

# Rift in Rec. — Advisory vs. Gray

Bants ousted in final series



PEE WEE GIRLS, most valuable player Susan Tufford (left), most improved player Colleen McKnight.



SQUIRT BOYS, most valuable player Brad Demone (left), most improved player, Ron Woolley.

Tension between the Recreation Department and the Recreation Advisory Committee for Ward Three and Four is the main reason for frustration of the advisory committee members, Claire Riepma, advisory committee chairman told Halton Hills finance committee Monday night.

Riepma said he was concerned about the resignation of Dr. Stuart Robbins, who along with the other members, he described as hard-working, and dedicated people.

Riepma said he was afraid Robbins resignation was the thin edge of the wedge and said he feared more will follow. "I think the issue to be decided is whether or not the Recreation Advisory Committee is important enough to continue."

The advisory committee chair "can contend one of the flaws was the fact the recreation co-ordinator only deals with a certain segment of the problems and does not know the overall answers. He hastened to add she does a good job, but simply does not have jurisdiction over the whole department.

Councillor Roy Booth said according to guidelines when the advisory committee was set up they were supposed to advise the finance committee, but instead it seems to have evolved into a sub-committee of the recreation department. He said council rarely sees anyone from the advisory committee, and suggested they could put problems on the agenda.

Robbins suggested the constant feeding of information up to the recreation department and council, without hearing any response, is a major cause of frustration. He suggested a sports

## Ladies fall

Milton Mall Dolls advanced to the Halton Ladies' Softball Association semi-finals Tuesday night following a 5-2 win over Acton Seniors.

The victory gave Milton Mall the best of three series in two straight games. The Dolls beat Acton 11-5 in the opening contest. Milton Mall advances to the next round with Georgetown Georgetown supplying the opposition.

ederation with representatives of each group and of cultural groups might be able to speak for the whole population. He suggested it respond directly to the finance committee.

"The key question is really whether or not council and the recreation department think it is a useful committee, and I'm not sure the answer is yes."

Councillor Pat Patterson said the residents of Ward Two along with everyone else, are paying \$4 each for recreation, and claimed the rural people don't use the facilities. He claimed they feel they are subsidizing the rest of the people. He said if one or two people from Ward Two were on the committee they might feel differently.

Councillor Peter Morris explained this committee is only for Ward Three and Four. He pointed out there had been a recreation advisory committee for Wards One and Two, but everyone resigned and it had collapsed.

Councillor Peter Marks challenged Patterson's claim the rural people don't use the facilities and said the registration in hockey, soccer and swimming prove otherwise.

Morris suggested Recreation Director Glen Gray attend the advisory committee meetings, but insisted he did not mean the rift was all the fault of the recreation department.

Recreation Director Glen Gray said when the advisory committee of Ward One and Two disbanded members said they preferred phoning or dropping into the recreation department with problems or questions to attending monthly meetings. He said there is close communication between his department and Norval Community Association, and termed it very effective.

He said his department supports the advisory committee as far as helping in policy making and setting guidelines. He claimed a joint meeting in July had helped ease tensions. He said there is supposed to be a quarterly joint meeting with the finance

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## Tennis Talk

by Ray Briggs

At a recent meeting of the Tennis Club executive it was decided that the club will be holding an official opening day on Sunday, September 24.

The agenda for this special event will include an official ribbon cutting ceremony, at 1 p.m. followed by the Ladies' and Men's singles finals. After the finals an exhibition match has been arranged with two visiting professionals. They will play an 8 game match, after which they will challenge the Acton, mens finalists to a doubles match.

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he will be posting a Junior member ladder at the courts within the next few days. This is designed to encourage competition amongst juniors.

The executive members all agreed that the membership of the Acton Tennis Club has made this year an overwhelming success.

Club president Mike Bullock expressed his appreciation to the patience members showed during the court construction period, and the enthusiasm shown during our relatively short playing season.

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