

Medical centre

Beginning September 1, Georgetown will have a complete medical centre, offering health care programs in conjunction with the doctors at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital, along with public health, social and family services.

Construction will begin by the end of March on the centre that will occupy one acre of land on the hospital grounds. The two-storey building will house the offices of Doctor's Panabaker, Kennedy, Hoddinot and Robert Petrie, in group practice.

Dr. Macintosh, a specialist in internal medicine will also have an office in the centre.

The building will cost \$400,000 according to Dr. Alex Furness, president of the company that will operate the building.

"It is an interesting concept. Medical, social and public health offices will all be located right at the hospital to provide complete all 'round service,'" noted Dr. Furness.

Support for the centre was given by the town and the hospital board. "Mayor Hill and Ric Morrow aided in negotiations with the region," said Dr. Furness.

The building permit has been issued and the contract for construction awarded to Don Reading, who has just completed the Acton Medical centre.

Dr. Furness hopes other specialists and medical consultants will use the facilities offered by the centre in administering medicine.

"The health centre idea is a good one," added Dr. Furness.

Rains turn Credit into torrent

FLOODING IN GLEN



AT 8 P.M. Monday evening the home of Cliff Davison was surrounded by ice and water.

Basements flooded in storm

Glen Williams was one of the most severely affected communities along the Credit River watershed, hit by Monday's flooding.

Ice jams, formed during Sunday night, caused water to back up at the shallowest section of the river as it passes Main Street and Confederation Streets in the Glen.

Concerned residents called members of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to assess the situation before severe flooding took place. At that time the conservation authority felt there was little they could do since the entire river had followed the same pattern of jamming in shallow spots.

The added afternoon rains, caused the jam to release and flood the ball diamond and

the home of Cliff Davison.

Many cases of flooded basements were reported to the town before the water finally began to subside at 1 a.m. Tuesday morning, leaving large chunks of ice in the yards of many Glen residents.

Crews from the conservation authority dynamited the remaining section of the jam Tuesday morning to permit the water to drain from the Davison property and lower the overall level of the river.

At one point the river had swollen to an additional four feet in height as rains continued to feed the swelling waters.

Complete damage estimates have not been reported to the regional engineer, who is now responsible for maintaining that section of Halton Hills.

Authority blasting Credit

"The authority is doing all it can," according to newly appointed chairman Grant Clarkson.

He reports that many of the houses located in the Glen along the floodplain would not be allowed to be built under present regulations.

All land in the floodplain is now under the control of the conservation authority which maintains that "flood plains are for rivers not

houses."

All land operations must now be approved by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

The authority also advises parents to keep their children away from swollen streams, ditches and rivers. Swift currents could easily sweep a child under the ice and trap them in the freezing waters.

Attempts to alleviate the problem by blasting are continuing.



DURING THE EARLY HOURS of Monday morning the ice collected at one of the more shallow spots in the river. It had begun to overflow at about 10 that morning.

Political patronage charged

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is going to file an objection with the provincial government against what appears to the authority members to be a case of political patronage involving a Halton Hills man and Halton West MPP George Kerr.

A new chairman and vice-chairman were last week appointed by the provincial government to head the Credit Valley authority. While coming from the office of the Lieutenant Governor the appointments were originally suggested by the MPPs of the local areas.

The provincially selected chairman is A. Grant Clarkson of Mississauga, an active, seven-year member of the authority. The vice-chairman is Bruce Cargill, Acton Street, Acton. The authority's objections focus on Mr. Cargill's appointment.

A resolution presented at the authority's inaugural meeting last Wednesday by Mississauga Councillor Hazel McCallion, requested that Mr. Cargill's appointment be reconsidered due to Mr. Cargill's inability to attend authority meetings. She noted that, during his past two years on the authority's

executive, he had attended only one meeting. The motion passed on a unanimous vote of the authority's new executive.

Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill noted that the appointment was the result of a recommendation by Kerr, MPP for Halton West.

When Mayor Hill questioned Mr. Kerr on the appointment because of Mr. Cargill's inability to attend the meetings due to other responsibilities he was told the choice was the government's and not the authority's.

Mr. Cargill, a Toronto businessman, was unable to attend the inaugural meeting at which his appointment was announced. When contacted later by the Herald he stated that he was unaware of the arguments surrounding his appointment.

Mrs. McCallion suggested that Roy McMillan, chairman of the authority for the past 13 years be appointed vice-chairman. "We cannot afford," she said, "a vice-chairman who is not an active member of this authority."

The new chairman, A. Grant Clarkson, has served seven years with the authority, five of those as a member of the executive committee.

OMB CALLS HEARING OFF

The Ontario Municipal Board hearing to deal with an objection filed by Consolidated Sand and Gravel Co. has been indefinitely postponed.

Notice of the postponement came last week, 10 days after Halton Hills council had petitioned the provincial government for a delay. No date has been set for re-adjournment of the hearings which had been scheduled to begin March 10.

Consolidated Sand and Gravel has filed an objection with the OMB on the zoning of almost 600 acres of land at its Speyside site. The rezoning official plan designates the property for agricultural use only.

The town's request, however, was not the final reason for the decision to delay, according to an official at Halton Region. The province decided on the temporary postponement pending completion of a report from the region's solicitor on whether or not the OMB actually has jurisdiction in handling the Consolidated objection.

No date has been set for the re-adjournment of the hearings which had been scheduled to begin March 10. The notice of the delay merely stated that the hearing will continue either when a new date is set by the OMB or after the master plan of the Niagara Escarpment is finally completed and in effect.

The fact that the master plan, which will take precedent over all other official plans, including the Esqueping plan will not be completed for another six to 12 months, was one of the town's prime reasons for the request for the delay.

Costs to the town, which could run as high as \$30,000 for legal and professional advice during the two weeks of hearing, were a second major reason.

Upon being notified of the province's postponement to delay, Councillor Ric Morrow commented, "We've just saved ourselves \$30,000. I don't think we've ever had anything work so well and so fast."

Nearly 25,000 people by 1980

Georgetown will remain growth centre in north

10,000 more people and a 117 percent increase in the town's mill rate may face residents of Georgetown by 1980 if forecasts released by Halton Region prove to be true.

The five-year forecasts, drawn up by the regional planning department in conjunction with planners in each of Halton's municipalities, have been calculated in order to give the region and the province some guidelines as to Halton's future growth. The figures, spokesmen for the region note, will be up-dated and revised every year.

The population forecast, on which the mill rate predictions are based, show that

Georgetown in the next five years will grow to a population size almost 10,000 larger than its current stated size of 15,500.

The forecast shows that Georgetown will continue to be the major centre of growth in north Halton. It indicates Georgetown will be almost three times larger than Acton by 1980 and 50 percent larger than Milton.

Growing at an average annual rate of 1,067 people for the next five years, Georgetown, it's estimated, will contain 24,621 people by the end of 1980. According to stated figures, based on the last census carried out in 1971, Georgetown currently

contains 15,500 people but that figure, noted a spokesman for the regional planning office, is badly out of date.

The more up-to-date figures place Georgetown's population at the end of this year just over 19,200, compared to Acton's estimated population of 7,000 and Milton's 10,469.

Georgetown and area, the forecast shows, will grow to 20,205 in 1976, 21,165 in 1977, 22,317 in 1978, 23,469 in 1979 and 24,621 in 1980.

The estimates show Acton's annual average growth will begin to decline in 1976

averaging approximately 100 new residents per year from 1976 to 1980 at which time it will contain 8,097 people.

Milton's growth will fluctuate slightly, according to the report, but will generally be in the neighborhood of 1,500 per year.

The forecasts were formulated to act as a basis for the 1975 capital budget forecast and was drawn up by the regional planners in conjunction with planners in each of the area municipalities.

The financial forecast, drawn up by the region's treasurer, D. W. Farmer, predicts that the projected mill rate in Halton Hills at the end of this year will be in the area of 8.031. It will grow steadily to the end of 1979 when, it is estimated, it will be in the area of 17.392, 11.7 percent higher.

Milton's projected mill rate growth is the highest in the region jumping 141 percent between 1975 and 1980.

Halton Hills' per capita debt will experience the highest increase in the next five years, according to the predictions. It will rise from its 1974 level of \$247.41 per capita to \$394.65 in 1979, a 59 percent increase.

The town's debt to equalized assessment will jump 71 percent from \$25 on Dec. 31, 1974 to 1.411 at the end of 1979.

Mr. Farmer expressed a certain amount of doubt in his calculations about the amount of hospital financing included in the budget, particularly for additions to the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

"I have expressed this concern to the office of Mr. D. N. Teasdale, ministry of health, particularly in respect to the second Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital addition costing \$10 million and the three GDMH additions, 1976, \$600,000, 1977, \$900,000 and 1979, \$1,450,000." The ministry, Mr. Farmer adds, has not replied.

Authority shelves \$70,000 park

Plans by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to develop a \$70,000 park in the Georgetown area have been shelved, probably permanently.

The CVCA, in last year's budget set aside

\$70,000 to acquire land in the area of the Black Creek, for development as a natural park. The plan, however did not go further than the budget and likely will not.

According to spokesmen, for the CVCA,

the \$70,000 sum was not spent for a number of reasons. General manager of the authority, Harry Watson, explained that an offer of purchase had been made on the property, located, according to Mr. Watson, where Highway 7 crosses Black Creek. The present owner of the property, however, did not accept the offer and the authority did not make a second one.

The park plan had been initiated in 1973 by Georgetown council which had asked the authority to look into developing the land. Halton Hills council has not reconsidered the matter and the authority, lacking any request from the municipality, will probably not put

the park into its plans for the coming year.

Mayor Tom Hill, a member of the authority's executive, also noted that a shortage of funds from the provincial government and levies from member municipalities hindered the CVCA in going any further in getting the property. Although budgeted for, he explained, the funds for the land's acquisition had not been specifically set aside.

Shortages, in fact, forced the CVCA to cut back by almost \$1.2 million on its projects. Completion of the swimming pool at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area was drastically affected by the cutbacks. The

project began with a budget of \$182,000 but will be completed on an amount much less than half that figure, \$77,072.

The Limehouse Conservation Area was to be developed to the tune of \$20,000 but that work was shelved entirely.

Acquisition of land on the Niagara Escarpment by the CVCA was also cut in half. A total of \$439,332 was spent on acquiring land in the Silver Creek area but that was just part of the \$810,056 the authority had hoped to use in developing its watershed.

Despite the cutbacks the CVCA still spent over \$2 million on numerous capital projects in 1974.

Sprinklers for Gordon Alcott arena

Further discussion with the fire chief on the new sprinkler system for the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena was washed out Monday night when the Emergency Measures Organization was called out of the general administration meeting to assist with flooding emergencies in Glen Williams.

Shortly after the meeting began Mayor Tom Hill burst into the town building and asked Halton Hills Fire Chief, Ken Bulkema, and district Fire Chief, Gord Inglis, to bring the Emergency Measures truck and follow him to the Glen. The ball park is a lake, and completely surrounded. I want the fire department on stand-by in

case we have to evacuate any people."

The interruption didn't dampen the spirits of the other members at the meeting, however. Councillors Dick Howitt, Rick Morrow, Les Doby and recreation director, Doug Collison, went ahead with the decision to recommend to council as a whole that no sprinkler be installed and to program the new facility to include recreation other than ice hockey, such as beer gardens, dances, lacrosse and perhaps roller skating.

As a follow-up to last week's recommendation, Councillors Ern Hyde and Rick Morrow did a study of other arenas in the area; and found that Brampton, Milton, Oak-

ville, Burlington and Orangeville have hose cabinets but no heat detectors or sprinkler systems. The study showed that even when Burlington had a trade show in their arena, there was no sprinkler system. Special precautions were taken to ensure personal safety of the patrons.

"If the fire chief says we can't use the arena for anything except ice, then he's crazy," Coun. Morrow snapped. "I really think we have enough information from other municipalities. I move that further discussion will be dropped." He said it just doesn't make sense to have water sprinklers hanging over a steel and cement structure.

Tennis anyone?

Tennis in technicolor? If council goes for a recommendation to install four new tennis courts on the site of the new recreation complex on Guelph St. tennis buffs may be playing their favorite sport on a colored surface.

Gary Brown, Ted Swain and Ed Serjeantson, acting as spokesmen for the Georgetown Tennis Club, presented their recommendations to the general administration committee Monday. In his report Mr. Brown had prepared an outline of the costs of the facility, the need for and policies of establishing new tennis courts.

He claims the club has grown from 50 members in 1970 to the existing membership of 605. The courts in Joseph Gibbons Park and Moore Park are not enough to accommodate existing and new members. It was decided not to add more courts in Joseph Gibbons Park, so as not to clutter the children's play area with more courts and buildings. The site on Guelph Street would be central and would serve players from all sections of town, who want the organized

atmosphere of a club, providing lessons, league competitions and a higher level of play.

Tenders will be put out for two kinds of all-weather surfaces; emulsion penetration or Laykold, with a price difference of about \$18,000 and a color difference.

"When the tenders are returned to us outlining guaranteed costs, and we know exactly what we are talking about as far as capital and operating expenses we will be in a better position to make a decision," said Councillor Ric Morrow. "At that time we will get Doug Collison's recommendation as to how he would handle the rental system."

The club has decided on a membership fee scale based on what other clubs are paying. The maximum would be \$24 for seniors, \$12 for juniors and \$60 for a family membership. When the question came up as to whether people would complain because the town is building the courts, a few, Councillor Dick Howitt's reply was, "We're not building for any fewer people than we are the swimming pool or the ice rink."

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Your Morning Smile



Q: What does a 500 pound canary say?
A: Here Kitty, Kitty, Kitty.