

# Georgetown residents query park's upkeep

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 - more beaches and outdoor swimming areas;  
 - the development of an

extensive trail system throughout the community, which would begin in the urban areas and extend outwards;  
 - more picnic areas.

Mr. Lockhart suggested throughout the meeting that the town try to do more with less.  
 "Do more with less should be

your slogan in the 80's," he said. "If you can upgrade existing facilities and incorporate school grounds into the plan you'll be further ahead than if you build a major sports complex."

Mr. Lockhart also suggested that facilities such as squash, indoor tennis and racquet ball courts should be left to the private sector to provide, as they have done in the past.

The area's golf courses are adequate for the town's needs for at least the next five years and possibly longer.

It was noted in the plan that there has been a large increase in interest for arts-oriented activities. The proposed library-theatre-art gallery complex was suggested by the plan and is expected to go a long way toward satisfying the community's needs in this area.

Historical and archaeological sites also come under scrutiny in the plan, which encourages their preservation and acquisition should they become publicly available.

Coming under attack from ratepayers at the meeting was the present level of maintenance at existing recreational facilities. One resident asked Mr. Shepard why there isn't a full-time parks crew instead of the present system whereby the public works department maintains sites.

"At the present time, I have to go to the public works department to tell them where maintenance is needed," Mr. Shepard said. "The public works director told me that he hasn't been asked to do anywhere near the maintenance on the existing facilities as he has this year. I don't intend to let up. If he feels he has to put a crew on parks full-time because of the increased workload, that's fine with me."

One resident also commented that he hoped the present recreational director would stay around a little longer than his predecessors.



**BIA thanks town**

Larry Greaves, Chairman of the board of management for Acton's downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) addressed town council Monday night to express the BIA's "sincere thanks" for help offered by the town in the past year.

"Because of your help and co-operation, we will have paving on the municipal parking lot on Willow Street and a sidewalk on Willow," Mr. Greaves said.

## Parks plan unveiling draws two Acton people

**HERALD SPECIAL**  
 The two Acton citizens who turned out for their community's introduction to the Halton Hills Master Parks and Recreation Plan last Thursday night heard a variety of consultant's recommendations that include a proposed, major skating rink on Fairy Lake.

Roughly one-sixth of the land recommended for acquisition in the \$54,000, 10-year plan lies within urban Acton. As well as the suggested purchase of 64.7 acres of Acton property, the plan calls for the construction of approximately \$1 million worth of new facilities across town over the next decade.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy said the plan will come to council before it is adopted.

Concerns addressed include:

- the provision of adequate, primarily outdoor, facilities for active recreation;
- improvements to the quality of parks and school yards;
- the acquisition and protection of valley lands, wood lots and other unique natural and historic areas in Georgetown, Acton and Niagara escarpment areas;
- improvement of leisure activities, particularly in the arts;
- protection and preservation of the identity and character of Georgetown, Acton

and major hamlet communities; - and improved beautification of the urban and hamlet areas.

Purchase of land for open space from public funds is often unnecessary and the plan suggests such alternatives such as dedication through development, shared use agreement, lease, property exchange and donations.

Of the total 380 acres to be acquired, 64.7 acres are in Acton, 66.9 acres in rural Halton Hills and the remaining 248.7 acres are in Georgetown.

The plan calls for no new arenas to be constructed in the next 10 years but suggests that "the possibility of safely developing a large skating rink on Fairy Lake (Acton) should be seriously investigated."

The town won't need new curling rinks for five years and the private sector should be encouraged to provide the facilities.

Swimming pools are adequate for the coming 10 years although more naturally occurring water-based swimming and wading areas should be acquired and developed.

**SOFTBALL NEEDS**

Softball and baseball facilities require extensive upgrading and by 1983 Halton Hills should have one major

baseball and eight major softball diamonds.

Sooner requires upgraded facilities and the plan recommends that by 1983 Halton Hills should have two of the three needed major soccer fields.

The plan calls for the addition of a significant number of new playgrounds, picnic and camping areas.

Golf courses are expected to meet local demands for at least five years.

**ARTS CENTRE**

The arts centre to be included in the Georgetown library addition appears to incorporate many of the requirements listed for the arts community needs. Others can be met by renovations to existing structures.

Trends indicate an increase in alley bowling and a need for more and better quality facilities. A drop in teenage population indicates no more arcades and pool halls should be built.

There is no need for extra lacrosse facilities in the foreseeable future.

Mr. Shepard said that Acton is serviced better than the rest of Halton Hills when it comes to recreational facilities.

"While there are a few deficiencies," he said, "there are nowhere near the problems in Acton there are in Georgetown."



Halton Hills recreation director Tom Shepard addressed a crowd of about 25 at last Wednesday's Parks Plan unveiling before turning the meeting over to consultant Rob Lockhart. Mr. Lockhart presented a general description of the plan and then invited questions from the audience. Also present to help with the presentation was Ward 4 Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson. (Herald photo)

### Cottage B&E

Five people have been arrested following a break-in at a summer cottage on the First Line near 15 Sideroad Saturday.

A break-in at the cottage, which belongs to Andrew Chor-nook was reported to Halton Regional Police early Saturday evening. Constables Bob Ustrzycki and Doug Ford responded to the complaint along with the owner.

It was discovered that the refrigerator had been stocked up with beer, and Constable Ustrzycki staked the place out, thinking the people responsible for the break-in might return.

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Lynne-Ann Clarke is probably wondering if this scarf is ever going to end. Chortles the Clown requested her assistance at Maple Nursery Wednesday afternoon to remove an irksome scarf from his sleeve, but it looks like the scarf proved a little more than Lynne-Ann anticipated. (Herald photo)

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