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MacKenzie. "Getting the final figure down to \$184,000 may look good on a piece of paper but the taxpayers aren't going to be fooled."

The committee estimated that the sale of the old Mill Street arena and the land adjacent to it could be sold for roughly \$250,000 a figure which Councilor Fern Hyde angrily look exception to, pointing out that the town would have to reclaim a large part of the property to provide parking space for the Lions Club hall and swimming pool.

Tennant countered that the committee, after receiving two outside appraisals, had felt that the \$250,000 figure was actually the minimum figure they could receive.

Also included in the financing were: a \$32,000 grant from the federal government to pay the entire cost of installing an elevator in the proposed library; a \$75,000 grant from the community centres branch of the provincial government; and a \$200,000 grant from Wintario to pay for one-third of the estimated cost of the library.

As well as further \$70,025 in equipment such as light, seats, water heater, water softener, boiler pipes and radiator, could be recovered from the Georgetown Memorial Arena, the committee calculated.

Further benefits the committee said, by constructing the \$1.2 million project would be to reduce staff, increase revenue, save in maintenance and operating costs and janitorial services plus promote increased use of the library by linking it with the arena.

Further grants were also anticipated, Mr. Elsliger said, because of the arena's facilities for summertime, outdoor activities. "You would probably be going to the government for more funds if you were planning to construct a separate building in the centre of the park."

All four alternatives called for locker rooms, meeting rooms, washrooms and canteen facilities that could service tennis, ball and soccer enthusiasts during the summer and hockey and figure skating participants during the winter. They would be located on the north side of the arena,

beneath the arena seats, and adjacent to the Alcott playing fields.

The four variations of that basic proposal included:

—1. The \$1.2 million complex featuring a two-storey library addition on the front of the arena. The structure would be cantilevered to give it a distinctive appearance. There would be a separate staircase to the second floor which would be the library's main floor.

There would also be a hall connected with the library to provide space for film showings.

Air conditioning, an elevator, full carpeting a sprinkler system in the arena and a new entrance for the old arena are also included in the costs.

—2. A \$1.17 million complex which would have a smaller front section which would not be used for a library. The upstairs portion would have a reinforced concrete base for use as a gymnasium.

—3. A \$950,475 bare arena complex. There would only be a small, one storey front on the building to house washrooms and offices only.

—4. A \$1.113 million basic arena complex with a two-storey front. These floors would be used to house a small kitchen, washrooms and offices.

There was no mention at all of plans for inclusion of an auditorium for little theatre presentations which caused John Roe, representing Georgetown Little Theatre, to ask if their requests had been considered at all.

Mr. Elsliger replied that after original consideration of the idea of a theatre complex "it was cut out because of economic reasons." He said that the GLT's reported request for "an exclusive room" was not possible.

Any further action on the committee's report will now await a special budget meeting by committee of the whole at which all possible options will be considered, including the feasibility of rebuilding the Georgetown Memorial Arena.

A letter submitted to council by Alan Zeegen Associates, the engineering firm hired to look into the reconstruction of the old arena, was to be tabled before council last

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A WILLING PLAYMATE. Sheba, a 14-week-old Lion pup from the African Lion Safari in Rockton found Jonathan Cornwell a willing playmate last Saturday. Sheba and her travelling companion Terry Tremaine, public relations officer for the park, visited the Knox Presbyterian Church hall, Saturday afternoon.

Levy defends Bantam Tournney

As Georgetown prepares to roll out its red carpet for over 800 Bantam hockey players, coaches and fans the tournament is facing some strong criticism from town council over the special ice rates the tournament's organizers have been receiving.

According to Councillor Harry Levy, however, chairman of the tournament for the past 10 years, if some assistance is not provided by the town in paying for the ice rates, this year's tournament could well be the last.

"I certainly couldn't say definitely one way or the other, but it's a possibility right now."

At Monday night's council meeting Councillor Levy and Councillor Ric Morrow matched off in a verbal sparring match over a recommendation from the general administration committee that regular ice rental rates (\$32 per hour at the Gordon Alcott) be charged not only the

Bantam tournament but all other special events such as the Midget tournament and the figure skating carnival.

Council did, in fact, stick with that recommendation, however it is now considering a further motion suggested by Councillor Levy that special grants from the town of \$10 per hour of ice time be given to tournaments and carnivals organized by local groups.

Councillor Morrow was sharply critical of the present \$50 per day rates being charged the Bantam tournament. "We're eliminating that entire million dollar facility from use by local citizens simply for \$50 per day... This council should very seriously consider whether it wants to give up that facility for seven days... Did we build it so 42 teams from all over Canada and the US could come here and skate? No, we built it to provide a place for our own children to skate."

He pointed to the net costs of the three Halton Hills arenas

last year which were in the neighbourhood of \$82,000. "And it's going to be roughly \$50,000 next year." By bringing the arena rates in the town up to compete with rates charged by nearby municipalities, said Morrow, the overall costs would be lower.

To that Councillor Levy replied that the Bantam tournament, as the best example of a special event that he was connected with, actually only cost the town \$100 last year. "When you're talking about an overall loss of \$82,000 what the hell is \$100?" he commented later.

He explained that the tournament last year paid \$75 for the ice time. It was required to also pay 45 percent of its profits which last year, thanks to a larger than normal gate, amounted to \$386. The tournament, in fact, gave the town a total of \$675.

On top of that, Levy continued, the town received over \$1000 profit from the canteen operations during the one week.

The Midget tournament offered the town similar revenues, he said.

In comparison, if the arena was used only for public skating during the Easter break, said Levy, the maximum number of people, based on previous years, to take advantage of the additional ice time would be 400 people a day or a maximum of 2,800 for the week.

"We offer 50 hours of entertainment for over 8,000 people."

"By raising our rates," he said, "the town will be penalizing the people who use the arenas the most."

To do so, without increasing grants to the organizers of the tournament, would force the registration fee per team to nearly \$100 from its present level of \$40. "That would probably be the highest in the country and I can guarantee you that no team would even consider paying that price just for two games."

A \$10 per hour grant would necessitate a jump from \$40 to \$50 in the registration rates, he said, but most tournaments charge in that neighbourhood now.

Replying to a suggestion by Councillor Morrow that the Bantam tournament be alternated between other nearby towns was impractical said Levy. "The OMHA

wouldn't allow it. Besides, a tournament belongs to a town. That's the only way to run it."

Explaining the administration committee's firm stand in favor of the increases Councillor Roy Booth noted, "The recreation director was the one who submitted the report. He's the man who must control his budget. He has made his presentation and after due consideration we have approved it."

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Neighbours help boy fight against cancer

In less than one week's time approximately \$5,500 was raised and donated towards the Stephen Rimmer Trust Fund, a fund to raise needed money so that a Brampton family need not sell their home in order to enable their son Stephen to undergo extensive tests and surgery in last hope efforts to ward off death from the dreaded disease - cancer.

John Fagan of Brampton, one of the Herald's advertising salesmen, along with his father John Ambrose, who organized the fund, have been canvassing door-to-door and arranging fund centres to help their neighbour and friend Stephen an 18-year-old youth of 235 Archdekin Dr. in Brampton.

Stephen and his parents flew to Manhattan's Memorial Hospital in New York, one week ago Tuesday, to fight the deadly disease which was only discovered within Stephen three months ago.

Initial estimates for the new experimental Platinum treatment, which in recent experiments have proven 80 percent effective, showed the treatment, including hospital and other costs, could be as

much as \$2,000 a day for four weeks, totalling almost \$60,000.

Not only could the Rimmers not financially afford such treatment for their son without putting their house on the real estate market but the parents were not certain how long their son would remain in the hospital and if and how much, OHIP would pay for this treatment.

Mr. Fagan has set a target of \$25,000 with some of his first contributions coming from Mayor James Archdekin, Councillor Kenneth Willans and local Member of Parliament, Ross Milne. Mr. Fagan reported that there has been an unanimous pledge of \$1,000.

The fund has been set up at the Bank of Nova Scotia in any of the local branches and donations will be transferred to the Toronto branch. Donations can be made under the Steve Rimmer Trust Fund, account number 20555.

"If any of the money we have raised is left over after the treatment is completed then, any remaining money will be donated to the Cancer Society," concluded Mr. Fagan.

Four hurt in crash on Sunday night

Four people were hospitalized and damages amounted to \$6,000 in a three-car, pile-up Sunday evening, in "satisfactory condition" at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital are Frances Rushton of Etobicoke, the driver of one car; Patricia Bayne and Cathy Lumsden both of Hillsburgh, passengers in the second car; and Susan Tilcox, also of Hillsburgh a passenger in the third car.

The accident occurred at 9:15 p.m. on Halton Road 3 about 1,000 feet south of 15 Sideroad when the car driven by Frances Rushton went out of control on an icy surface and collided with the car driven by Ronald Tilcox, 2 George St., Hillsburgh, police report.

The third car, driven by Edward W. Tilcox, 9 George St., Hillsburgh, collided into the rear of the second car after skidding on the icy road.

Police estimate damages to the Rushton vehicle at \$3,000; to the Ronald Tilcox vehicle at \$2,000 and the Edward Tilcox vehicle at \$1,000.

King St. and Mountainview Rd. North was the scene of an accident last Saturday when a car driven by Agnes Paterson, 6 Sarah St., Halton Hills was in collision with a parked car owned by John Tezak, 8 Irwin Cres. at 10:35 a.m.

Police estimate damage to the Paterson vehicle at \$35 and to the Tezak vehicle at \$25.

The intersection of Main St. North and Guelph St. in Georgetown was the scene of an accident last Saturday at 3:20 a.m. when a car driven by Lena Connors of Mississauga was in collision with a car driven by John McKenna of Brampton.

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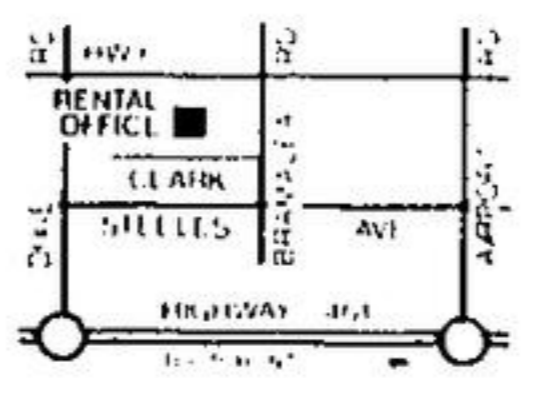
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