

Complex petition gains momentum

At least 100 more names have been added to the list of Actonians wanting the provincial government to investigate the placing of a \$10,000 deposit on lands proposed for a future municipal complex.

Last week, in just a matter of days, 150 people signed the petition, instigated by Bill Cook. Now, close to 250 are on the list with many more expected to sign later this week.

"The petition is still progressing and picking up a little momentum," Cook noted. He is disappointed, however, that nothing has been done in Georgetown to give the residents a chance to object to the actions of council.

"They must be very content," he said. Cook expressed concern that the "movers and shakers of Acton have been very apathetic to the cause" and he questioned their silence.

Copies of the petition have been placed throughout town at stores and businesses. It reads:

"We the undersigned citizens of Halton Hills petition the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Claude Bennett, to investigate certain actions taken by council for the town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, November 22, 1982.

At the final meeting of the 1980-82 council by a vote of 10 to 1 endorsed placing a \$10,000 deposit on a piece of property known as the Stevens estate in Georgetown as a possible site for a future municipal administration centre or complex.

several months prior to November 22, 1982. This decision was made by a lame duck council, less than three-quarters of the members of that council will sit on the 1982-85 council for the

Resident concerned about new complex

From now on, anything having to do with a proposed new municipal complex and the purchase of land will be done in full public view, councillors agreed at the Councilors' Drop in last Friday in the Acton Social Services and Information Centre.

A long time Acton resident who wishes to remain nameless asked the councillors why money was not spent on refurbishing the old municipal building on Trafalgar Road in Esquesing. She explained it was no more fair to build a new complex in Georgetown than it would be in Acton.

Councillor Ross Knechtel said sewers could not be put into the present site because they were not going down that side of the road. Also, the

Town of Halton Hills. None of the incumbent council candidates revealed this proposal during the campaign prior to the November 8, 1982 municipal election. The new

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deteriorating condition of the building resulted in annual fixing up at great cost to the taxpayer. If everyone was under one roof, he said, a septic tank system would not be adequate for 150 staffers.

Knechtel told the woman if the motion for a new municipal complex came before him today, he would not vote for it. Council merely put an option on the land to purchase for some future building.

Councillor Russ Miller noted that by putting the \$10,000 downpayment on the \$700,000 parcel of land they were just trying to keep the land on the market. He noted it was the foresight of the township of Esquesing that gave the town of Halton Hills a home for past eight years.

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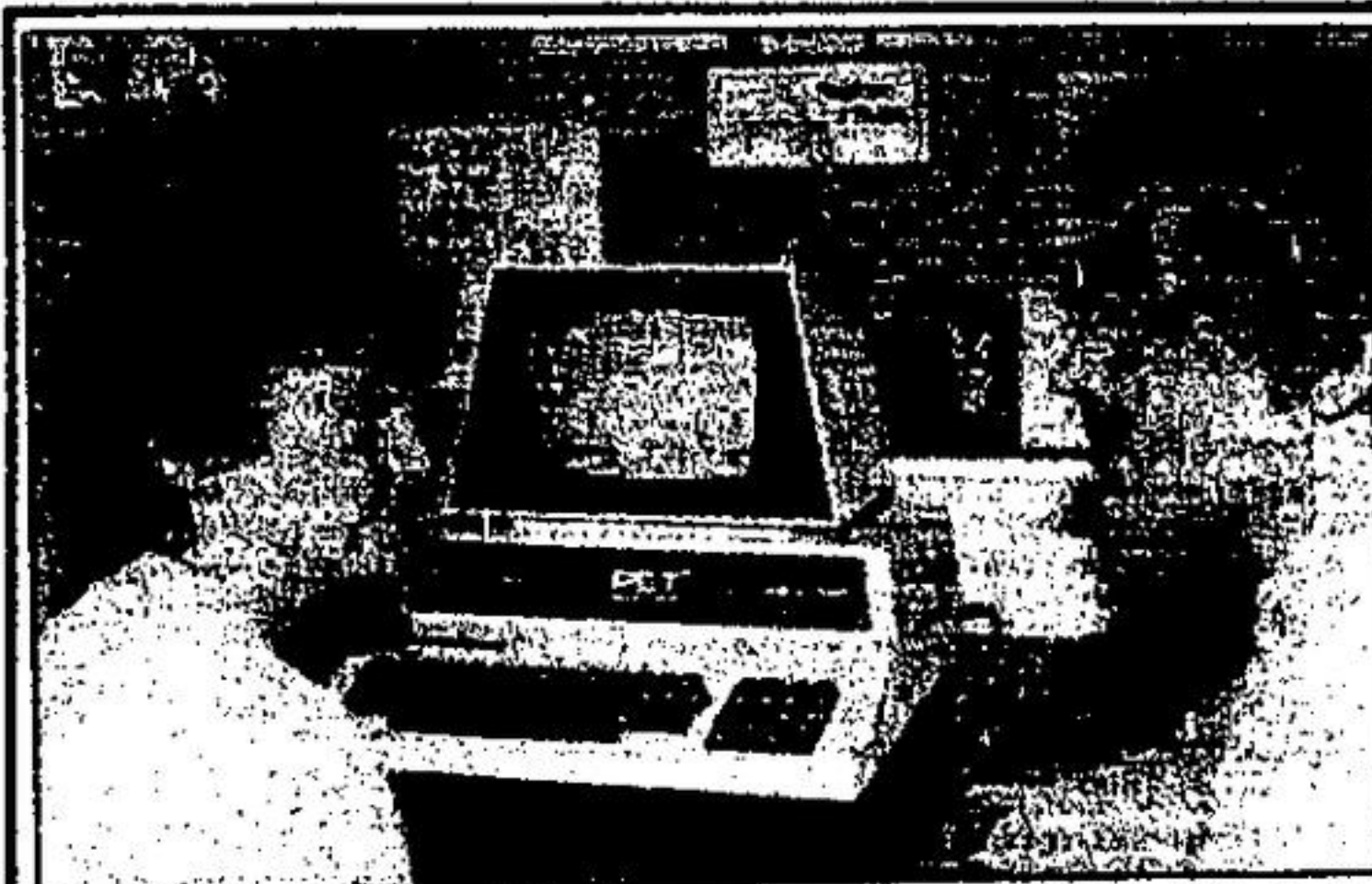
council wasn't sworn in until December 6, 1982. "In light of the provisions of Section 106 of the Ontario Municipal Act, was this action legal?"

This week thru the lens

The annual costs of fixing the existing building (estimated to be between \$10 and \$15,000,) the telephone system and the courier service between offices amounts to a costly figure, Miller noted.

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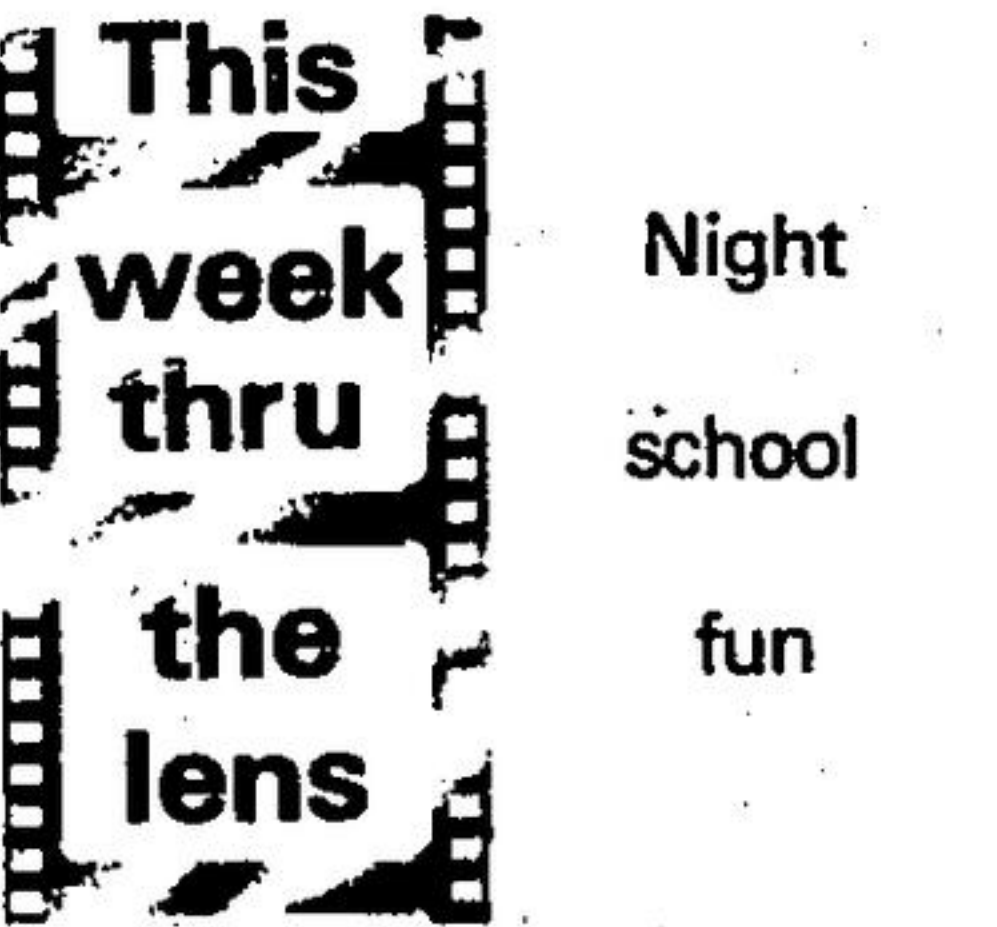
Instructor Boris Shean, right, discusses computers with student Chalene Smith.



Diane and Bruce Foster dance up a storm at the dance lessons.



Bryan Reynolds enjoys the computer course.



Tracy Parker makes dancing look easy.



Debbie and Walter Lewis concentrate on their newly learned dance step.



Michael Albano and Harry Ellis confer with each other over the operation of the computer.



Ivy Martin and Alex Pitt help each other out at the dance classes.

Slater convicted, courts crack down

An Acton man has been told to spread the word to his friends that the courts plan to crack down on the problems arising in downtown Acton.

Judge Douglas Latimer, in passing sentence to Kevin Slater after he pleaded guilty to obstruct police, said he is aware of the problems on the main streets of Acton, and the

courts are extremely concerned.

Slater, 20, was fined \$300 in Milton provincial court Thursday after the court heard how on July 25, he grabbed regional police Constable Gavin Hayes as he was attempting to help another police officer make an arrest, on Mill St. According to Crown Attorney Brian Calhoun, Slater

grabbed Hayes' shirt and told him the fight (between the officer and the other man) was one on one and to stay out of it. Hayes warned Slater, Calhoun said, he would be charged with obstruct police.

D. R. Lent, solicitor for Slater noted his client had a misguided sense of loyalty to his friend.

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