# Portion of jail now up for sale

By PAUL DORSEY Herald staff writer

Halton region has offered to sell a 29,000-square foot portion of the old Milton fail complex to the town of Milton for \$80,000.

The offer represents the bottom line of a comprehensive proposal by regional staff for the disposition of a cluster of old buildings in downtown Milton that includes facilities for family and juvenile courts, the Children's Aid Society and the Halton Regional Health Unit.

The historic jail Itself was closed earlier this year after the provincial government announced plans for a new jail facility to be built in the area. Regional council stipulated in offering to sell the old jail to Milton that its historic features must be retained.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon told council last week that his municipality will consider the offer and, if the decision is made to purchase the buildings. Halton can attach any strings it desires as to their future use.

BEING BILKED Despite Milton Coun. Jim Watson's assertion that Milton is being "bilked" and should be offered the buildings for atoken price of \$1, the general consensus among regional councillors seemed to be that the asking price is too low.

Halton's property agent, Vince Geraghty, advised council that the buildings are virtually worthless in their present state. The jail's onefoot thick cell walls seriously restrict its potential use, he said, and make the building a "detriment and a liability" as

ttee has recommended that the

Halton Junior Farmers be

given permission to proceed

with a proposed landscaping

project at the Pioneer Ceme-

The Junior Farmers propos-

ed the project in June, and

works supervisor Frank Mor-

ette met with the group at the

site, located at the 8th Line and

Steeles Avenue, to discuss the

grooming okayed

far as the region is concerned. Mr. Geraghty revealed that other offers have been made for portions of the complex. Referred by the Children's Aid Society, the Sheridan Youth Organization has offered to buy sections of the jail site in the hopes of using the jail as a temporary detention centre for

juveniles awaiting trial. The property agent speculated that the organization's offer is probably the highest the region can expect, but conceded after the asking price had been debated at length that the complex should be placed on the open market for sale.

Mr. Geraghty also advised council that a group of seven businessmen who were interested in establishing a restaurant at the site had balked at his suggested price of \$100,000 because they were aware that extensive renovations would be needed and could triple the final expenditure.

PRICE TAG Opposition to the \$80,000 price lag dominated the council's debate of the staff's proposals, Burlington Coun. Ben Ciprietti called the price a "bargain" and urged staff to negotiate a better deal. Coun . Carl Eriksen of Oakville complained that the price does not reflect current market values. "I'm not prepared to sit here

he said. "That's how they got Drumquin Park". Council determined that Halton's new official plan will designate the jail site for low-

and hand out gifts to Milton,"

density residential use, instead of the present institutional use. Mr. Geraghty estimated the market value of the site to be Pioneer cemetery

Halton Hills works commi- ed. He also requested that a letter of commendation be sent to the Hallon Junior Farmers "for the expression of pride for their community. at the site. The committee approved

> Divide and conquer

both recommendations.

At the request of the town Halton Hills works comengineer, Bob Austin, the Jumitte has recommended that nior Farmers submitted a the Divide and Conquer prodrawing of their plans for the gram of refuse recycling be cemetery, and Mr. Austin extended at least until March recommended they be approv-31, 1979,

The agreement drawn u. between the town and the Ministry of the Environment, which sponsored the program on an experimental basis. allows that the agreement can be terminated by either the town or the ministry on 60 days written notice, effective no earlier than December 31. 1978, or at any time by mutual

agreement. The committee voted to recommend the program continue so as to give the ministry a better time period to analyse the success of the program.

about \$1 per square foot if it is to be used for residential purposes, \$3.50 for industrial use and \$7 for commercial use. He explained that there is no comparison by which he could determine its value for institu-

Burlington Coun. Tom Sutherland noted that the Halton Board of Education recently sold Chapel Street public school in Georgelown, comprising about three acres, for approximately \$40,000 an acre, with the vacant school building included

The portion of the jail complex being offered in Milton, it was noted, involves about fivesevenths of an acre.

HEALTH UNIT Halton Hills Coun. Pat Mc Kenzie noted that regional staff have put a \$20,000 value on the Health Unit's offices at the site, but recalled that the Halton Region Conservation Authority offered to buy the facility last May for \$60,000.

Chief administrative officer Ernie Reid responded that no formal offer has even been made by the Authority, prompting Coun. McKenzle to contact Authority officials while the meeting was in progress. He returned with the news that the offer had indeed been made. but for \$80,000 rather than \$60,000.

Mr. Geraghty explained that the Authority had asked him to investigate the feasibility of acquiring the facilities and stressed that no commitment to purchase was being made.

"I phoned (the Authority) the next day, when I'd stopped laughing, and told them to forget it," Mr. Geraghty said.

Coun, Eriksen conlended that selling the jail complex for \$80,000 would increase the anticipated defecit the region faces for the construction of its new headquarters. It had been hoped that the defect could be off-set by the sale of unused

Debate continued over a suggestion that the Milton detachment of the Halton regional police might be interested in establishing a small precinct

EXCELLENT CONDITION Oakville Mayor Harry Burrett, a Halton police commissioner, challenged the staff's assessment of the buildings as being in "excellent" condition. citing a leaky basement that was suggested as part of which would become the police precinct. Milton's current police facilities are more adequate.

Mayor Barrett advised council that the Halton police commission has asked the Ontario police commission to undertake a comprehensive survey of available buildings in the area, as well as housing accommoda ions for police officers. Despute the interest in the Milton jad site reportedly expressed by police chief Ken Skerrell and administrator Ray Munro, Mayor Barrett said, the commission itself is agreed that the facilities there would be of no use to Halton

"If we start separating the overall package, we're going to box ourselves into a cor-

ner," Mayor Barrett added. Regional chairman Rie Morrow cut the debate short so that a commemorative presentation, already late in starting, could get underway. At his suggestion, the details of the staff's recommendations were referred to the regional administration committee for further consideration.

Carol Duguay, mece of the groom, wore a long blue dress and carried bronze and yellow The groomsman was Paul Aulse, brother of the groom, Beresford, New Brunswick.

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Aube

The nand of honor, Dorcen

Allen, wore a long peach gown

with a bat trimmed with peach

ribbon and covered with white

lace. She carried bronze and

white mains. The flower girl.

Saturday's wedding at Sacre

Coeur Chorch for Linda Mary

Hannon and Maurice Andre

Aube, both of Georgetown, was

a double-ring ceremony per-

formed by Father P.A. Ouele-

The bride, given in marriage

by her father, wore a long

white gown of polyester satur,

with a train of satin covered

with whole lace. The gown had

an empire waist and sleeves of

white face. The bride wore a

Spanish style veil of white face

and carried red and white

The Georgetown YM-YWCA

will conduct a door-to-door

fund raising campaign through

the town's residential section

on Nov. 6 according to presi-

dent Cheryl Lightowlers. Their

Members of Georgetown's

target this year is \$6,000.

the Y, she said.

industrial, commercial and

professional community will

also be contacted by letter

about making contributions to

While blitz night Is Monday

Nov. 6 the canvassers will be

calling back again Tuesday at

homes where no one was home

at the time of the first visit.

Then on the Wednesday four

tellers at the Bank of Com-

merce branch in the Deirex

plaza have donated their time

in order to accept donations at

the bank between 7:30 p.m.

about \$3,000 through fund rais-

ing projects like a dance, a flea-

market and a 50 50 draw, Mrs.

They managed to survive on

\$7,500 last year but they had to

give up the staff person they

Mrs. Lightowlers says the

Y only assesses branches 1.2

per cent of their gross income

to support the National Y and

in return they get a lot in terms

of leadership training and

WORKSCLOSELY

The Y works closely with the

contact with the world.

employed to do programs.

Lightowlers says.

The Y has already raised

Y's campaign

raise funds

lunteers.

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who attended the wedding from the groom's home town of The ogranist for the ceremony was Sister Rota

recreation department to a-

void duplicating programs,

said Mrs. Lightowlers, and can

respond more quickly to com-

munity needs because they

hear from the community and

staff their programs with vo-

"We're an aiternative,"

said Mrs. Lightowlers. "We

can offer a variety of

programs and cater to a much

While the Y does charge a

fee for its courses this does not

always pay the expenses of

running the course. On top of

this the Y has substantial

regular costs to meet like an

annual rent in the neighbour-

hood of \$5,000 and a telephone

monthly bill. Its part time

office staff and its director are

on blitz night by the badges

they will wear thanks to a

Mrs. Lightowlers says. She

expects there will be 200

canvassers making calls in

Georgetown and Glen Wil-

liams, and rural members will

be contacted by letter. The Y

has 600 urban members and

100 from the rural areas, she

donation by Labelmasters,

Canvassers can be identified

wider range of people."

long, rust gown with a corsage of white mams.

sister-in-law, Kathy Hannon. Georgetown, where the groom is employed at the Halton Hills Herald and the bride at the Georgetown Answering Ser-

Hannon-Aube Wedding The reception was held in the church hall at Sacre Coeur Church Receiving for the bride was her mother, Jean Hammen, wearing a short, being gown with a corsage of bronze muns. Receiving for the groom was his sister, Mrs. Jeannine Miller, wearing a

> A bridal shower was given for the bride by maid of honor Doreen Allen and the bride's The couple will reside in

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The town finance and administration committee has suggested that the municipality's incoming council for 1979 should try and do what Halton Ililis could not do several years ago by implementing a Properly Maintenance and

Occupancy Standards bylaw, The need for the bylaw appeared on the local scene again two weeks ago when members of the boards of management for Acton's and Georgetown's downtown Business Improvement Areas (BIA's) discovered that Hallon Hills does not qualify for provincial government loans, partially because the town does not have such legislation controlling properly uses.

The bylaw is one of several erlieria which the province set out for municipalities wishing to apply for portions of a \$5 million loan fund that are repayable at low interest terms, or, according to one source, at no interest.

TWIN BIA'S Halton Hills' Iwin BIA's qualify for the loans by all other criteria except for the stipulation that the municipality's population must not exceed 30,000. Since Halton Hills' collective population exceeds 32,000, Coun. Roy Booth reported Monday night, members of both the BIA's are preparing to approach Queen's Park in the hopes of amending the criteria or winning an exemption for Halton Hills, which includes two urban centres with relat-

ively small populations. Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson informed the committee that the province is aware of Halton Hills' population problem, one which he said is shared by other municipalities across Ontario. No alteration of the pertinent criteria is being considered, however, he added.

"This municipality's a creature of regional government and the province goes and sets out this criteria knowing full well we don't qualify for their

help," Coun. Booth complain-

ed. "The Lord giveth and the

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Lord taketh away, but in this case, they're the government is) taking away all the time. It's lime we went to Queen's Park and demanded some changes, Our BIA's are willing to go down there and fight it and I hope they get this council's blessing".

OTHER CRITERION Meanwhile, Coun. Booth said, council should strive to overcome the problems that were anticipated in the implementation of a property maintenance bylaw so that the other criterion can be met.

The committee learned that Halton Hills' new official plan, now being finalized, will include such a bylaw, in the interim, though, a comprehensive bylaw is needed that will suit the province's stipulations while at the same time avoiding the kind of "horrendous" enforcement problems which council foresaw for its once proposed bylaw.

"This bylaw may be a real problem," Coun. Walter Bichn agreed. "We're gelting into a completely socialistic field. It would be awfully hard to pin down".

Mr. Richardson confirmed that the preparation, enactment and enforcement of the bylaw will indeed by "difficult." He recalled one instance in which a municipality took years to enact the legislation

because of potential enforcement problems. The matter of preparing the bylaw was referred to the town's incoming council for further deliberation once Halton Hills' new official plan is

completed.





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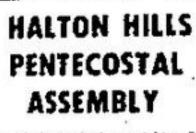
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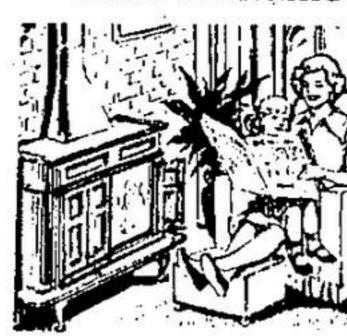
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