

# Handicap ramp likely in budget as well as make work project

Halton Hills will likely include the handicap ramp for Acton arena in a list of projects to be submitted to the federal government as a job creation project.

However, to be on the safe side and make sure the ramp, postponed last year, is built in 1983, some contingency funds for the \$4,000 ramp will be included in the Town budget.

Monday night at Halton Hills general committee Councillor Rick Bonnette again raised the issue of the ramp not being built last year and sought assurances it will be built this year.

He noted he had discussed the ramp with Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson and it

was suggested the ramp might be included as a make work project the Town submits to Ottawa for a grant. But planned works aren't supposed to be included in the job creation projects.

Bonnette was worried if the ramp wasn't included in the Town budget and the federal government doesn't approve the ramp as a project, then possibly the ramp would be lost for 1983 too.

Pointing out people who aren't handicapped had difficulty getting into the rink Friday night because of the ice and snow, the new Acton councillor said the ramp is badly needed.

Shepard said he again put the ramp in his budget because he was con-

cerned about Ottawa not coming through for the Town. He said the Town won't get the ramp built any quicker, he felt, by depending on the make work grant.

Council must decide if the ramp will be included in the Town budget or not, Richardson advised. He said even if the federal government doesn't approve the ramp as a job creation project there are still ways council can have it built this year.

In response to a question from Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson, Shepard said the ramp will cost about \$4,000.

Other handicapped ramps for municipal buildings are being examined too, Richardson reported. He said he had been hoping the

federal government wouldn't look back to 1982 budget and find the ramp was included among last year's projects.

There are ways the budget can be written, new budget chairman Ross Knechtel said, so the ramp is included if necessary but not specifically identified.

Treasurer Ray King said contingency funds in the budget can include the ramp without the project being "spelled out." It's best the ramp be included as a make work project.

Bonnette also questioned Shepard about why the ramp wasn't built earlier in 1982, instead of still being pending in late October when it was dropped because the rink furnaces needed to be replaced.

Shepard said it was delayed because arena manager Harold Townsley felt it shouldn't go along the side of the building as originally planned because of various problems, such as needing to move a hydro pole. Building the ramp where it was originally planned would also have added to the cost. In addition parking near the ramp had to be considered.

When it was decided the ramp should be at the side door down from the main entrance, staff then had to discuss the changes with Queen's Park because conditions and criteria for provincial funding had been changed.

Shepard couldn't recall when last year staff discovered the ramp couldn't be built where it was originally intended.



Nicholas Fread likes to mire in the mud.

This week through the lens

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Charlotte Mahon practices her printing.



Supervising teacher Wendy O'Carroll and Beth Henderson work together to make some muffins.



Michelle Warren stirred together the flour and other ingredients for some muffins.



Gavin Hall hasn't decided what hand he will be using to write, so he paints with both.

# Seniors' apt. directors announced this week

Eramosa Township Council appointed Reeve Murray Cox and Deputy Reeve Gordon Baldwin to the Eramosa Non-Profit Housing Corporation board of directors. Cox and Baldwin were replacing retiring members William Adsett and Larry McDougall.

The elected member of the board of directors of the Eramosa Non-Profit Housing Corporation are Reta McPhedran, Betty Marshall and Barrie Dryden. The Secretary-Treasurer of the board is Robt B King, C.A.

The board of directors is pleased to announce that approvals and legal documentation for the

housing project are now substantially completed. A Tripartite agreement has been signed between the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Eramosa Non-Profit Housing Corporation. The agreement authorizes financing of the project.

A construction contract has been signed with G. Schiedel Construction Inc. of Cambridge and work has begun on the site. The tentative completion date is September 1983.

The building is in Rockwood, on the old school annex site and situated next to the

medical building between Guelph and Alma Street. The building will be a three story structure containing 26 self-contained suites and including common rooms on each floor, garden areas, playing courts and outdoor lounge areas. Since this is a provincial-federal government financed project, up to 13 of the suites may be rental assisted accommodation. Preference will be given to elderly persons with lower income levels.

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