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A trip part way into the ravine south of Delrex Boulevard near Carole Street was more frightening than damaging Thursday night. The car went out of control as it was east bound on Delrex Boulevard and took a nose dive into the ravine coming

to rest against a clump of trees 10 feet down the bank. A tow truck winched the vehicle back onto the road with only dents and torn chrome to testify to its detour.

(Herald photo)

Town chooses Wagland for arts complex design

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Architect Keith Wagland has been given a chance to realize the preliminary concept he devised to transform the Georgetown public library into a multi-use cultural centre.

Mr. Wagland's nine-year old firm was hired for the project by town council last Tuesday night following a 40-minute closed door session during which councilors discussed three architect's bids on the project with representatives of several local organizations involved in the arts complex project.

Those involved got to know Mr. Wagland during recent months when he was assisting engineering consultant Bob Bailey and architectural history consultant Howard Kalman in conducting a feasibility study which confirmed the adaptability of the old library building to new and expanded uses.

HEARD SUBMISSIONS
Submissions for the task of finalizing a design for the \$1.5 million library, theatre and arts and crafts complex were also heard from architects Paul Martel and Philip Brook of Brook, Carruthers and Shaw.

Mr. Wagland's familiarity with the Georgetown project and his past experience at building libraries in conjunction with the renovation of historical structures convinced council that his firm was the best for the job.

Mr. Wagland called the public library and grounds "a super site" for the proposed

complex, but cautioned that its developers must "treat it carefully".

Using slides Mr. Wagland demonstrated his wide range of architectural interests and his ambitions for the Georgetown library with its "exquisite but largely hidden details."

The concept created by Mr. Wagland, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Kalman would see large additions built onto the library to accommodate theatre and exhibition hall uses. Also required is the purchase of two private homes on Market and Church Streets, the former of which would be demolished to make room for the expansion.

Mr. Wagland said the Gray residence on Church Street is in an ideal position "to have a civic role" in the community. He proposes to turn the two-storey house into an alternate-use building past which visitors would be directed from the library to an expanded and improved parking lot at the rear of the Church Street homes.

HIRE STAFF
The architect informed council that winning the contract for the arts complex project would enable him to hire another staff member for his firm. He assured councilors and interested parties that his design will be flexible to their wishes and his ideas adaptable to those of an architectural advisory committee which has been formed.

The committee, formed to channel the input of several local arts and crafts and library officials into the project,

is composed of Georgetown Little Theatre member Derek Joynes, Halton Hills Public Library Board chairman Dick Howitt, Credit Valley Artisans president Gretchen Day, Georgetown Choral Society director Dale Wood and Halton Hills Arts Council president Ralph Ursel.

Georgetown YM-YWCA president Cheryl Lightowers commented after the architects' submissions that her group find it "exciting" that their interests may still be accommodated in the downtown arts complex. There had been some confusion earlier over the Y's interest in using the complex' facilities.

Although Mr. Wagland was not asked to comment, both Paul Martel and Philip Brook responded to questions about the feasibility of the town's tentative budget for the complex by challenging its provisions in certain areas.

FEW THINGS
Mr. Brooks said there are "a few things not mentioned" in the town treasurer's preliminary financing report, particularly for what he called "mechanical space".

Mr. Martel called the estimated costs "More or less realistic" but said he quarrels with the stated cost for renovating the library building itself. He estimated that it will cost \$75,000 to \$100,000, "to do it properly".

Mr. Brook reported that his 16-year old, Toronto-based firm has designed some 19 different libraries, five fixed-seat theatre auditoriums and numerous other structures. Past projects include the

Brampton campus of Sheridan College, restoration work at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club on Centre Island, the Swiss pavilion at Expo '67, and new libraries in North York and Mississauga.

Mr. Brook pointed out that his firm conducted a long-range expansion study for the Georgetown library two years ago, the design criteria from which could still be used for the expansion project.

Both Mr. Brook and Mr. Martel presented ambitious sketches of preliminary concepts for the arts complex. Because of time constraints, Mr. Martel's full-color sketches, complete with alternative siting aspects, were reportedly only 29 hours old by the time council viewed them.

THORNY PROBLEM
Mr. Martel called the Bailey-Wagland-Kalman report "a brilliant solution to a thorny problem" as he submitted a more detailed concept of how a 300-seat theatre could be added onto the rear of the library building on the Main Street side, the new library facility on the far side opposite Church Street and a courtyard designed as an outdoor amphitheatre on the Market Street side.

The old library itself would provide space for a lounge, washrooms, bar, reception lobby and coatroom, with an art gallery upstairs, according to Mr. Martel's concept.

Mr. Martel's firm worked on the University of Toronto's John Roberts library and is currently employed in downtown Georgetown's Main Street beautification program.

Four months' back rent owed on police offices

Georgetown's Halton Regional Police have been occupying their in-town office rent-free and without a lease since February.

The Regional Police Commission learned of the situation when the building's rent-less landlord complained.

The Halton Regional Police Commission decided to have its staff re-negotiate the lease on the Georgetown Police building for another year after the owner of the building drew the commission's attention to the fact the lease had run out in February, and the commission had not paid any rent since.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, chairman of the commission, said the region paid the rent on police buildings directly, without going through the force's bookkeeping records. When the lease expired, the region stopped paying the rent,

apparently without bothering to find out if the police were still in the building, Mayor Barrett said.

The commission was made aware of the situation by the building's owner, Hy Gladman, who said he had not received any rent payments since February.

The lease will be renewed for a period ending January 31, 1980. Mayor Barrett said the commission was looking at land in Halton Hills but would not specify the location. He said the commission expects to have all the police buildings in Halton upgraded within a period of 18 months.

NEW BUILDING
The architect for changes in the new building in Milton being taken over by the police department is preparing to go to tender on the renovations necessary to adapt the build-

ing to its new purpose. The building was formerly the office of the department of health.

The commission had budgeted \$10,000 for the renovations, but was informed at Thursday's meeting that the costs could run as high as \$90,000 if it was decided to build complete walls in between the offices, rather than use partitions and to include seven cells.

The commission decided to

include two cells for male offenders and one for females, and to use partitions between offices, in an attempt to reduce the cost. Mayor Barrett said it was not feasible to spend \$90,000 to renovate the building, when \$200,000 would pay for a completely new building.

The commission did decide to include provision for the addition of cells in the future, should it prove necessary.

Local man killed

A Georgetown man was killed in a single-car accident Thursday evening on the 10th line north of 27 Sideroad.

Bruce McQuarrie, 53, of 32 Sargent Road was pronounced dead at the scene after his car overturned. The car was northbound on the 10th line and left the roadway at the crest of a hill. It swerved to the right, or east side of the road, then back to the other side. The car left the road and swerved into the ditch, striking several trees. It rolled over on to the road.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$2,000. Mr. McQuarrie is survived by his wife, Viola, and five children.

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