Halton Hills councillors felt they were skating on thin ice on the question of outdoor rinks, and reversed the committee's decision to establish and maintain only four ice rinks in town. They sent the whole slippery matter back to committee.

At finance committee the previous week, the recommendation was approved to have rinks at George Kennedy school, Joseph Gibbons school, Harrison school, Georgetown and McKenzie-Smith school in Acton. In addition other rinks were to have been set up where residents were prepared to main-

Councillor Russ Miller said either none should maintained or all, and said where people are prepared to maintain should be the location of the rinks. He said the cost of establishing a rink is under \$400 but to maintain

one all season is \$6,000. Councillor Pat McKenzie agreed, saying the residents who are prepared to maintain rinks should have priority. Councillor Roy Booth

warned the rinks would not be ready for the Christmas holidays if the matter was sent back to committee. He pointed out the four rinks mentioned were the ones

Miller maintained there are people all over Halton Hills paying for the rinks so they should have them if they are willing to maintain them.

Councillor Peter Marks claimed the money was mostly for salaries, which the town would be paying anyway. He said the work force looked after rinks when they were not doing something else. "There's a group already prepared to maintain the McKenzie-Smith school rink, so it won't need to be

maintained by the town." Councillor Walter Biehn suggested the "Maintenance clause" be taken out of the four rinks approved by committee, and made an amend-

ment to that effect. Booth stated "If this amendment goes through that means the town will do the initial flooding and construct the rinks, and then leave them. The groups will have to go out and reflood and shovel snow." He warned no group could shovel a foot or

two of snow. The amendment passed in committee of the whole but in council was defeated.

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson suggested the town should look after a minimum of maintenance. She said it was an imposition for citizens to have to flood rinks when it is so much easier for the works force to do it.

would dictate that in cases of heavy snowfall the works force would clear the rinks. Councillor George Maltby said there should be no set number such as four, he sug-

gested the wording be a minimum of four. He said the whole matter should go back to committee.

Councillor Pat Patterson said he had not heard a word about rinks at Speyside, Hornby, Stewarttown, or Glen Williams. "They pay taxes and they are just as entitled to them."

Councillor Mike Armstrong pointed out there was a council meeting December 19, which would give time to have the rinks ready for the Christmas holidays.

Finally it was referred back to the same committee who made the original recommendation.

New arena manager

Randy Weldon, 24, of Acton, was hired Nov. 6 by village council as manager at the new Erin arena. Mr. Weldon is currently assistant manager at the Nobleton Miller said common sense community centre.



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More if wanted

Four ice rinks before Christmas

The four outdoor skating rinks at Harrison School, Kennedy School, George Joseph Gibbons School, Georgetown, and McKenzie-Smith School, Acton will be established before the Christmas holidays, Halton Hills finance-administration com-

mittee decided Monday night. The rinks will be set up with the expectation some or all of the maintenance will be done by interested citizens in the area. In addition other rinks will be built with the proviso that they will be completely maintained by the people who say they want them.

However, it was made clear the town will clear the rinks after heavy snowfalls.

Susie Lorito, a resident of the Kennedy School area, said the rink was used constantly last year, and the town did a tremendous job. She said she had commitments from 10 families to maintain the rink, perhaps taking a week each. She said rinks are not a frill but a

healthy form of fun for children and adults alike.

She said Eric Mitchell, who appeared at committee two weeks ago, frequently flooded the rink at two in the morning, and shovelled snow so it was ready for use. She said the residents want the rink for the Christmas holidays.

Mayor Tom Hill assured Mrs. Lorito there had never been any intention of taking that rink away. He explained it was simply a matter of finding out if other areas in town were willing to help maintain the rinks. Councillor Roy Booth

stated the delay of two weeks had been unnecessary. Councillor Walter Biehn pointed out it costs \$340 to set up a rink without boards.

which all will be this year, but costs \$6,000 to maintain. Booth insisted the committee authorize the recreation director to go ahead with the rinks immediately, instead of walting until the next council

candidate for Team Canada

Ex-Streetsville Derby Jim Lockhurst, who now tends goal for the Major Junior "A" Kingston Canadians, is a candidate for this year's Junior Team Canada.

The team, which will represent Canada in world junior championships in Quebec, December 22-January 3, is to be selected from prospects attending a pre-tournament camp in Montreal this week.

Lockhurst, a cousin of Georgetown's Mr. Goalie Norm Lockhurst, attended the Gemini Junior "B" camp three years ago, but ended up with Tom Barrett's Derbys.



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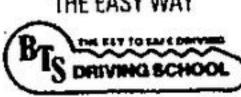
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