Town council agendas made available Monday morning

Anyone interested in knowing what will be on a town council or committee agenda prior to the time of the meeting will be able to get a copy of the

agenda on the Monday morning prior to the meeting, if a general committee recommendation is approved.

In response to a request



Proposed design for Georgetown police building

Police HQ to be tendered

The Halton Regional Police Commission expects to go to tender in mid-May for the construction of the new Georgetown Police building.

Architect John Harkness presented the plans for the new building to the commission Thursday in Burlington, and said he expects to have the drawings completed and ready to go to tender by May 5. The commission approved preliminary plans.

The new building will be located on a site beside Gordon Alcolt Arena on Guelph Street. The lot will be sold to the region at a cost reflecting what the town of Halton Hills paid for the property years ago.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon, a member of the commission, expressed his concern that as the site plan stands, the police officers don't have access to a traffic light for exiting on Guelph Street. He said that with so many police cars and citizens' cars going in and out all day, a traffic light would be important for safety.

Mayor Gordon also asked why the building "has to look like a police station". He suggested a new facade to the building, such as colonial brick and shingles "to make it fit into Halton Hills."

Commission chairman Harry Barrett pointed out that such design changes would add to the cost of the building.

from the Georgetown Area Ratepayers Association that agendas be made available to the public in time to prepare any comments they might wish to make, the committee decided to go along with the release of agendas, but not of the additional reference mat-

erial issued to councillors. Mayor Pete Pomeroy said he sees no reason why the agenda shouldn't be made available to the public in advance, since council business is public information anyway. However, he felt it would be too expensive to prepare many extra copies of the total information package given to council the Friday prior to meetings and to the press at the meetings. Agendas often are not pre-

pared until too late Friday for staff to prepare extra copies during regular working hours,

The mayor suggested that a few extra copies could be made available to the public at the municipal office on Trafalgar Road Monday and if for some reason there was a need for even more copies, they could be prepared at the office. The mayor isn't expecting "any great stampede" of people wanting advance copies of agendas, he said.

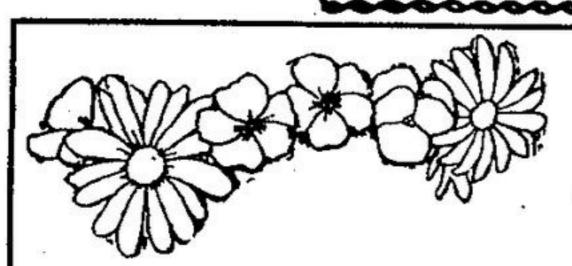
The clerk's department has been in the habit of telling people what is on any given meeting agenda upon request, but no agendas were available to the public or press prior to the meeting.



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