# Georgetown library's future is now in OMB hands

the spending of \$750,000 for a overstressed. He said the roof parking and since that time the opinion that Cedarvale and she said. new library at Cedarvale needed repairs, and there those concerns have been the Fairgrounds are the only Park, Georgetown, Ontario were deficiencles in fire safety eliminated." reserved their decision Friday be replaced. afternoon.

existing building at approx- the 150 pound per square foot imately \$600,000.

Town solicitor Ray Steele stacks. afford the \$750,000, as Trea- code required that amount. surer Ray King had testified the per capita debt in Halton the Items in the Zeegen report Hills is the lowest in Halton are included in the plans for up the hill with his car under modated in the building at one Expansion of the present Region,

engineer testified repairs at Gray testified he feels the prethe Church Street site would sent complement of parkland total \$127,000, and claimed is adequate for the Georgethere are serious deficiences town area. He said he has no in the floor structure. He said objection to use of the land at a library must sustain a load Cedarvale for a library. of 150 pounds per square foot, "The only concern it ex-

After a three day hearing on and said the present floor is pressed," said Gray, "was from Arnold, Gray expressed no program or meeting rooms,

load capacity as did the helpeliminate injuries.

Arnold pointed out many of the addition to the building.

Alan Zeegen, a consulting Recreation director Glen

J.A. Wheler and C.G. Charron mechanical system needed to hill at Cedarvale, presently of community parks.

wintry conditions. The child- time, she said.

two parks in Georgetown library board chose the Cedar-

Bert Arnold, solicitor ap- dangerous location for that ac- librarian for Halton Hills, to the community as a whole They heard the cost of the pearing for Betty Fisher and tivity. He said children have testified that the present 16,000 square foot building at John Ferguson opposing the slid into the mature tree library on Church St, hasn't possible. She said the present Cedarvale estimated at \$750,000 expenditure at Cedar- growth at the bottom of the hill been large enough since library is located adjacent to \$750,000, compared to the vale, asked if reading rooms and that the town has had to Georgetown passed 5,000 in one of the town's major 14,648 square foot expanded and washrooms, demanded put rubber tires around the population. She said the commercial strips, but is not bases of telephone poles to building has little more than highly visible to that strip. 4,000 square feet and that all Gray said that when the available space except the fur- member J.M. Wheler, Mrs. argued the town could well Zeegen said the building recreation department offices nace room is now being used. were located at Cedarvale, he It has no room for reading and unhappy with provisions personally destroyed two or sofew seating spaces that only expansion plans for the three toboggans trying to get 15 people could be accom- present library allowed.

> Golf Club encourages the seating it should have, and has spontaneous use of its natural a book stock of one half or less books. rolling terrain for tobog- of what it should be. The

Mrs. Cornwell said the

Under cross-examination the average size and there are would make any difference to population, but that 20-24,000

Municipal Board Members requirements. He said the Gray pointed out that the which would fit the description vale site because they felt the town needed a new facility at a used for tobogganing is a Betsy Cornwell, chief site which is highly accessible and where expansion is

Questioned by board Cornwell said she was building would have necessren had vacated the tobog. She said the library is about itated three levels with supera third to a quarter of the size vision on each level, she said. He said the North Halton it should be, is 30 below the It would mean extra staffing and an unsuitable division of

Asked by Wheler if conchildren's area is about half struction of a new library

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fessional librarian Mrs. provision of a new building would give the people of Georgetown and area fuller and more varied library

Mrs. Cornwell said a building of 15,000 sq. ft. is a good target for the existing

sq. ft. would be required for centres in Acton and George- the merits of a site. the town's projected town and a small branch at Cornwell replied that population. She said the Limehouse school which is Georgetown library has over only open part time. 11,000 users.

Mrs. Cornwell said that it's all the evidence, town solicitor board is not a governing body. generally felt that if a town Ray Steele contended the He also maintained the has less than 50,000 pop- OMB should rule only on the debenture can only be used for ulation, it should not have allocation of money and ought another purpose if the OMB library branches. Halton Hills not interfere with council and determines the original use is

Bert Arnold, in his summation, contended the building must comply with the R2 zoning and open space In addition to a summary of designation, since a library now has two main service library board's opinion about no longer feasible.

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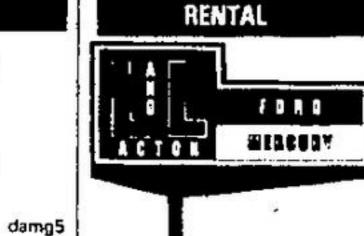
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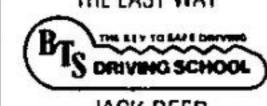
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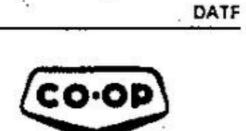
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