## Georgetown seniors searching for a drop-in centre

The Georgetown and District Seniors Association's executive decided against approaching the Town of Halton Hills about using a building owned by the town as a temporary drop-in centre to service area seniors, at its monthly meeting Monday morning.

The property, the former recreation building located on James Street near Mackenzie Lumber, wouldn't have been a "viable location" for what it offered, the

on James Street doesn't come close to matching, Mr. Mellish

The James Street building has about 1,000 square feet of space.

Although the executive rejected the James Street property it is still looking for a temporary site.

"A lot of seniors want something now because there is nothing being offered to them," said the association's first vice president George Makoviczki.

to wait between two and four years before a centre is established.

The association's building committee is currently reviewing four possible ways of acquiring a building. They are:

-trying to finance a building on its

-entering into a joint effort with the town in which a portion of a town building would be devoted strictly to seniors;

-converting an existing building

like a warehouse; -entering into a partnership with a private development company to

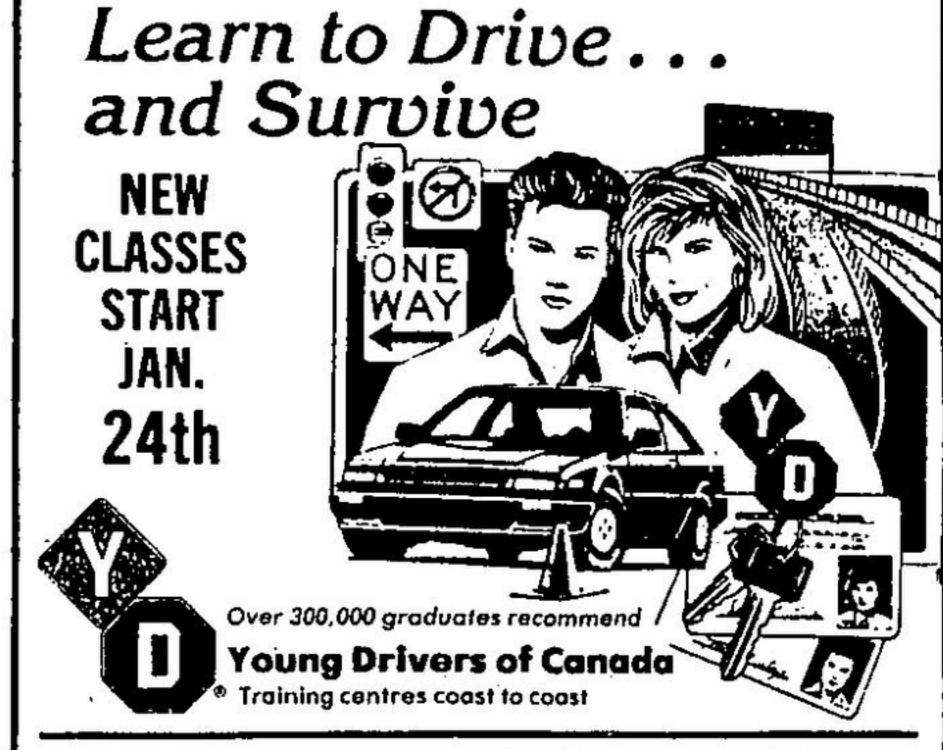
finance a building. The building committee will

decide on the most suitable route to take within the next three months at which time it will put the decision to the membership for a vote, said Mr. Mellish.



The executive of the Georgetown and District Seniors Association met Monday morning at St. Andrew's United Church to discuss the possibility of acquiring a temporary facility for a seniors drop-in centre. The members also discussed their plans for a

permanent recreation centre. The executive is Grant Greenaway, treasurer (left); Kay Braiden, second vice president; Mabel Mellish, secretary; Les Mellish, president and George Makoviczki, first vice president. (Herald photo)



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association's president Les Mellish said.

The group's second vice president, Kay Braiden, explained that to install such things as facilities for the handicapped, would have cost the group too much money.

And "we need to conserve our funds for the final building," she said.

The association formed in November, 1988 with the goal of establishing a seniors recreation centre that would meet the varying needs of the Georgetown senior community.

The group defines a senior as someone 55 years of age and over. There are currently over 600 members in the association.

The association argues that the new building would complement and not compete against existing clubs providing seniors with a chance to socialize. While existing clubs meet about twice a month, the association's proposed centre would allow seniors to gather on a daily basis, members say.

There are between 1,200 and 1,500 seniors in the Georgetown area who by choice or lack of space do not or cannot participate in the existing clubs, they say.

The new building would include a kitchen and dining room, a large lounge, a multi-purpose auditorium and an outdoor patio. To accommodate these facilities, members say they need a building between 10,000 and 12,000 square feet, something the temporary site

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### Mr. Mellish said, "there is no question the association will DENTURE establish a permanent site, but it's just a question of when." He speculated seniors will have

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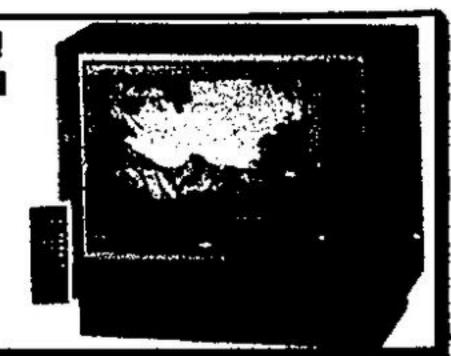


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