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## Halton Hills May Take Over Acton Lions Centennial Pool

### No Homogenized Halton Planner Says

"A homogenized Halton" is themselves and with the not the goal of an over all regional official plan, according to Edward Cumming, use within Halton, developregional planner.

The comment is contained within a staff report to the planning committee outlining the proposed functions of regional and local planning staffs, and the purpose of an over all plan for the region.

According to the report, the plan will deal with Halton's relationships to its neighbors of central Ontario generally, will reconcile regional and provincial goals for the area and reconcile the local objectives of municipalities within the region between

its tax base is undermined by the disproportionate residentail development coupled with a lack of in-

dustry, he said. He noted that much of the recent residential growth in

regional government.

development.

ment of major roads and forms

of transit and industrial

The plan, as presented to the

committee last week, sparked

a response from Halton Hills

counciller Ric Morrow who

stated concerns over industrial

development in Georgetown.

That community may find

Georgetown has been for the benefit of Toronto based The plan would oversee land workers.

INDUSTRIAL PARK

He proposed that regional action be taken to establish an industrial park, located centrally in the region, near highway 401. The industrial assessment of the park would be shared by all municipalities in the region he suggested.

Although no specific action was decided upon at the meeting Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said a similar proposal was still being considered.

A sympathetic stand to Coun. Morrow's viewpoint was expressed within the report.

Acton Lions may agree to give up control of their Centennial project, a swimming pool for Acton, and turn it over to Halton Hills.

Representatives of the service group meet with the Halton Hills administration committee, to discuss the move. Lion Art Gordon, who has been in charge of the project since it was initiated last year, indicated last night that the club would not object to such an arrangement.

provincial and federal grants available only to the municipality. Mr. Gordon, speaking at a

regular meeting of council, said that so far the organization has come up with \$100,000 towards the project. Of that sum \$65,000 was granted to the club by Acton council, late last year, while another \$5,000 came from the council of Esquesing township. The balance of the money has been raised through public

subscription. . The pool is now expected to cost \$275,000, a substantial increase over the project originally envisioned by the club. When first announced last summer, the project was

expected to cost \$125,000. The pool is to be built at the Acton district high school. In an agreement made by the club, through the Acton council, the Lions agreed to pay for the construction while the Halton school board agreed to provide the land for the

The gap between the \$100,000 now held by the club, and the \$275,000 completion cost could apparently be made up by provincial and federal grants, but only if the project is considered to be a municipal undertaking.

Mr. Gordon said that \$90,000 would be available for the project through the provincial federal winter works program, but only if work gets underway quickly. The grant would subsidize labor costs completely until-May 31, after that date the subsidy would drop by 50 per cent.

A further \$15,000 would be available through recreation grants from the province.

#### Herald Reporters Shocked

The two Herald reporters covering the council meeting this week were shocked to find a "copy" of a letter from Gage Stationery Company among the regular agenda and minute papers handed to the press.

The letter was sent to Mayor Hill, commending the Georgetown volunteer fire department for "the excellent manner in which you reacted to our call of help."

"It is a real tribute to the dedication of both the organization and the men to be on the receiving end of such a quick response," the letter continued.

However, the shock, to the reporters was the fact that no price was charged for the copy of the letter. In previous meetings, council members believed the press should be charged, " a dime" for each

in this regard, the Herald has sent a letter to Halton Hills treasurer, with copies to the mayor and the clerk administrator with two dimes enclosed to cover the cost of.

copying the letter. Atter all, it was reasoned that the paper wouldn't want to be blamed for the probable increases in taxes for the residents of the new town of Haiton Hills in the new region of Halton.

#### Flood Waters Threaten Glen

out of the bathtub." Ivor Allen of 606 Main Street Glen Williams was describing the end of a harrowing experience for people along the

At approximately 11:30, some residents noticed the Credit River backing up from a large "ice dam". As the river became completely blocked, the water began to flow through the backyards of the homeowners, as much as 200 feet from the river banks.

"In about 10 minutes, the water rose about two feet," explained Mr. Allen, "It was a scare for the children, with huge pleces of ice swirling in the water, and the rest of it

One of the first residents to notice the trouble was John VanderLinden, 594 Main. He and his wife, Winnifred, heard "a lot of noise downstairs."

Mr. VanderLinden went and opened his door. Water, about a foot deep rushed into the house, flooding the basement "I lost about \$1,000 worth of equipment," said Mr. VanderLinden. "My metal shed

was swept away by the flood. It held a riding lawn-mower, two power mowers, and a rotor Uller."

In his cellar, Mr. VanderLinden had about one and a half feet of water. It ruined a portable T.V. and some books. "My barbeque was moved about a foot closer to the house by the ice and water," he

added. "I've lived here for five years, and never seen it so bad on this side of the Glen." Another neighbor, Ed Green was more fortunate than Mr. VanderLinden. He only had

in his basement. Mr. Green received a phone call from Mr. VanderLinden,

about a quarter inch of water

if any water was leaking into his basement. It was the first

Mr. Green knew of the trouble. "The problem is that the pier is blocking the water flow," explained Mr. Green, "It was built years ago for the mill, to help provide power. The thing is about two feet thick, eight feet deep and about 60 feet

across the river." Mr. VanderLinden pointed out that he noticed the trouble had formed below the pier and the ice was backed up river. "As far as we could see, the ice was four or five feet high," said Mr. VanderLinden. "It was just like thunder when the ice started to break, then, one big boom and everything was

Men working for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority were on the scene during most of the night watching for any real troubles of flooding. "The mess finally moved out

about three in the morning," said Joan Rollings, information officer for the authority. "This does point out why the authority has fill and construction regulations on the flood plain lands."

Four houses threatened by the flooding waters and one to three foot thick ice floes:

"We had suitcases packed, and I parked my car on the hill, away from the flooding, if the situation got worse," added Mr. Green.

The water receded, very quickly, after the "dam" had broken and the river course restored. The only signs were the thousands of tons of ice in the backyards, broken fences, and a missing shed.

"Glen residents have told us about the times the ice was left up on the road, but this is the worst in the last few years," said Mr. Allen.

#### NITIMO IN DISTE MEAA2 IIA RKIEL

A 22 YEAR OLD Georgetown resident was found dead in his Edith Street apartment by the police on Friday. Police were called to the scene by a resident at 5:20 in the evening. A police spokesman said they believed the young man took his own life. man took his own life.

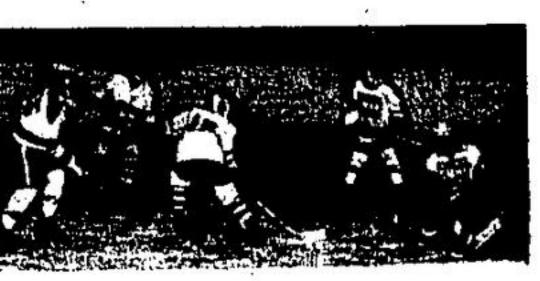
SUMMER SESSIONS have come to public school. Hazen Allen, principal at the Robert Little Public School says that a remedial mathematics and reading program will be held during July and August for students in Grades 6, 7, and 9. The programs will be conducted for an hour and a half daily.

GEORGETOWN may share its surplus of crossing guards with under staffed Acton. Advertisements seeking a guard for Acton have been unsuccessful but it was noted by council that Georgetown has two extra men. They will be asked if they care to work in the smaller community.

THE EASTER holidays are now called the winter break. Students still get a week off though, from March 18 to March 22

HALTON HILLS is seeking a municipal crest, but it has had no luck in an appeal to graphic students at Sheridan College. Instead, a special meeting will be held with local artist Dorothy Stone and with a local student, Charles Burgan who has already submitted a proposed logo for the municipality to regional chairman Allan Masson.

TOWN COUNCIL has vetoed the idea of a recreation co-ordinator who would have been stationed in Acton to serve wards 1 and 2. The position was called a "luxury item", although it was approved, in principle, earlier this year when a co-ordinator was hired for the Georgetown area. At that time the recreation director spelled out a plan that included a second co-ordinator for



ACTION AT the 4-Town Hockey Tournament held

THE BELLS of Halton Hills, a special photo essay by Rev.

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#### Rabid Fox Prompts Scare For Area School Children

Children attending three Georgetown Animal Clinic, paw was covered in saliva, but Georgetown schools were warned to go straight home after school on Thursday. while the police conducted a wide scale search for a fox. The children, who live in the

east end of the town and attend either George Kennedy or Centennial Public Schools or St. Francis of Assisi Separate School, were told not to play in a nearby ravine where the police were searching for the The search began, after

Hopi, a 12 year old partlabrador-irish setter dog was attacked outside his home by a fox at 10 a.m. "I had Hopi tied up outside

and was upstairs, when I heard

him whimpering." related Helen Watt, who lives at 8 Flamingo Court, about 50 feet from the edge of the ravine. "When I opened the side door. Hopi was trying to get in and a fox was gripping onto his front paw."

Mrs. Watt, fearful that the fox might attack her or her five year old son, Danny, quickly shut the door. She phoned the police, who promptly responded to the call, but the fox had escaped to the ravine. "The fox seemed to be in

very bad condition," said Mrs. Watt, "It almost seemed more dead than alive. I was sure shocked to see it at my side

door." Three Georgelown police officers, Sergeant Jason Field. P.C. Tom Nicholson and P.C. Garth Sheldon, with two unidentified volunteers were sent through the ravine to hunt the fox.

A police spokesman explained that the searchers gave up the hunt at 4:15 p.m. because of the heavy rainfall. He added that they had covered about seven or eight miles looking for the fox or its IMMUNIZED

"The fortunate thing is we had Hopi immunized for rables in Scarborough last fall, before we moved to Georgetown," explained Mrs. Watt, who believed the immunization was necessary to obtain a dog license.

"The immunization shots are slightly different from those we give people," noted Dr. Brian Buckrell, a veterinarian from the veterinarian from

who responded to Mrs. Watt's

"It's a live virus vaccine which usually lasts a year. It creates a level of immunization in the dog and is given before the animal is bitten," he continued. "People get their needles after they are allacked."

Dr. Buckrell noted that the vaccine was "excellent" and "very reliable in most cases." He did point out that "problems sometimes occur if the dog was sick when it received its needle." The veterinarian had no way of knowing how well Hopi was

"There didn't appear to be any apparent wound on the dog's paw after the attack." said Dr. Buckrell. "However. there could be small punctures under the animal's coat which he could not see or find. The

we don't know if it was the dog's or the fox's." QUARANTINED Hopi will have to suffer under a quarantine during the next three months. The only

person who will be close to the dog is Mrs. Watt. "The signs for rables may start to show at least 12 to 14 days after the attack." said Dr. Buckrell. "However, it

could be a month before anything shows and that is the reason for the long quaran-Mrs. Watt recalled, "The only thing I asked the police for was a patrol car to watch the children when they came

A police spokesman said that there would be extra patrols throughout the area over the

home from school at lunch.

They had a car on the street

during the whole lunch



Helen Watt, of 8 Flamingo Court, steadles her dog Hopl, after he had been attacked by a fox while tied up outside. Police conducted a search throughout the ravine at the

(Herald Photo) back of Mrs. Watt's home. Students from three schools in the area were warned by the police to go straight

dustrial and commercial employment, and with types of employment which more nearly correspond in number and in type to residential accompdation to be promoted in the region."

It notes that an official plan "should deal with the assignment of local roles for provision of areas for in-

Coun. Morrow noted that a revenue sharing program in the region undermines the determination of communities to establish and encourage industrial development within their boundaries. The return on the industrial assessment is considerably reduced, he noted, from returns to the individual municipalities last

The move would be made to



March is Red Cross Month, and in Halton Hills, Red Cross flags were raised in front of municipal offices in

Georgetown and Acton. From the left are branch president Richard Perrott,

**RED CROSS MONTH** (Herald Photo) campaign chairman Doug Tucker, and Halton Hills

Mayor Tom Hill.

### Town Council To Pay For Private Shed Move

Halton Hills council here has agreed to pay up to \$1,000 to move a partially constructed private storage shed. The building location is in violation of municipal bylaws but was put there with the approval of

the town building inspector.

The building, owned by Spencer Wilson, of the ninth line in the former township of Esquesing, was under construction last week until work was stopped on Thursday. when it was discovered the building violates municipal. regulations. According to those regulations the building should have been constructed at least 100 feet within Mr. Wilson's property boundaries. The storage shed is in fact 75

feet from the lot line. Mr. Wilson told the council last night that he received approval from building inspector Douglas Sargent who viewed plot plans for the building and informed Mr. Wilson that the regulation

demanded a clearance of only 50 feet from the property line. As well, Mr. Sargent visited the construction site early last week when construction was just getting underway and according to Mr. Wilson still did not register objections. builder to know the bylaws,'

The issue came to light when Mr. Wilson contacted municipal deputy clerk Delmar French, originally fell into the same Mr. French admitted to

council that he originally could relocate the building for misdirected Mr. Wilson by agreeing with the 50 foot clearance. Mr. French added, however, that he checked municipal building bylaws later in the day and discovered the error. He contacted Mr. Wilson and instructed that

work be stopped. The building in question is a . storage shed for farm machinery. Mr. Wilson said it measures 36 feet by 60 feet.

The proposal to reimburse Mr. Wilson for what was admitted to be an error by municipal staff, encountered opposition from Coun. E. T. "It's the responsibility of the

Mr. Hyde observed. "We'd be establishing precedent," he sald. "It would cost us only \$700 or \$800 this time but another time it could cost us \$20,000." Mr. Wilson estimated he

less than \$800. On that basis Coun. Ric Morrow moved that council underwrite the cost up 16 \$1,000. "The mistake has been made," he said, "Let's clean it up. This fellow has done

everything by the book." The motion carried 7 to 5 in a recorded vote. Opposition came from Coun. Hyde, and Councillors Ernie Sykes, Mike Armstrong, Harry Levy and Roy Booth.

Saturday at Georgetown Arena. For story and pictures see page 9A and Page 1B.

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