not used, as truck transport is more applicable. Heavier industries would have, required railway transport.  
After almost four months of studying Halton Hills, the students say growth is too slow. "Companies are conservative on floor space," Gilson maintains but they want to grow without adding floor space and using capital.  
Both students value their summer's work as a future reference. "Not very many municipalities would give students two studies," said Gilson.  
Their report will be available to the public and if there are any questions they can be contacted at the town's Planning Department.  
Jaros will be returning to Ryerson Polytechnical Institute for his fourth year in a B.A. program. Gilson is finishing her Master of Environmental Studies at York University this fall and has found a full time urban planning job.

THIS PHOTOGRAPH of Acton town hall, taken shortly after it was built, will be used as a basis for a sketch which will be available for sale as a poster soon. The photograph was taken by the late A. T. Brown before the turn of the century. It shows the small ornamental balcony which used to overhang the front doors. It also shows the original bell tower.



## Jelinek may not run in Halton

A few weeks ago Otto Jelinek was certain that he would be seeking the Tory nomination in Halton, but now it is all up in the air.  
In a recent interview Jelinek said he had been contacted by party executives in Ottawa and by Party Leader Joe Clark. Both contacts were made with a view to persuading Jelinek to run in Toronto instead of Halton.  
While Jelinek said he probably wouldn't make a decision until the spring, he did say he was a party man and would probably go where the party felt he could serve best.  
That could very well mean that he'll stake his seal against cabinet minister Alastair Gillespie in a race in Etobicoke Centre. That riding will encompass part of Gillespie's Etobicoke riding and part of Jelinek's High Park-Humber Valley riding.  
Jelinek has been encouraged by people within the Etobicoke association, the national executive and leader Joe Clark to stay and help the party gain some strength in metro. The Tories currently hold only two seats there.  
In a recent letter to Jelinek, Clark asked Jelinek to look seriously at a Toronto riding, particularly the Etobicoke-Centre Riding.  
"As you know, I want the Party to have as strong representation as possible from Metro. You now are one of only two P.C. members from Metro proper and have earned a strong national reputation as our spokesman on small business. On those grounds, I think it would be helpful for you to seek a nomination in the metropolitan area."  
"Your present constituency divides into four constituencies under redistribution, and I understand that a number of your supporters from one of those ridings, namely Etobicoke Centre, have asked you to consider standing in that constituency. That makes sense to me, particularly since it might allow you to take on Alastair Gillespie, should he decide to seek reelection."  
Jelinek said it was felt that a sitting member and one with a high profile would be needed to defeat a cabinet minister, but that wasn't necessarily so with MP Frank Philbrook in Halton.  
He claimed there was no consideration given to avoiding a race between himself and former MP Terry O'Connor for the Halton seat.  
"No, that wasn't taken into consideration. In fact I don't think O'Connor will run this time. He showed more interest in the nomination a year ago than he does now."  
He said he would regret not running in Halton, after having many people work for him in the last several months.  
Should both Jelinek and O'Connor decide not to run here, that would leave the riding wide open for a new P.C. challenger.

## Crime report

Crime in Halton dipped some last year, according to the annual report by Halton Regional Police.  
The lower number of criminal offences in 1976 coupled with a higher number of crimes solved, according to the report, signed by Police Chief Ken Skerrett.  
In numbers criminal offences declined by 198 or 1.6 per cent over the previous year. In 1976 there were 11,857 criminal offences. The force also cleared up 52.15 per cent of the offences in 1976 as compared with a clearance rate of 50.9 per cent in 1975.  
Going with the increased efficiency of the force on the crime front, the total work load moved up by 5.22 per cent, according to the report.  
There are 352 police officers on Halton's force which works out to one officer to every 902 residents.  
There was one homicide last year and one case of manslaughter. Nine rapes were recorded during 1976 and 806 reports of assault. There were 33 robberies.  
Houses were the main targets of break and enter artists at 826. Shops were next at 636. There were 311 other sites of break-ins.  
Known or reported thefts of a value less than \$200 numbered at 4,623. The number valued at more than \$200 was 884.  
There was no report of attempted homicide or prostitution in Halton Region last year.  
District 1, which takes in Acton, Georgetown, Milton and the two townships, led the region in reported cases of offensive weapons at 30. Total for the region was 62.  
District 1 also topped the other two districts with 534 liquor offences.  
There were four less fatal traffic accidents in Halton last year—21—than the year before. Personal injuries were also down. However, there was a jump of 207 in the number of minor accidents.  
Earlier this year the Halton force took over patrols of Nassagaweya from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). The 1975 figures also reflect an increase in the force's patrol area when it took over Acton from the OPP in September.

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