

# Composting program requires further study

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Now that they're on the road to establishing a regional composting program, some Halton councillors are beginning to get nervous about hitting potholes along the way.

In a letter to councillors, Burlington mayor Walt Mulkeiwich outlined a few concerns that he has about the project, namely the legalities of running a composting site that may possibly be in direct competition to ones owned by the private sector and local municipalities.

He also suggested that a marketing plan for the compostable materials be established, which should include ways of educating the public on its importance.

Burlington rep Barry Quinn agreed, adding that the region must make sure it's "not stepping on each other's toes."

"We need to run an efficient program, but before we step in on this let's make sure we are moving in the right direction," he added.

His colleague Bob Brechin warned against Halton setting up

its own monopoly on composting, noting that it would be healthy for it to compete with both municipalities and the private sector.

But, an exasperated chairman Pete Pomeroy explained that these concerns are the very reason for the region conducting a pilot project.

"It is to give council as much information as possible before we go on to the next step," he said. "I encourage all input, but it's not the intention of the region to get into a situation that compromises the private sector or municipalities...If we were assured that every person and business does what they should do with their compostables and other waste, then we wouldn't have to do this."

The consulting firm Proctor and Redfern have been hired by the region to work out the details of a composting site to be set up at Halton's new landfill in Milton. The region is redirecting its focus from burning some of its waste to composting it, since incineration was banned by environment minister Ruth Grier last year.

Portable approved at church

The Mountainview Baptist Church in Georgetown was given the go ahead by the town's site plan committee Monday for a portable at the rear of its property. The portable is to be used as a food bank. The small building will be placed on the west side of the church, with its main entrance facing Faludon Drive.

Club gets new building

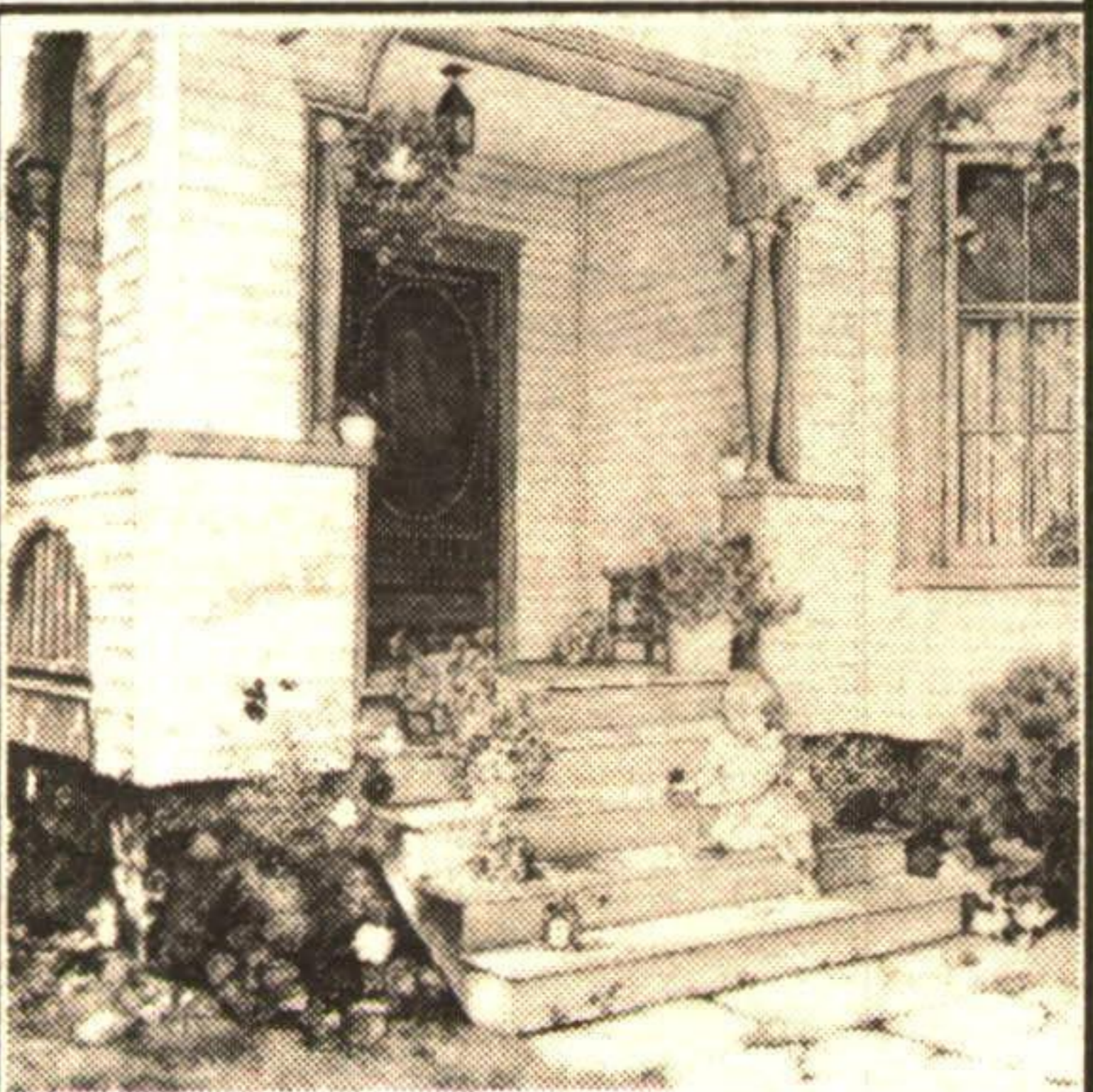
The town's site plan committee approved a new administrative building for the Blue Springs Golf Club, located on the west side of Acton, Monday. Before construction can begin on the 5,000 square foot building, a \$12,000 letter of credit is required to ensure that all landscaping and other conditions are completed. The office is expected to be finished within the next three or four months.

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