## Acton's growth to 10,100 regional concept shows

Only 20 Acton area residents attended a meeting Tuesday aimed at surveying the public's preferences among four alternative proposals for Halton Region's first official plan.

The four concepts outlined could see Acton's population grow from its present 6,300 to anywhere from 8,200 to 10,000 by the year 2001.

Regional planning department staffers Ed Babb, Raj Mohammed and Bob White explained the concepts for those who attended the meeting at the Acton Public Library. Also on hand were town councillors Roy Booth, Les Duby, Russ Miller, George Maltby and Peter Marks, Town Planner Mario Venditti and town enginner Bob Austin.

The meeting was one of a series of forums scheduled to take place across Halton.

The regional planners urged the 20 citizens in attendance to complete a questionnaire so that the most popular of the four alternatives presented can be determined. The current series of public meetings represents the second phase in the development of Halton's official plan, which could be implemented before the end of the year.

Mr. Babb pointed out that his own department has yet to state its own preference among the concepts, but will do so once the opinions of the public and the planning departments of each area municipality have been tabulated. The regional planners, he said, will then prepare a draft official plan for presentation first to the public, probably in September and finally to coun-

cil for approval. In response to Coun. Duby's concerns, Mr. Mohammed agreed that whatever official plan concept the region finally chooses, the province must have the final say. Just as the area municipalities official plans must conform to that of the region, he said, the regions pun must conform to provincial policies.

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gree to which the province will cepts hold for Acton and tiers of government."

being really effectual," Coun. commented Duby warned, "But I agree we what we want."

tion 13 separate aspects of employment as follows:

are projected without consider more likely to consider Halton eration of outside controls and Hills development as a whole, natural effects. Halton's cur- he said rent population of 228,000 Acton merchant Paul Nielwould reach 525,000 by the son, who was recently appointyear 2001, while that of ed to Halton Hills industrial Halton Hills would increase advisory committee, added from 32,000 to 62,000. Employ-ment across the region would stated its intention to begin jump from 65,000 to 183,000 grouping figures from Acton

would swell to 450,000 and the the individual communities.

Hills to 53,000 while jobs would acity forecasts. and 16,000 in the town.

ed on input from the town Hills." planners in Halton's four mun- Coun. Booth explained that icipalities, Halton's population, the dispute which arose from increases to 412,000 and the the town's demal of servicing town's to 50,000 while employ- for the development is currentment reaches 154,000 jobs in ly before the courts. He noted, the region and 17,000 in the though, that the regional plan-

not providing complete infor- division proposed for developmation on the different implies ment near Norval, which ations which the various con-would increase Georgetown's

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listen (to the region's con- Georgetown. The very fact cerns)," he admitted. "But that the oversight was pointed there must be some form of out by a citizen in attendance agreement among all three gives the planners an indication of what their draft official "Let's not pretend we're plan must include, Mr Babb

"Acton and Georgetown are must let the province know two distinct planning areas", Coun. Booth agreed. "I hope The four concepts presented this gentleman's question will last night take into considera- tell the planners something." Mr. Mohammed explained living in Halton and project that, while all of the data

existing conditions to the year pertaining specifically to Ac-2001. The concepts, contrasted ton is not yet available, the against existing figures, deal community's development is chiefly with population and essentially an internal matter to be left in the hands of the 1) TRENDS-Current trends town planner. The region is

jobs and in Halton Hills from and Georgetown together He suggested that the region 2) LOCAL-PROVINCIAL- might make clear to the feder-Based on provincial policy al agency that combined data guidelines, Halton's population would be "useless" to both of

town's to 66,000. Employment Since questionnaires were would increase to 162,000 as provided for the entirens to cross the region and 19,000 in make their opinions known, few concerns were voiced dur-3) HALTON OBJECTIVES- ing the meeting Norm Elliott, Regarded as the public's pre- however, asked Coun Booth to ferred concept according to clarify the effects of the prosurveys undertaken last fall, posed McLaughlin residential the regional population would development on Georgetown's grow to only 376,000 and Halton and Halton Hills sewage cap-

increase to 147,000 in Halton The proposal, he said, could have "an extreme effect upon 4) AREA PLANNING-Bas- Actor's survival in Halton

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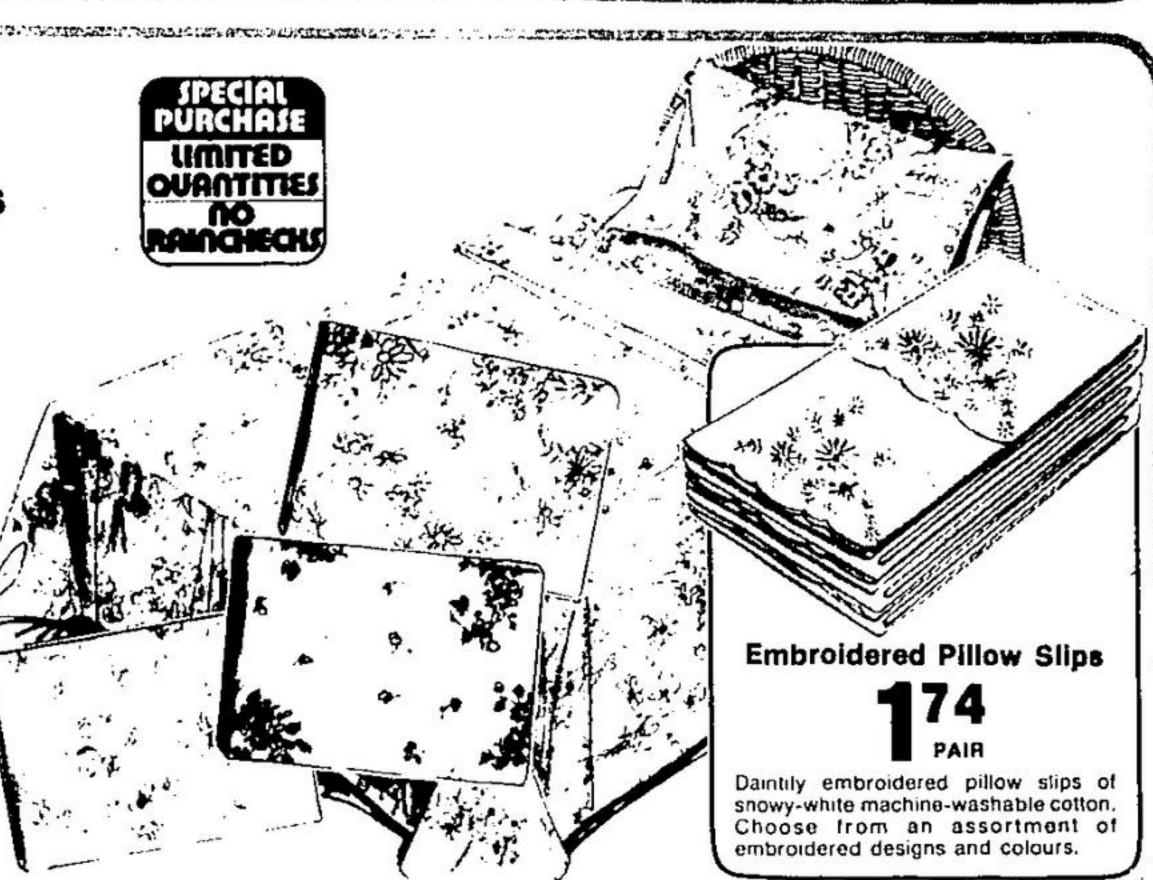
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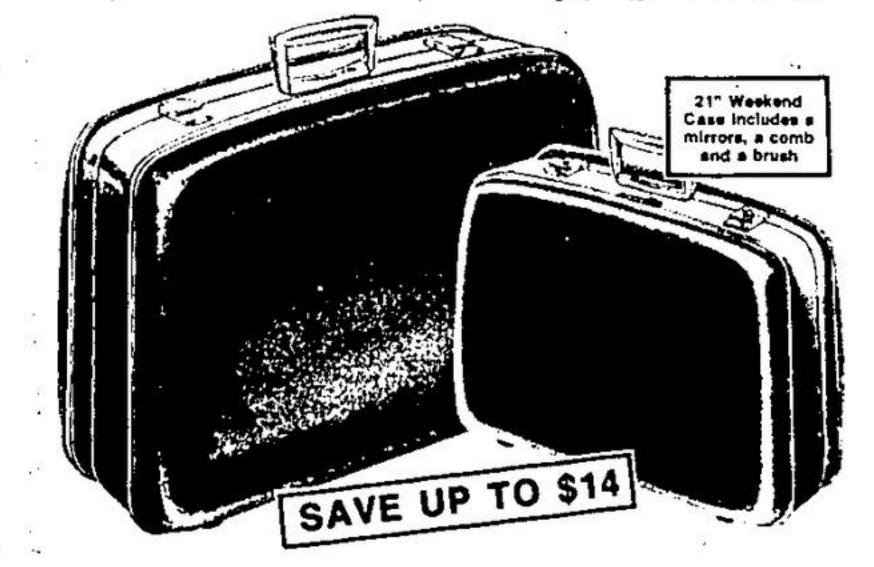




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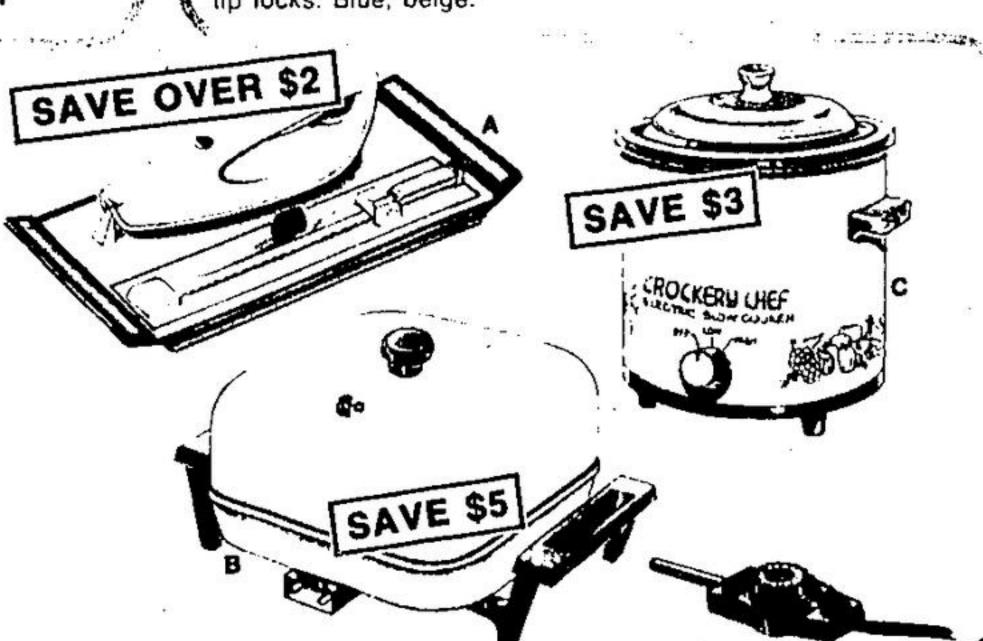
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