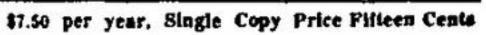
Norval, School Board





### **Howitt Is Lone Dissenter** In Georgetown Arena Plan

lone dissenter to vote against Halton Hills arena in Georgetown because he feels some money. the town cannot afford it.

At a special meeting Wednesday, Coun. Howitt was the only one to vote against allowing the architect firm of Lee, Elken and Beckstead to continue their work on the

project.
"We simply can't afford it," he said. "I appreciate the work by the architects and I appreciate the fact that there is a need for the facility, but it's just too much to handle."

Coun. Ric Morrow reached a total cost figure, minus a \$250,000 grant for winter works, of \$1,285 million and added a dismal note that the town was \$550,000 short of the amount.

We'd have to debenture the amount that exceeds the \$800,000 we're prepared to pay for the arena," Coun. Morrow He summed up the problem by noting that the town did not want to accept anything less than what Mr. Beckstead had proposed.

DEBENTURES "I feel we should debenture for \$450,000 and if the region denies us then we pay Mr. Beckstead

for his work this far." Council passed two motions, one to apply for a debenture of \$450,000 to the region and secondly to seek further fun-

ding for the project. One way to save \$66,000 is to vote against a recommendation from the planning committee Monday night to pay back Ben Noy (a land developer) the \$600

per lot levy charged by the region," he explained. Robert Peckstead made a presentation to the council outlining the plans for the

proposed arena at the corner of Mountainview Road and Guelph Street in Georgetown. 'A bare bones arena would be a rink and ice making machine with a roof over it

Beckstead said. NOT GOOD "However, you wouldn't have a good arena and I wouldn't

recommend it." The seating capacity for the arena would be 1,000 with a rink size of 85 feet by 185 feet. "When the fire chief is on holldays, you could easily get 2,000 people in the building for a game," he added.

"This is the simplest thing. Why operate a facility that doesn't offer the full benefits that the public will demand down the cost of the proposal. when it opens," he continued, by eliminating the front hall

that everyday someone wanted to know "when is the arena going to be started." "They want to know why we're only building one to seat 1,000," he

travel in the area, people are sometime in June."

the continuation of plans for a either the seats be added later 'Hill said. or not at all, to try and save Mayor Tom Hill pointed out rooms, an officials room, first-

and concession facilities. take at least nine months of money is needed to assist in

"Three of the six days I councillors, "We could finish

COMMITMENT

funds the the project.

plans are finalized."

night," he added.

before they proceeded to raise

"Isn't it premature to call a

group together to raise money

when council hasn't even

finalized the project yet?" he

asked the mayor. "The groups

here are eager to go to bat to

raise money but not until the

plans were "pretty well

Mayor Hill answered that the

"Idon't really know if

"Ive never seen a report to

Council Motion

A motion to include physical

and mental disabilities related

to pregnancy in the sick-leave

plan offered by the Halton

region municipality was

Regional councillor Terry

defeated by council yesterday.

Mannell (Oakville) questioned

a decision to delete illnesses

from pregnancies noting that

why they're not," he asked of

With an explanation Mr. D.

disabilities." "It's a very

committees for the region.

Is Defeated

council's committed or not. I

Howltt who suggested that to get the arena built," Mayor advantage of a "\$250,000 grant

# Mr. Beckstead noted that the

"Assuming we can start in September and realizing it will construction," he told the funding the proposed Halton

### Course Of Action Planned To Raise Funds For Arena

After a heated discussion surface, have four instead of six with supporters for the change rooms and cut down the proposed arena in Georgetown, seating for standing room along Mayor Tom Hill promised to the crash boards, he added. denate \$250 to any fund-raising

Mayor Hill met with the representatives of various clubs and organization in Georgetown to plan a course of action for a large fund raising project to support the arena.

However, the Halton Hills council came under attack by the people, who noted that they were tired of all the double dealing and empty promises of government. Mary Simpson, from the Council of Women wanted to know "where on the

levels of priority does recreation rank?" "Is it true it's on the last of the budget?" She asked

Mayor Hill. "We're so far behind with our recreation facilities that it's causing social problems. We want a commitment from council before we collect funds."

DEFENCE

Mayor Hill defended the director. He asked if the report council Ly pointing out that was adopted. recreation was not at the bottom of the list. He tried to discuss any recreation comexplain that the town only had plex" stated Mayor Hill. \$80,000 to build an arena with debenturing the project. "I have to listen to both sides

of the coin. I have to listen to the people who are going to use it. 'We'll be asking for an additional \$430,000 for the arena from the OMB if they turn us down, we're in bad trouble." he

In a surprise move, Mayor Hill told the representatives that on Thursday afternoon council overturned the decision it had made the night before to accept the arena as outlined in architectural plans.

He said council decided to cut Beckstead was an lobby, go with only one ice

POLICE SUSPECT TEENAGERS of breaking two double plate glass windows at the offices of Dr. R.O. Hamilton. Stones were thrown at the windows last Tuesday.

THERE WERE FOUR minor fires in Georgetown last week. The first occurred on Tuesday night, at 10.12 p.m. when a shed on the corner of Park Street and Mill Street caught fire. On Thursday morning at 5.17 a.m. there was a fire at the Smith and Stone factory on Glen Road. Exactly twelve hours later there was a small fire at 48 Anne Street. There were also two fires on Friday A motorcycle caught fire on Guelph Street at 7.48 in the evening, and later, at 10.01, one of the flood light poles at the fairgrounds caught fire.

swering a question from Coun. asking me when's council going

rink would house six change aid and P.A. room, pro shop the earlier funds in Halton Hills

Mr. Mogg countered, "I disagree, the report was handed to you last March." "It was all referred to council

St. in Georgetown.

added. The mayor came under at-"Therefore it's been tack by Larry Mogg of the pigeonholed?" he asked. Community Facilities Com-"Well I guess so," answered mittee. Mr. Mogg wanted a Mayor Hill. commitment from the council

#### Tenders Soon For Bridge

of Halton Hills," the mayor

The Halton Regional Works Committee agreed that tenders should be called as soon as possible to allow for the completion of the Hungry Hollow Bridge in Halton Hills.

The bridge is located on the Ninth Line, and is the major route for entries to the International Plowing Match scheduled for September.

didn't have a full council last In a report to the committee, regional engineer, Bob Baillie Mr. Mogg then asked about a study regarding a recreation noted that tenders could be brought in by July 18 and complex which was presented prepared for the council to Doug Collison, the recreation meeting on July 17.

"It's going to be tight , but with six weeks of construction time, we want to get going on the project as soon as possible," Mr. Baillie sald during the meeting.

cluverts on a widened roadway. ters.

Big Fish Fight Guerrilla War Area Ratepayers **Upset By Closing** 

BY DOROTHY McLEAN first chance to purchase the Acton residents as they had a special birthday...their Centennial Celebrations reached a climax.

Norval area ratepayers are fighting guerrilla warfare with the Halton school board, with the board the guerrillas and holding meetings to try to Norval school the target.

And it was a big fish for Clayton Oakley, Main Street in Acton, whose bass brought the right-year-old angler the prize strike next.

BY DUROTHY MCLEAN lirst chance to purchase the property.

MEETINGS

Norval ratepayers are holding meetings to try to decide their next move. This decide their next move. This find them or when they will of some but it is surprising how strike next. Clayton Oakley, Main Street in Acton, whose bass brought the eight-year-old angler the prize strike next.

**Affair** 

It was a big weekend for Acton residents as they had a

special birthday...their Centennial Celebrations reached a

for the biggest bass and another

prize for the biggest fish over-

Clayton's fish weighed two

For more pictures on Acton's

once-in-a-lifetime celebration,

\$\$\$ Request

Halton regional council

decided that a request from

Halton Hills for debenture for

\$450,000 should be referred to

the general administration and

finance committee for con-

Mayor Tom Hill prepared a

letter requesting the regional

council to prepare a resolution to issue the debenture. The

debenture was needed to take

under the winter capital loan

"Because of the higher an-

ticipated cost than estimated

are not adequate to meet the

full cost of the construction by-

law," he noted in the letter. The

Hills arena planned for Guelph

fund," said Mayor Hill.

is Referred

sideration.

pounds, nine ounces and

measured 17 inches.

people are away on holidays. But the blow that has Norval reeling is the decision just made by the board that Norval property for one dollar as fun promised at a public meeting with school officials about three years ago, but will have to pay the board market value for It.

This is the property that the ancestors of the village paid for and built a school on in 1840 and added on to over the years. Esquesing ratepayers helped with their taxes to build the new three roomed school in1953. Halton school board had this well built school and over four acres of land handed over to it for safekeeping from the

taxpayers of this community. Halton school board did not pay for it, the taxpayers of this community dld. Now they demand that the taxpayers buy it back from them at the present inflated market value if they want the property for community use. That is if they don't sell it to another educational authority in the jurisdiction. They are to get the

The latest serious blow was There are many groups in the the decision of the board to sell area interested in the school the school, well timed in its and the grounds, the only place announcement when most where children can play in the village, the only spot where ball games or soccer can be enjoyed, or kids can fly their kites or model airplanes, or just run community cannot buy the around in a safe place and have

Ernie Bodnar and Bill Lawson, two of the members of the board who were appointed to make suggestions regarding the Norval school property, advise that the only hope of the community of retaining the property is to request the Halton Hills Council to purchase it. One member of the com-

mittee told a Norval ratepayer that he was not interested in small groups and that they were tired of Norval taxpayers complaints. democracy? These men are supposed to represent this community and to know the feelings of this community but they are not even willing to listen. If the members of the northern part of Halton will not listen who will? This is the guerrilla warfare that the ratepayers are fighting.

## Regional Councillor Says Startup Costs Are Too Low

were too low.

Burlington told the regional provincial treasurer's staff. also seek additional funds to discuss the costs. cover police pensions.

we can always go down but we'll have a heck of a time meet with the treasurer going up," he argued. "The because it was a direct mill rate in Burlington is going violation of council's motion. up this year for residential by and I didn't want to see anyone five mills."

Regional treasurer Don lighten their payments in taxes. "sparsity" grants.

INCREASES

if we can come up with a firm he said. production rate for five mills or less now," Mr. Farmer said. In a report, Mr. Farmer

pointed out that the payment of the startup costs by the province to the region would be spread over four years, beginning with \$1,915,273 this

The total grant includes The plan is to replace the \$827,794 for an official plan, existing concrete arch bridge \$225,000 for computer inwith a modern structural plate stallation in 1977, and \$150,000 pipe arch bridge and add for the rent of the headquar-

A Halton regional councillor Coun. Ric Morrow of Halton says the almost \$3 million Hills called the special meeting startup costs for Halton Region with the consent of council to approve a plan allowing Mayor George Harrington of regional staff to meet with the

council at a special meeting in explanation he told the last week that he felt the council that John White, \$2,813,773 sought by council was provincial treasurer, rejected not very high for the special council's decision made last assistance grants, provided by week to have the finance the province. The region will committee meet with him to

"I never like to go in too low, NO TROUBLE

"I instructed the staff not to have any trouble," he added.

Coun. Morrow added that Mr. Farmer noted that the other White said that after meeting grants awarded to area the staff, he would meet with municipalities would help to regional chairman Allan Masson "to overcome any He explained that each unresolved problems and then municipality would receive the meet with the elected representatives." "As a provincial appointee,

Mr. Masson can hardly be "We hoped that the mill rate considered as our chief increase would be somewhat negotiator on any financial less than five mills, but I doubt differences with the province," Mr. Farmer added that the

startup costs estimate was not out that parcels will be finalized but had to be delivered to the home along presented by Friday to Mr. with any registered mail. White. He said that the police commission was changing their used in Acton dividing each side grant and including \$800,000 to of the street so that it will be cover supplementary pensions, possible to deliver the mail

startup grant did not include a dress or whatever except for number of costs paid by a the code," Mr. MacDonald \$100,000 grant which the region explained. received prior to Jan. 1. "We residents will not be able to use spent about \$57,000 more or less the locked box service at the on furniture and the rest went post office after home delivery for salaries," he explained.



Dominion Day festivities last Monday drew hundreds of sunbathers and picnic lovers to Acton community park for an afternoon of music,

listening to the band.

"This service will be cur-

tailed except for a few people

living outside of town and for

businesses who request it," he

Mr. MacDonald, who works

in the south western district

also noted that local taxis will

be used to drive the carriers to

"We shouldn't have too much

trouble making a proposed

date. It's simply a matter of

working out the problems and

hiring the staff," Mr. Mac-

their routes in Acton.

# Acton To Have Postal Delivery

Acton residents can expect to have door to door postal delivery by September 9 at the latest, sald Dan MacDonald route management officer for the post office. Mr. MacDonald spent the last two days in the town taking measurements and recording the number of "points of delivery." figure there are about 2,000 points here," he said. "It will take about two weeks to finish the survey and then I will return in August for the hiring and training of the carriers,

Mr. MacDonald added. He pointed out that the training is over a ten day period and both male and female persons can apply for the job. "We will hire about 56 carriers to travel from town limits to

town limits." he said. "We're committed to the date we have to be ready but there

have been a few problems crop out which will take some work to straighten out." Mr. Mac-Donald explained. One of the problems is that two businesses in Acton use the

same address but at different locations on the street. At present neither will change their number because they have stationery printed." It may have been okay when the town was using post office boxes but now something will have to be worked out." he said. Acton residents will have many advantages when the door-to-door service starts Mr. MacDonald noted. He pointed

"There will be a postal code He also explained that the even if there is no name, ad-

**Call Tenders** For New Pool In Georgetown

At a special meeting last Wednesday, Halton Hills council agreed to call tenders for the construction of the Georgetown indoor swimming pool. Councillor Ric Morrow, who was the council's representative on the building committee told the councillors that "as it is now, construction won't be able to start until school opens in September." "However we should make all the haste possible to begin construction by calling in the tenders and having them ready for our July 17 meeting," he

He said that the proposed tender documents prepared by the Canadian Swimming Pool Design Services would lift a number of options for the pool. This would give the council "a basic price with the cost of each option so we can have a

Councillor Morrow explained that the price range was around \$500,000 and he noted a more definite answer would be known after the tenders are open. "By just getting It ready to

call for tenders we've already faced the biggest hurdle" he said. "Believe me, it has been no easy task getting this thing to this point," A presentation was made to the council by Doug Paton, aquatic consultant for CSPD

Services, Mr. Paton explained

that the price range should be

between \$450,000 and \$550,000 depending on the number and type of options chosen.
"The whole industry is a little bit hairy right now. A number

of suppliers have put us on rations so it's hard to say exactly what the price will be, he explained. A number of councillors requested that a list of options

with the advantages and disadvantages of each be prepared so they could study them before deciding on the The basic pool will be 25

meters long with 6 swimming lanes across a 44 foot width. It will range in depth from 10' 6" to 3' 6" with a diving board at the deep end. Mr. Paton noted that the pool is referred to as a "semi-olympic" style with a capacity of 130,000 U.S. gallons

#### CAMPAIGN TRAIL NDP

CANDIDATE ARCHIE BROWN spent last Tuesday in Oakville canvassing and door knocking at homes, the post offices, extendicare centres and the General Electric plant. Last Tuesday night was the final all-candidates meeting held in Oakville sponsored by the ratepayers association. Yesterday Mr. Brown was in Milton and visited the centennial manor to talk to senior citizens. Today Mr. Brown will be in Acton, and in Oakville for the remainder of the campaign.

#### CONSERVATIVE

CANDIDATE TERRY O'CONNOR spent last week polling throughout the riding while attending the final allcandidates meeting in Oakville last Tuesday night. Mr. O'Connor will be concentrating the final campaign week in meeting as many voters as possible by mainstreeting in every town from Erin to Oakville, Saturday Mr. O'Connor will be canvassing, doorknocking and attending parties in Georgetown and Acton.

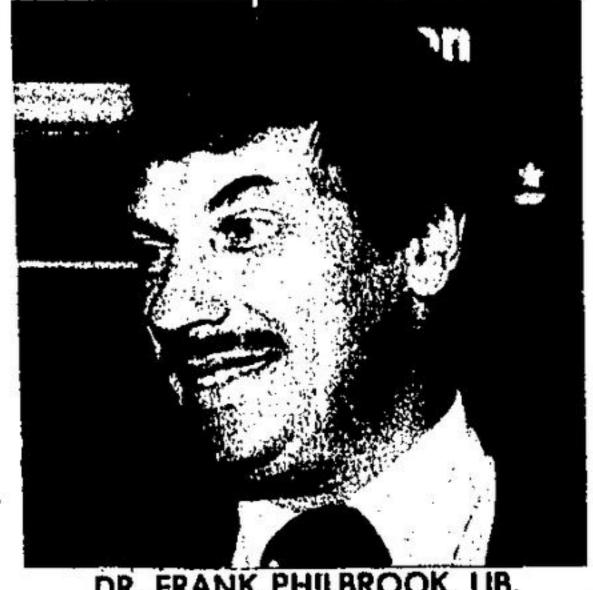
### LIBERAL

CANADIDATE DR. FRANK PHILBROOK spent Dominion Day door knocking and strolling through Oakville's Croatian community. Tuesday Dr. Philbrook taped a radio program and attended the final all-candidates meeting in Oakville. Yesterday Dr. Philbrook was canvassing in Erin. Acton and Milton while today he will be at the Centennial Manor for senior citizens in Milton. Tomorrow Dr. Philbrook will be door knocking in Georgetown and then back to Oakville for the duration of the campaign.

### MONDAY IS ELECTION DAY - ARE YOU VOTING?







DR. FRANK PHILBROOK, LIB.