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## SHOVEL POWER

Merchants along Georgetown's Main Street moved more than just products Monday; there was plenty of snow on the sidewalk in front of their stores to keep them busy as well. By that evening, the storm which had developed over the central US had passed by, although colder temperatures are expected to remain for the rest of the week.

(Herald photo)

## Lighting, carpeting needs

# Appeal by library for security system

Town councillors next week will consider whether or not to add funds to the 1983 library budget, following an urgent appeal by library board chairman Doug Magwood.

Mr. Magwood asked council last Monday night to restore to the budget three library projects totalling \$18,071.

One project, worth \$9,200, would install a special security system at the Georgetown library branch to cut down on book theft. Mr. Magwood said that lighting in the downstairs part of the branch is also deficient and he wants to spend \$3,828 to correct the problem.

The board has also proposed spending \$5,243 to replace the carpet in the Acton library. The carpet has been there since the building was constructed 15 years ago.

**BOOK THEFT**  
 A security system, Mr. Magwood commented, would pay for itself in about two or three years, noting that, one year the library lost about \$6,000 in holdings.

The system would warn staff when unchecked

books leave the library. "There is no polite way of putting it — it's theft," Mr. Magwood said.

"Thousands of dollars worth of holdings disappear each year. The security system would reduce the loss of our holdings."

Meanwhile, a design flaw in the lower section of the Georgetown branch, means that lighting falls well below the standards set for an area of its size, Mr. Magwood noted.

Using a standard of 30 foot candles as a measure, the board had the library checked and found that there is barely half that amount of lighting in some parts of the lower area. In one section the lighting was down to three foot-candles.

**LIGHTING FLAW**  
 "The lighting was designed to bounce off the ceilings and onto the shelves," Mr. Magwood explained. "In spite of the good intentions of the designer, it just doesn't work."

(Georgetown's old library was expanded and joined with the new cultural centre two years ago).  
 Showing definite signs of wear, Acton's library

carpet should be replaced. "I won't say we've been neglecting the library in Acton, but we have been focusing a lot of attention on the new facility in Georgetown," Mr. Magwood said.

Councillors Pam Sheldon and Phil Carney suggested that council add the two Georgetown library projects, but opted to keep the carpeting for the Acton branch out of the budget, at least for this year. It was noted that the security system and the lighting project were rejected from last year's library budget.

Mr. Magwood said the library budget has been pared down from what was originally conceived

last fall. It is now 8.3 per cent over last year's budget. (Outside of miscellaneous grants, the library received \$475,649 from the town last year).

If the security system and lighting project were included, this year's library budget would be 11 per cent more than in 1982.

**WAIT**  
 Coun. Harry Levy advised councillors not to make a decision on the library projects until it has reviewed the town's entire budget next Monday.

Otherwise, it would put the budget committee, "which has pored until it hurts" on the spot, Coun. Levy said.

## Old favorites back

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is offering a wide variety of spring programs for both children and adults.

Old favorites that will be back this spring include: Pre-school Playshop, Tuesdays and Thursdays; Dramatic Arts for 7-10 yr. olds and 11-13 yr. olds; Roller skating Lessons for children, teens, and adults; Noon Hour Fitness now three times a week and also a number of adult fitness classes held evenings in Limehouse and Acton.

Registration has begun. Drop in to either Recreation Office Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or take advantage of the Recreation Department's new Mail-in registration.

# Acton students volunteer for stream bed clean-up

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
 Herald Staff Writer  
 An Acton environmental science class wants to clean up and revitalize a local stream which flows into Fairy Lake.

While the project is not funded by the town, it was heartily endorsed by councillors following a presentation by Naomi Donat, Kathy Johns and Joanne McArthur — students in the Grade 12 class.

The class' immediate concern, Miss Johns explained, is the section of the stream which flows by the library and into Fairy Lake west of Highway 7. Halton Hills Library board chairman Doug

Magwood, also at the council meeting for a different matter, acknowledged that garbage and weeds have been a problem with the stream which is shallower and slower in the Acton Library area.

By narrowing the stream channel closest to Fairy Lake, Miss Johns said, the stream's flow velocity will increase. Rocks will also boost the oxygen supply "and provide a variety of homes for invertebrates (on) which fish can feed."

"The rocks will also create a safe bed from which the minnows will hatch and feed," the class writes in its presentation

to council.

Narrowing the stream bed slightly will help prevent it from drying up in the library area, the girls noted. The province's ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) have said that water in the stream water can support life and have, in fact, found such fish species as large and small mouth bass, sunfish and chubb.

As part of the courses' curriculum, Miss Johns said, the students have to spend a great deal of time outdoors working on various projects.

"By living outdoors," the class presentation notes, "we gain a wide appreciation for the environment and learn to

understand the mechanics of nature."

The most intensive phase of the project is to last three years, Miss Johns said, and then 10 years of constant maintenance by the class to ensure that the stream becomes an active aquatic environment.

She told the committee that the class is being advised by MNR on the project and the work is supervised by class teacher Jane Zarowny.

Stream work will be carried out by student volunteers and they are looking for supplies of rocks. Councillor Tom Hill suggested the class seek a donation of stone from a local quarry.



Spring always signals the beginning of baseball registration. Last Saturday 150 boys and girls signed up to play in the Georgetown Baseball Association. Registration continues this Saturday at Memorial arena.

(Herald photo by Gerry Timbers)