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Catch the wave

Testing the high waters of the creek flowing through Cedarvale Park are Ryan Harrison and his father Kevin. Dad got off work early

Wednesday, so there was time to take in a little batting practice and boating at the park. Ryan is 3 years old. (Herald photo)

'Daring' police budget, call for resignations

The resignation of the Halton Police Commission is what Regional council should be asking for, not approving their 1987 budget, chastised a Milton councillor last week

Coun. Bill Johnson said he was astounded at the "daring" of the Police Commission to ask for an 8.8 per cent increase in the Halton

Regional Police budget. "I've been around here nine years and I've never known us to deny the Police Commission or police anything they've asked for," the councillor complained as the budget

was approved.

He said instead of putting more police in the field with the budget in-creases, the Regional force seems to

Jelinek at skate-a-thon

Former world-champion figure skater Otto Jelenik is lacing up his skates for charity.

The minister of Sports and Fitness and MP representing Acton is coming out to a skate-a-thon

Sunday at the Acton Arena.

Mr. Jelenik will be opening the event at 12 noon. The skating continues until 3 p.m. The skate-a-thon is a fundralsing event and money is used by the schools and for projects within the community.

Participants are eligible for prizes and the top gift give-away is a VCR. Everyone who skates will receive a prize.



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be getting top heavy with administrators. More administrators isn't to the benefit of serving the

public, Coun. Johnson said. Police Commission member James Grieve said a lot of soul searching went into the police budget. The Burlington councillor noted the police has to deal with a rapidly expanding Region in terms of population and industrial growth.

Burlington Coun. Joan Little noted growth affected other departments in the Region, yet they all tried to br-ing in their 1987 budget within

Regional guidelines. Although the HEART computer system is less than four years old, the police are already talking about updating their computers, she com-

Regional councillors don't have many alternatives when the police budget comes to their attention for approval. They can either accept the budget or reject it. They can't pare away at it. That's what the Police

Commission is there for. Oakville Coun. Fred Oliver said the problem goes back to 1974 when police were given funding below inflation and growth levels.



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Model shown at town complex

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Once again, councillors were reassured the building will not be the green of the Regional building in

"No, no, It's not going to be green," Mr. Ventin said, after teasng councillors that his senior architect was the one responsible for the green Regional building. "It's going to be brick and stone, natural colours."

To bring warmth and texture to the building's interior, there'll be wooden finishes on the ceiling, he

for smokers, Coun. Betty Fisher was told allowances have been made for smoking in the visitor's parking lot, Mr. Ventln joked again.

The council chambers are circular, with the public facing large glass walls on the south west, overlooking a ravine.

On sunny days, the architect acknowledged there will be problems with the sun so that drapes or blinds will be needed. Finishes and seating in the council chambers still have to be decided upon.

One portion of the council chamber wall is to be retractable, so the room can be expanded into the free space outside it. This should prove beneficial when large crowds urn up.

Near the council chambers is the committee room and a kitchen, and lounge and washrooms for councillors. Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson wanted cubbyholes where councillors could work privately or speak on the telephone.

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Marilyn?" teased Coun. Al Cook as councillors laughed and Mr. Ventin hammed it up.

On a serious note, the architect said it would be possible to incorporate such cubbyholes in the councillors' lounge. He noted the committee room in the new minicipal complex will be about the same size as the existing committee room on Trafelgar Road, and that a nearby library and room off the treasury department can also be used for meetings.



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