

Acton YMCA will go ahead with renovations

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Acton's Murray Memorial YMCA will go ahead with plans for a two-storey addition to its building. The board of directors made the decision Wednesday night after hearing a proposal from local architect Doug Freed which placed the construction cost in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

YMCA president Keith Robbins pointed out the figure was in the range they had announced. He urged the Y "map out a campaign and specify a time limit. We will find out quickly whether we will succeed or not".

Director Jack Meinen agreed, saying "Let's get the ball rolling".

RENTAL FEES

Building committee chairman Dave Whiting said the Y would recoup their costs in rental fees. "Ten years from now people will look back and say 'that was a good thing they did' or 'they should have done it'".

Mr. Robbins said the Y has professional resources available to help raise funds. "There are people with the YMCA in Toronto who are experienced in the fundraising area".

A committee has been formed which will start working on fundraising by contacting people for help. Members of the committee are Mr. Robbins, Gord Chapman, Bev Owens and Ken Grubbe.

No fundraising ideas were presented at Wednesday's

meeting, but a "Y week" was suggested as a possible kickoff point. The week would allow free public attendance at existing Y programs, raising community interest in the Y. Program committee chairwoman Carol Clark said Halton Hills Council could declare the week officially and possibly make it an annual event.

CAMPAIGN ESTIMATE

Mr. Robbins estimates the fundraising campaign should last between one year and 18 months. "Prolonged campaigns tend to drag down," he explained.

Mr. Chapman told the board Wintario could finance up to one third of the total cost or about \$30,000 if they approved the grant. The YMCA would have to match that with funds from public subscription. The remaining money could be raised through any method the Y can find, including other government grants.

"It's a good time to apply, with an election coming up", said Mr. Whiting.

The extension to the existing building would contain two squash courts, also suitable for racquetball, a weight training and boxing room, games rooms and possibly shower stalls. Mr. Freed estimated it would take four months to complete the necessary construction.

The Y believes the addition is needed because there are very few facilities of any type in Acton. Tentative completion date is Dec. 1980.



PANCAKE SUPPER

Terry Meller and his family were among those who enjoyed the pancake supper at St. Andrew's Church February 27. Money raised

from the supper, which was well-attended, will go to purchase choir gowns for members of the senior choir. (Herald photo)

Region's officials to discuss well

Halton region officials will be opening negotiations with their counterparts in neighboring Peel Region over the proposed purchase of a municipal well in Huttonville that could supply Georgetown area consumers with up to 1.5 million gallons of water per day at some future date.

Several outstanding development proposals for the lands south of Georgetown, including the contentious 1,740-home subdivision planned by Focal Properties Ltd., would affect aquifers and wells in the area, he pointed out.

Subject to regional council's approval today (Wednesday) a recommendation made by the public works committee last week will see Halton and Peel regional staff members negotiating the purchase of a currently unused well field that formerly supplied water to Brampton residents.

Halton's public works director, Bob Moore, assured the committee last week that existing municipal wells drawing water from the Maple Avenue and Princess Anne Drive well fields can accommodate Georgetown's needs during the near future, but speculated that a new source may be needed by the end of this century. The Huttonville well has been identified as the closest alternate source in a study conducted for the region by Hydrology Consultants Ltd.

POTENTIAL YIELD
According to Mr. Moore, the consultants estimate the potential yield of the two existing Georgetown wells at 2.5 million gallons per day, while the average yield in recent years has been only 1.8 million gallons per day.

The consultants' report also identified two aquifers in the Norval and Stewarttown areas with an estimated combined capacity of one million gallons per day. They recommend a \$47,000 exploratory study to better evaluate the availability of groundwater for regional uses.

Mr. Moore explained that the information is a valuable aid in planning for the region's future growth and for defending policies that may be challenged before the Ontario Mun-

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