



Dr. Doolittle, I presume

Dr. Doolittle he isn't. But Ron Ego, the chairman of Kiwanis Credit River Duck Race Committee has a definite interest in ducks. Not the real kind as seen here, however, but the more popular bathtub variety. The two live ducks were displayed as part of a corporate luncheon recently held at Club 2000 to kick off the April 28 race. (Herald photo)

Town council chops budget

Town councillors tentatively cut \$100,000 from the Halton Hills Fire Department proposed capital

Toll roads on horizon

TORONTO-Ontario Transport Minister Bill Wrye said recently that consideration is being given to allowing toll roads around the Greater Toronto Area to pay for speedier road improvements.

"We are now looking at all potential financing arrangements and certainly I guess tolls would be a part of that, we are examining that option," Mr. Wrye told delegates at the Ontario Good Roads Association annual conference.

He was responding to the Durham Region Chairman Garry Herrema who suggested tolls. Mr. Herrema said he favors a "ring around Toronto" of major highways in one toll system, including such roads as Highway 401, the Don Valley Parkway and Highways 400 and 427. He said the tolls should be operated from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays at a \$1 to \$2 fee but free of charge at other times.

budget during the second round of capital budget talks held Tuesday.

The department had allocated \$200,000 to purchase land needed for a new fire station in Acton. But councillors have recommended only \$100,000 be spent on the new property.

This proposed decrease in allocated funds still must go before council for approval.

At the previous budget meeting Feb. 15 councillors trimmed \$95,500 from the capital budget proposal.

Town staff has put forth a capital budget of just over \$9 million. The town spent about \$4.4 million on capital projects in 1989.

Cuts proposed during the Feb. 13 budget meeting eliminated the proposed purchase of a new vacuum sweeper, and improvements to Cedarvale Park.

Also affected was the proposed resurfacing of the four Gordon Alcott Arena tennis courts, a five-

tonne trailer, a new road construction in Glen Williams, two engineering department capital projects and another proposed capital project by the town administration.

Besides cutting the Halton Hills fire department budget Tuesday, councillors also tentatively approved some of the 1990 grant requests. Sixteen different groups were asking for a total of almost \$54,000 but councillors only recommended a grant total of just over \$22,500.

This total marks almost a \$4,000 decrease in the amount of grants approved in 1989.

Seven of the 16 groups that requested grants were refused.

The next capital budget meeting is Saturday (today) at the Civic Centre.



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