

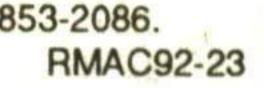
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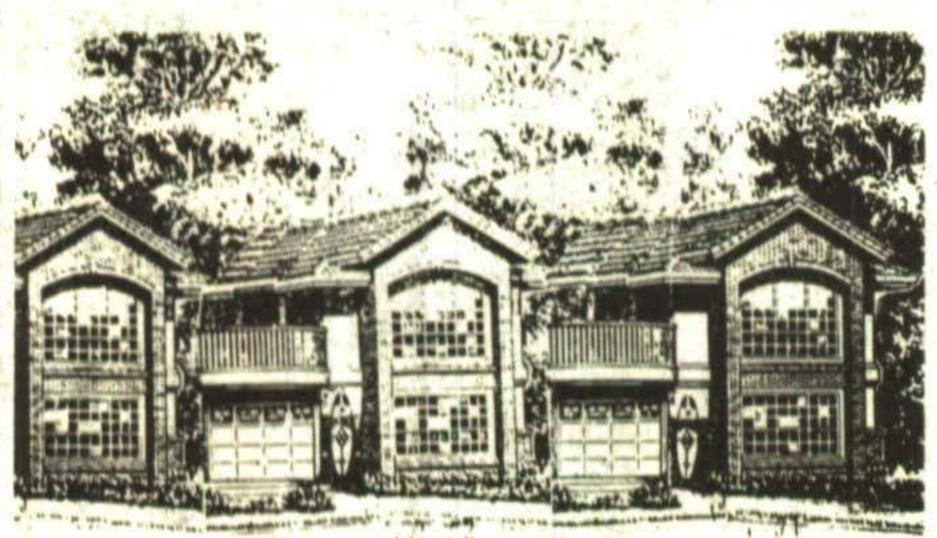
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# Serjeantson claims council ignoring her Ward 4 roads

Georgetown's Ward 4 residents are being cheated out of badly needed road maintenance projects in favor of other parts of town, Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson acccused last week.

Serjeantson angrily questioned why her ward has not been included in new maintenance projects in this year's capital budget, and threatened not to support other programs until something is done about the problem.

"Those people in Ward 4 are still paying taxes after a long time, yet there is still nothing for them," she told colleagues Thursday night. "Walking those streets now is bloody embarrassing — they must have their share...There is a need out there, and you can't always take, which is what's been happening."

Councillor Norm Elliott criticized

Serjeantson's outburst, arguing that all town projects are approved by priority, and not based on favoritism.

"I'm amazed to hear that comment from Councillor Serjeantson, but it'll sure keep taxpayers happy in Ward 4," he said. "This argument is absolutely self-defeating. We have a needs program which all fits in here - there's no list of what will keep Acton happy in '92 or whatever. That's ridiculous."

But, Serjeantson disagreed, believing that a mistake was made in the town's roads needs study, completed a few years ago.

"I must have different eyes from everybody else," she said. "Those roads are in dreadful shape. I know there's something wrong, and I'll have a hard time supporting this budget because of that reason."

# Res. (519) 853-0923 Georgetown Hospital forced to cut \$370,000 in expenses

By JANET BAINE

This will be a difficult year for Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

The 1 per cent increase in funding to hospitals announced last week by Ontario Premier Bob Rae will mean the hospital will have to find a way of cutting \$370,000 or generating more revenue, Administrator John Oliver

If the hospital continued to offer the same level of services and maintain the same agreements with unions, it would end 1992 with a 3 per cent deficit. "The (hospital) board has decided the priority is we will submit a balanced budget," Administrator John Oliver said. "The bottom line is

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salaries and benefits."

The board met at an in-camera meeting last week and discussed the budget.

Oliver said he will consult with hospital staff and medical staff to see how labor costs can be decreased. Some suggestions he has are job sharing or taking leaves of absence.

The second priority is to maintain the same level of services and the third is to minimize the impact of the lack of funding on staff, Oliver said.

The hospital expects it will come out of 1991-92 with \$150,000 surplus, because some expenses were less than anticipated.

"We aren't in as difficult a situation as some other hospitals in the province. One-third of hospitals are ending the year with a surplus," he said.

The four hospitals in Halton and the District Health Council will be meeting in the near future to co-ordinate their health care efforts. If one cost-saving measure is to have patients leave the hospital sooner, then they will make sure Homecare is part of the planning process, so that services will be available for discharged patients, Oliver said.

The new budget for April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993 will be passed at the hospital board meeting in April, he





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