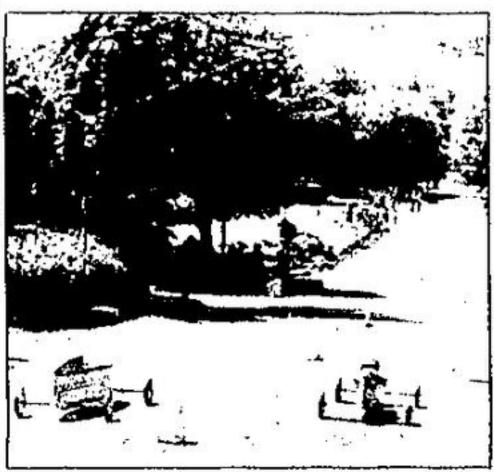


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Knechtel, Grubbe suggest

Councillors against Section 86 should find alternate system

cillors who voted against must still take some property tax assessment responsibility because the it. reform through Section town has failed to ask 86 have a responsibility problems assessment throughout the town according Acton Councillors Ross and Terry Knechtel Grubbe.

Monday general committee received report from treasurer Ray King urging town staff not appeal high and low assessments.

Appealing high and low

assessments was an idea

suggested by Grubbe a few weeks ago during a visit to council by a group Acton Esquesing residents who support Section 86 and feel their assessments are too high under the present system. The taxpayers urged councillors reconsider their, decision to reject Section 86, but council didn't

Committee also received report Monday which explained complicated . equalization factors used throughout the town for assessments and taxes.

accept.

Knechtel said it is obvious the province is willing to come up with equalization factors but is either "too lazy or just doesn't give a damn about how the factor spreads the tax burden' over the four areas of Georgetown, Acton. Esquesing and part of Oakville which were merged by Queen's Park to form Halton Hills.

The province is just laughing at Halton Hills and saying they won't change equalization factors even though they aren't right, he said.

However, Knechtel said, it is easy to blame the province for assessment problems in

Halton Hills coun- Halton Hills, but council Queen's Park for any

councillors simply don't have any answers for inequities and the day is coming taxpayers will demand answers. Councillors who voted

against Section 86 should be finding alternative answers. "We are saying a lot of things are wrong

Grubbe said she agreed after reading King's assessments. challenged those councillors who rejected Section 86 to consider setting up a committee to assessments rather than have staff do

Councillor Sheldon, who was away when Section 66 was to come up with alter- changes. He said report the treasury staff rejected, but voted ciliors shouldn't be shouldn't be appealing against it, said Grubbe and Knechtel were wrong to suggest some councillors were irresponsible. She said councillors aren't assessors and assessment is a serious issue not easily settled. She said finding a solution for assessment

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with the present system assessment problems, problems isn't now "on' but don't bother us about Grubbe maintained. the shoulders" of those who voted against Sec-

Knechtel said counwaiting for some other

Parkette soon on Elizabeth Dr. need donors for windbreak, patio

lovely little parkette on Elizabeth Dr. not far apartment thanks to the efforts of the Acton Llons Club, Beautification Committee, (ABC). several local businesses. the Acton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary and some Acton High School

teachers and students. The ABC started the project a few months ago by planning to put in some park benches so seniors could alt and view Fairy Lake.

However, now there will be not just five benches but some trees and shrubs and there are hopes for a windbreak and a patio.

The Legion ladies donated three benches and Denny's Insurance

and Halton Community Credit Union one each. the five benches cost over \$50 aplece. Toronto Wood Treating in the industrial park gave the ABC a real bargain price for the wood, Julie Conroy, one of the two ladies taking care of the project, said this week. Debra Sankey is also working on this

classes at AHS sanded the wood down as well as notching it for the pins which hold the seat and back in place. Teacher engraving the names of the donors on the benches. The wood is being taken back to Toronto Wood Treating to be

Concrete and wood for making a substantial

Students in Murray Swanson's woodworking

dipped in a green stain so they won't have to be

painted in the future. The Acton Lions Club is donation for landscaping and two firms were invited to quote on the project. Neil Miller and Don Murdy are working on the Lions part of the There will be a three

bench grouping with maple trees for shade and flowering bushes to add beauty. The other grouping will have two benches, maple trees and flowering

bushes and hopefully a

patio if a group, firm or

individual offers to

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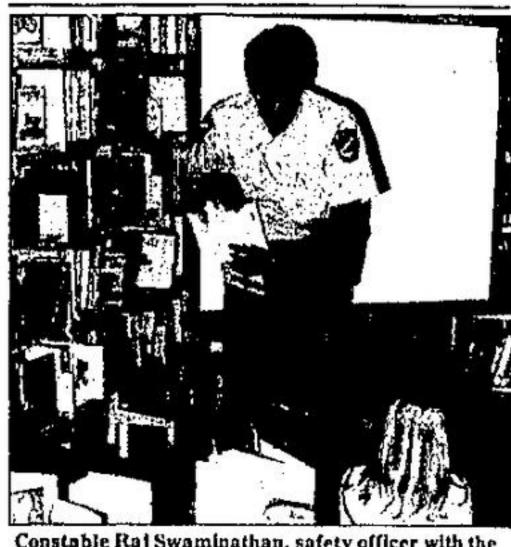
sidewalk stones, concrete slabs or patio stones, Mrs. Conroy explained. Mrs. Conroy says

they'd also like to put in a pine tree windbreak so the seniors could use the

weather, but the cost will end of the footpath from be around \$700 so a donor for this portion of the Elizabeth Drive to the parkette project is

parkette will be in place

footbridge behind the rink and Prospect Park She expects the means it will be within easy walking distance of within a few weeks and the seniors' apartments notes its location near the complex.



Constable Raj Swaminathan, safety officer with the Halton Regional Police, conducted a bike safety clinic at the Acton Library Saturday night.

Municipal building... (Continued from page 1) was setting funds aside regional taxes if it leased to a building while Halton Acton and Esquesing. In served the proposal

addition Whiting said a 40,000 square foot building might be adequate for Georgetown but not for the larger municipality of Halton Hills.

Li countered because of restrictions of the Niagara Escarpment Commission most development in Halton Hills will come south of Georgetown so in future years a municipal building on Highway 7 in Georgetown would be central to the majority of citizens. He said he was only asked by. Heslop to look at the Georgetown site and he wasn't comparing sites. Georgetown Councillor Roy Booth agreed most development will be south of Georgetown so the most central location in the future would be Georgetown. He re-

minded councillors they repeatedly by Acton citizens they want their town to remian a "nice little community" so there won't be much growth thera.

observed Healop's firm was bringing the proposal in res-

wasn't on a central site its own building. because Heslop already owns the Georgetown

Several councillors called the Heslop pro-"innovative" Pomeroy asked if a lease purchase agreement would be considered and Rud Whiting replied they were hoping a committee of council and staff could be established to discuss various items with the company, including ren-

tal-purchase. Pointing to the way costs have escalated and the smaliness of the town building fund, Pomeroy suggested the Heslop proposal might turn out to be the only way Halton Hills can achieve the goal

Li's figures showed over a ten year period leasing would be about \$800,000 and the developer's costs for the complex the municipal building would cost \$76 a square foot to build. He said Halton Hills doesn't need posh quarters and he disagreed with such costs.

of a central municipal

Councillor ponse to the newspaper Knechtel worried about articles reporting the town the town having to pay Hills wouldn't pay regional taxes if it owned

This committee would be required to report back by 1982 to either the budget committee or

About five years ago contemplated building a \$900,000 addition to the main municipal building on Trafalgar Road just outside Georgetown but public opposition shot the lan down.

However, council did start setting money aside for an eventual central administration building and now about \$800,000 has accumulated.

The municipal building lay dormant until a few weeks sgo when the possibility of debenturing \$1 million to add to the \$600,000 for a municipal building was included in the five year capital forecase in 1982.

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