

\$1.26 million contract to Q-Sons

Arts centre tender awarded - 'most important milestone'



SALVAGE HOPES BALLOONING

(Herald photo
 by Lori Taylor)

The strong winds which forced the postponement of the maiden flight of Acton's Rainbow Airlines made their presence known once the balloon was inflated Saturday morning. Kay James, who won a free trip in the balloon as the winner of the early bird draw in the Actario Lottery, looks as if she isn't

enjoying the ride, but balloon owner and pilot Al Russell doesn't seem to mind it. The winds caused the balloon to sway back and forth and even the muscles of Jake Kukken, Ted Tyler, Louis Charlebois and others couldn't keep the balloon steady. For more pictures of the almost-flight, see page B1.

By CHRIS AAGAARD
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Q-Sons Construction Ltd. of Willowdale will build Georgetown's new library and cultural centre, town council decided Monday night.

"It's one of our most important milestones," Coun. Harry Levy said as council also resolved to have town staff draft the necessary bylaws allowing construction to begin on the project.

"It's probably one of the biggest projects in Georgetown since we joined regional government," Mayor Pete Pomeroy commented. "We should be proud to say we finally did it."

Originally, Q-Sons Construction had submitted a low bid of \$1,339,000 to build the library and cultural centre, beating out William McNally Construction Ltd. of Georgetown and Harbridge and Crouse.

However, all bids exceeded the \$1,250,000 budgeted for the project and the two lowest bidders, Q-Sons and McNally, were asked to resubmit bids, cutting costs on the "frills" in the proposed building.

Cultural centre architect

Keith Wagland said that after resubmission, Q-Sons new bid of \$1,258,070 was \$30,000 less than McNally's second bid. Under questioning from Coun. Mike Armstrong, Mr. Wagland said he had heard "nothing but favorable comments" about Q-Sons' work.

Building fund co-chairman Rex Heslop said he expects \$200,000 to be raised in the community for the project and reported that the Rotary Club, Georgetown Little Theatre and the Kiwanis Club have raised more than \$35,000 so far. Other contributions are expected from the Speyside Highland Games Committee, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120, the Lions Club and the Choral society.

Mr. Heslop said the building fund committee has been "talking" to individuals in the community "to spearhead corporate donations". He said he hoped to even exceed the \$200,000 goal by the time of the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new building.

Council voted unanimously to award the contract to Q-Sons and to have staff draw up the bylaws for the building's construction.

Raiders' 'top fan' dies

Jack Harrison, the first winner of the Hockey Heritage Award and the "Raiders' number one fan", died early Tuesday morning in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. He was 77.



JACK HARRISON

Hockey Heritage Award.
 Bob Hooper, President of the Raiders and 1980 winner

of the team's Jack Harrison Award for outstanding commitment, called the death a great loss to both the team and the community.

"He was a quiet man. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. That's why so many liked him."

One of Mr. Harrison's other sporting loves was the Glen Williams men's fastball team.

"Just last Friday, the first thing he said to me," said Hooper, "was 'who won the (Glen) ball game?' He was that kind of a guy."

Although the cause of death has not been released, Mr. Harrison had been in hospital since Sunday suffering from circulatory problems.

LOBLAWS BURGLARS ALSO VANDALS

Damage in a break-in at Loblaw's on the weekend was so extensive that store officials are not sure yet if anything was taken.

The burglars used a ladder to climb to the roof sometime during the night Saturday. From there, they tore down a wall next to a stairwell, and climbed down into the store.

The floor safe was moved to the rear of the store with a fork lift, and a number of shopping carts were piled in front of the spot where the safe had been, in an attempt to hide the fact that it had been moved.

The burglars managed to open one of the two doors at least on the safe, but it was so badly damaged that police have not been able to determine whether or not the second door was opened.

Two other safes located in one of the offices were also opened, but nothing appears to have been taken. The burglars forced a rear door to get out.

Agreement dispute items delay Acton subdivision

Town council and North Halton Real Estate Ltd. have yet to reach an agreement concerning the proposed development of 25 semi-detached and 29 town houses bordered by Main and Wallace Streets in Acton.

The town's general committee voted Monday to defer final settlement of the agreement until the next committee meeting in two weeks. The developer disagrees with a town staff recommendation that North Halton should reconstruct Wallace Street and run a chain link fence along the back lots of the development facing Main and Wallace Streets.

Main Street would be "expensive and unsightly."

Coun. Roy Booth said that if fencing was left to the individual homeowner who is moving into the subdivision, the variety of fences would look like "a dog's breakfast". But, he said, he could not support the staff's recommendation that fencing be the responsibility of the developer.

Mr. Arnold said the developer has already dedicated 11 per cent of the subdivision site to be used as parkland, adding that North Halton will contribute \$5,000 toward playground development if the fencing and the Wallace Street issues are dropped.

Following a suggestion by town engineer Bob Austin, Mayor Pete Pomeroy proposed that the corner of Wallace and the yet-to-be constructed Danville Avenue should be the responsibility of the developer. Mayor Pomeroy also suggested that the recommendations be deferred for negotiation and brought up again at the next General Committee meeting in two weeks.

GLEN GAS CUT OFF?

A spokesman for Union Gas confirmed yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon that a gas line in Glen Williams was ruptured during channelization of the Credit River. While the spokesman said repairs were underway and proceeding as quickly as possible, an area resident told The Herald, she was informed it might take several days for service to be restored. The channelization work is part of a project by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to prevent spring flooding in Glen Williams and Norval. See photo page B11.

Actario success prompts council support

The early success of Acton's save-our-town-hall lottery, or "Actario", has prompted town council to maintain support for the fund-raising drive until at least June, 1981.

Dr. George Elliot, chairman of the Acton Town Hall

Restoration Committee, said Monday that the lottery has earned \$11,000 since it began June 27.

Council resolved to set \$40,000 aside in a reserve fund for the project.

Region survives challenge in historic 14-7 resolution

By CHRIS AAGAARD
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In what some councillors described as the most important debate in the region's six-year history, part of a radical motion calling on the province to dismantle regional government in Halton was rejected last Wednesday by a 14-7 vote.

A second section of the motion asking that council present Queen's Park with amendments to the Regional Municipality of Halton Act (Bill 151) survived the debate. In presenting the two-part motion to council, Burlington Mayor Roy Bird said that although his municipality opposed the regionalization of Halton in 1974, he and his councillors "have worked hard to make it work."

"I sincerely believe that Burlington's situation can be better attended to as a separate government," he said, adding that he would continue to support regional government if proposed amendments to Bill 151 are implemented. Mayor Bird estimated that "90 per cent of Burlington's residents would vote to opt out of regional government" if the matter was put to a referendum.

"COP-OUT"
 Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett called plans to pull out of regional government "a cop-out".
 "It's the easiest and most

popular thing to do," he said, "but Queen's Park won't let you opt out."

Mayor Barrett agreed with recommendations to amend parts of Bill 151, saying that

this might alert the province to problems the region is facing.

"Sometimes you have to kick the beam to get his attention," Mayor Barrett said, "and regional council

knows what the problems are - who can better answer them - rather than some bureaucrat in Queen's Park."

THROWN OUT

A number of councillors

...but there'll be changes

No sooner had Halton regional council defeated a motion to scrap regional government in Halton than it found itself in another wrangle about the second section of the motion dealing with proposed amendments to Bill 151.

Council split on a motion presented by Mayor Pete Pomeroy asking for a two-week delay before council approves the amendment package. Included in the proposal are recommendations that no changes be made in the composition of regional council and that the local municipalities assume greater responsibility for water and sewer projects in their respective areas.

"I would like the chance to look them over...and put the proper handle on the financial impact they will have on my municipality," Mayor Pomeroy told council. "How could I pass something first

and then refer it back to staff?"
 "To adopt them here rather than refer them back to staff would be one hell of an imposition," Coun. Russ Miller added.

While the Halton Hills representation received verbal support from a number of councillors around the table, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett argued that the time for debating the amendments was at the finance and administration committee meeting two weeks ago, attended by all the mayors.

"It's here, let's deal with it," he said.

Coun. Roy Booth argued that the changes recommended "may not make any difference to Mayor Barrett down in Oakville, but they make a lot of difference in Halton Hills."

Council voted 10-10, prompting acting chairman

Ron Planche of Oakville to cast the tie-breaking vote, defeating Mayor Pomeroy's motion.

However, a motion proposed by Coun. Booth asking council to delay its decision on three recommendations concerning regional road maintenance, sewerage and water works, was passed.

Proposed amendments to the regional road system would see the responsibility of road maintenance returned to the area municipalities which would then charge the region for their services.

The amendments also propose that sewage collection also become the responsibility of the area municipality, while the region would deal with sewage disposal. Water would be provided by the region as well, but its distribution would become a municipal responsibility if the amendments are passed.

MOTORCYCLIST KILLED

A 17-year-old Acton youth was killed when the motorcycle he was driving ran into the back of a pick-up truck Wednesday evening on Highway 25.

Ken Woolner, 17, of Acton, was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital. Irma Porte, 15, also of Acton, who

was a passenger on the motorcycle, was taken to Hamilton General Hospital, where she is in stable condition.

The motorcycle driven by Mr. Woolner was southbound on Highway 25 when it hit the rear of a pick-up truck driven by Robert Ceccotti of Limehouse. Mr. Ceccotti was not injured.



TERRA COTTA FUNNY FACES

Morgan Cranney, shown before and after, was one of the people who lined up at the flea market outside the Country Gallery in Terra Cotta Saturday to have her face painted up like a clown. Josie Arnold, the clown on the left, did the make-up. Painting faces comes naturally to Josie, who is an art student and will soon be on her way to Florence, Italy for further studies. The

flea market was just one of the activities in a mini-art festival in Terra Cotta on the weekend, which included displays by the Forge Gallery, The Country Gallery, The Craft Barn, and the Gallery of Tibetan Arts and Crafts. For more photos, see page A12.

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