

Regional centre cost increases

Halton Region will spend an extra \$243,738 towards the construction costs of the \$28 million new Halton Regional centre in Oakville, currently under construction.

This amount brings the total of unbudgeted funding for the centre up to approximately \$560,000 or almost 45 per cent of the Regions building contingency fund.

The Region's chief administrative officer, John Fleming, said that most of the change of notices concerning the centre's construction have now been costed into the final budget. "We're not in bad shape," said Mr. Fleming.

Police electrical and computer outlets which are to be part of the centre's new police building are one of the new major unexpected building expenses, according to a Regional report on the progress of the centre's construction.

The number of outlets was underestimated by 132 which will cost the Region an estimated extra \$82,000.

Halton Hills Regional councillor Joe Hewitt, who sits on the

Regional building expansion committee, said he was surprised 132 electrical outlets could cost \$87,000, calling the figure a phenomenal amount.

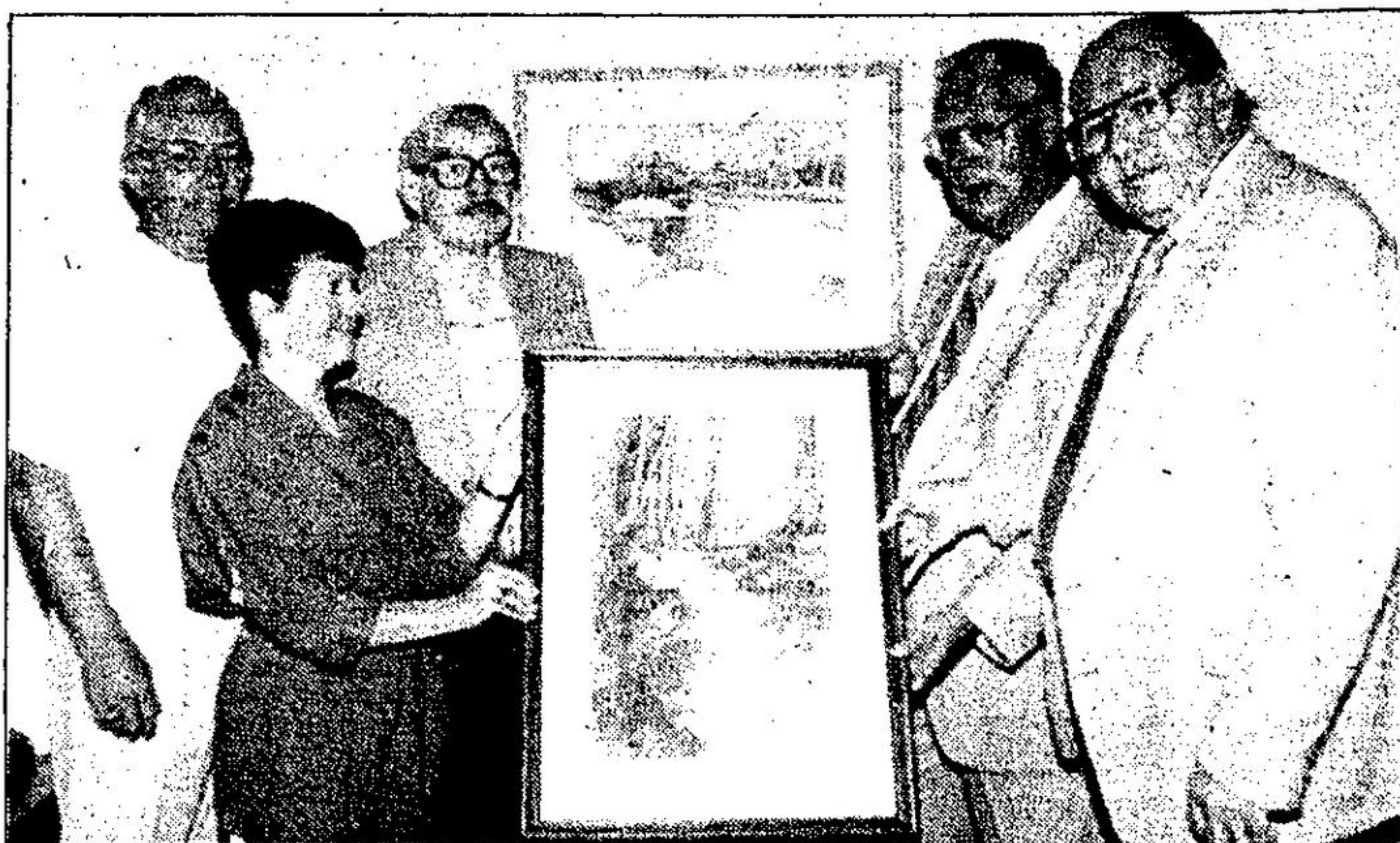
But the building expansion supervisor, Mike Duffy, said the outlets are not simple electrical receptacles, instead, they are sophisticated computer outlets.

As well, a spokesman for the police department explained the number of outlets still needed reflects the department underestimating the needs of current and future staff.

Regional chairman, Peter Pomeroy, defended the extra costs saying, "there are always surprises during the building process, especially with a public building."

The other additional construction costs include:

- administration washroom renovations, \$81,563
- administration mechanical exhaust duct, \$53,288
- administration planning library, \$43,500
- hydro duct bank and vaults, \$36,547.



Civic Centre donation

Hickory Falls is now running in the mayor's office. Two paintings by Glen Williams artist, Jim Collis, depicting the falls, were purchased by Holy Cross Parish Council, Holy Cross Catholic Women's League and The Knights of Columbus and donated to the Halton Hills Civic Centre Monday morning. Pictured

above, from left to right: Doug Christensen of the Parish Council, Jeanne Chandler of the Catholic Women's League, artist Jim Collis, George Miehms of the Knights of Columbus and Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller. (Herald photo)



Wedding Bells

Penny Hull, a former resident of Georgetown, became Mrs. Timothy J. Brunning on July 7th, 1990, at Fantasy Farms in Toronto. Penny and Tim will be working in Germany for the next two years and then returning to reside in the Toronto area.

Bus tour planned for Lulu's

By Betty Sojka

There is a bus tour to see Stompin' Tom Connors at Lulu's in Kitchener on Wednesday, August 1st. The hours have been set to accommodate those having to get up the next morning to go to work. The bus will leave the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. and have you back at the center at 12:00. Based on a capacity of 30-40 people, the cost will be \$8.00. Upon arrival you will pay the admission. Call Jeanette Cox at (519) 833-9861 for more details, and to sign up.

There is a lot of sentiment attached to the old piano at the Community Center. Unfortunately, the piano has been determined to be in a state not fixable by outside sources. This presents a problem for the Hall Board because the piano takes up a lot of room, and when left in the open is prone for further damage. The number of times the piano could be used is almost nil. The Hall Board is looking for someone to take the piano. The piano needs to go somewhere where it will be appreciated. Please contact Karen Smith at 853-2771, if you are interested.

The Hall Board is now soliciting quotes to paint the whole interior of the Community Center. Call Karen Smith at 853-2771 to set up an appointment to view the facility, in order to make a quote.

Ballinafad News

The Jim Dandies won a game against one of the top teams in the league when they beat the Pink Panthers 13-10. This game got a great start when Vera Longstreet hit a homerun through centre field. Sandra Prouse pitched the whole game. Lisa Longstreet added to the score by hitting in runs with a triple. Kathleen made a leaping catch early in the game in centre field to make an out. Carol Ann See made

a couple of dynamite grabs as a few hard hit balls came her way on second base. Quick tosses to 1st secured the outs.

Tickets are now available at the Ballinafad General Store for the Beach Party Dance to be held Saturday, August 18th at the Community Center. Come out with your best beach costume, and you may win a prize. There are male and female categories. Also, bring along that summery edible that you like, so it can be enjoyed at the "Potluck" meal that will be served later in the evening. Buy your tickets early, as this dance is always very popular.

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