

# Willow Park residents pleased by ruling

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Croft noted that of the 24 families which filed suit against the town and the CVCA, 11 still remain in the park. The others have already "scattered throughout Ontario," she added.

In an interview, town administrator Dan Costea believed the OMB decision reflected what the municipality and conservation authority have been saying all along — that the Willow Park residents deserved a certain amount of compensation. Indeed, what the board ordered to be paid is in keeping with what the town has budgeted for since day one, he added.

"The compensation package fits close to what the CVCA originally proposed to the Board," Costea said. "Yes, we are pleased with the decision...Perhaps, the tenants felt that they were starting from scratch, and then made some gain with the decision. Our point of view is that it appears to be reasonable, fair and justified."

Costea pointed out taxpayers will not have to foot the bill, as Georgetown south developer, Halton Hills Village Homes Inc. put the money up for the town back in 1988.

HHVHI agreed to "front-end" the town's 45 per cent share of the compensation costs because run-off

from its developments upstream of Willow Park may add to the potential flooding problem.

CVCA general manager Vicki Barron expressed her relief that the situation appears to be over now, and supported Costea's statement that the OMB ruled in their favor.

She argued that after the original moving expenses were paid to the residents, a compensation package similar to the one ordered by the OMB was offered to them prior to the hearing, and was rejected.

"The OMB didn't accept any of their cases, but it accepted the CVCA's exhibits and the evidence we presented," Barron added.

However, Willow Park's lawyer, Judy Hendy, argued that the decision was a fair one, and indeed a victory on her client's part.

"Everything in the decision was not offered by the CVCA — they only paid moving costs, and that was all they offered," Hendy said. "They had contested the principle of giving more. But, we asked for more, hoped for more, and the (OMB) gave it to us. I think overall, (the residents) are happy."

Hendy explained that they were arguing for enough compensation to enable them to move to an equivalent form of housing — in this case townhouses or something similar.

## Reform Party looks to MacDuffee

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"We are committed to balancing the budget. There will be no more mortgaging our children's futures. If we (the Reform party) are in power for three years we will have a balanced budget."

He said cuts across the board on salaries and government spending will be one measure Reformers will implement.

While the votes were being tabulated Dr. Allan Somersall, the Reform party candidate for Oakville-Milton spoke to party members about the upcoming referendum.

He told them to learn more about the accord, and supported a No vote. He reflected on how Mulroney will be regarded in the history of the country. "I believe it will regard Mulroney as being a specialist in doing things wrong."

He urged the party members to get to work drumming up support for the party.

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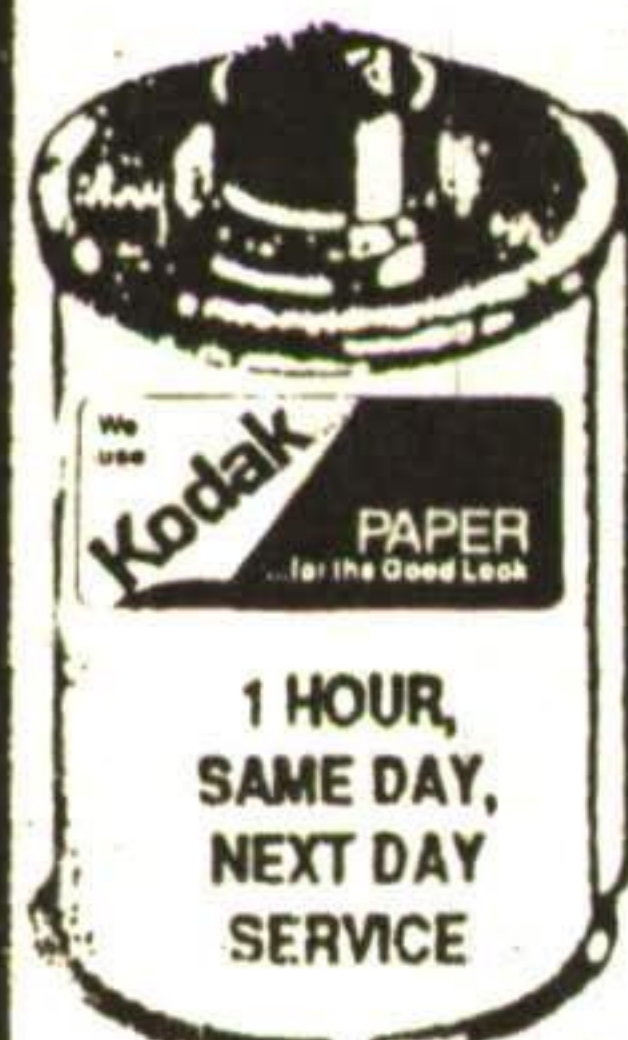
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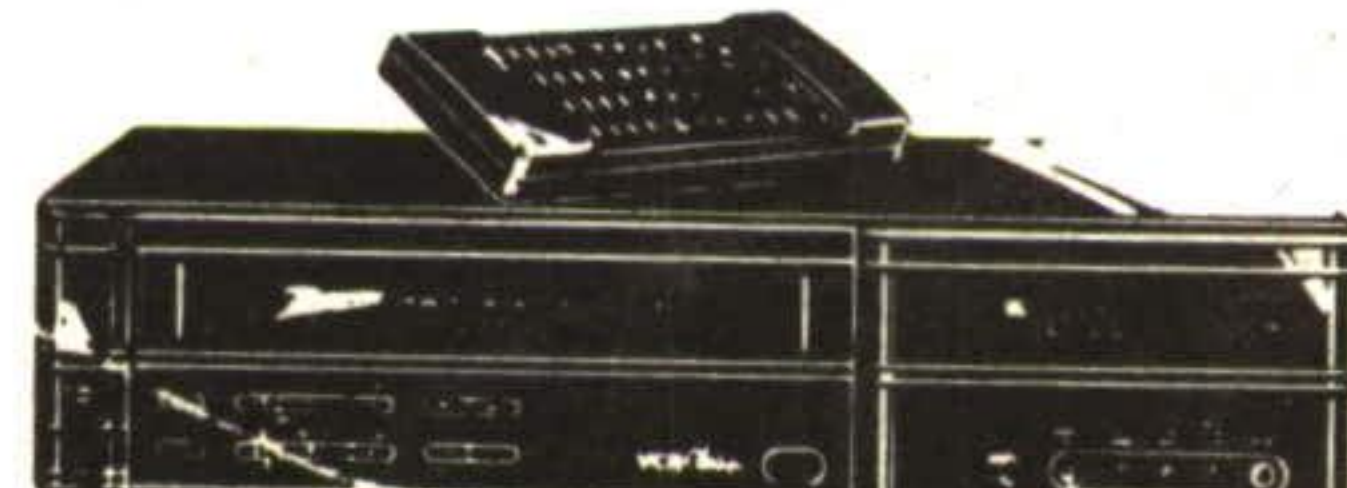
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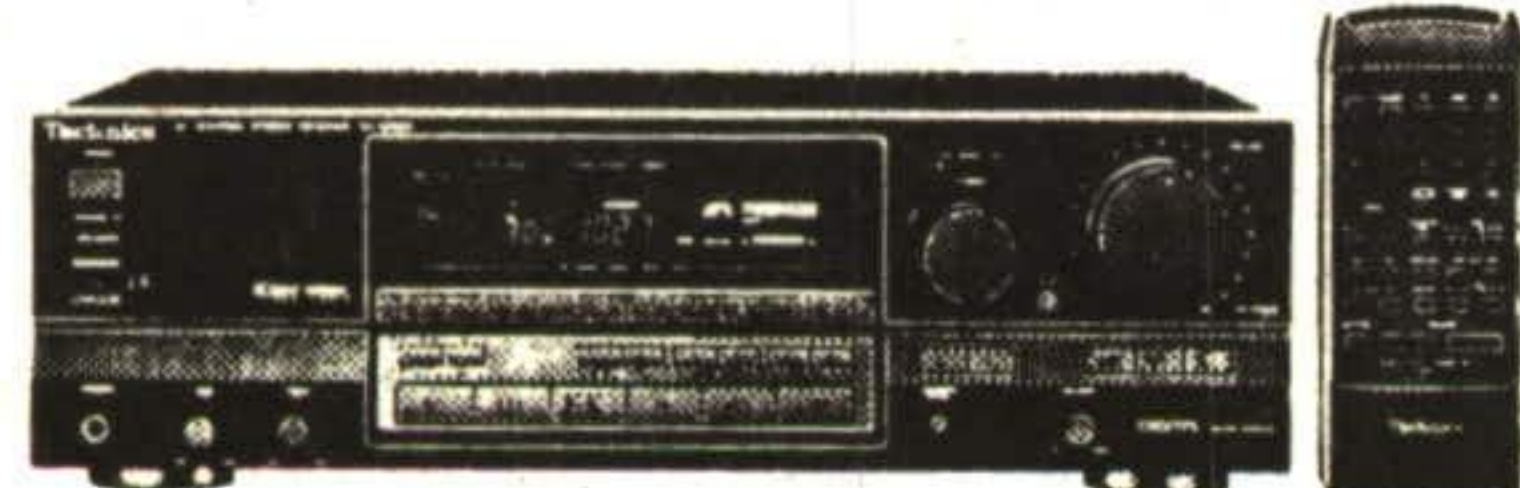
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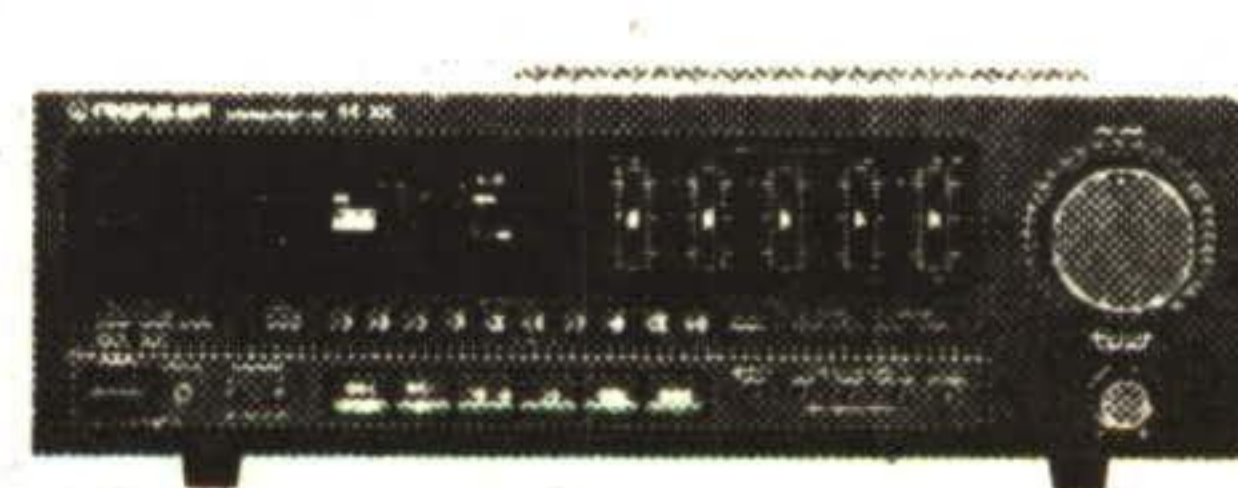
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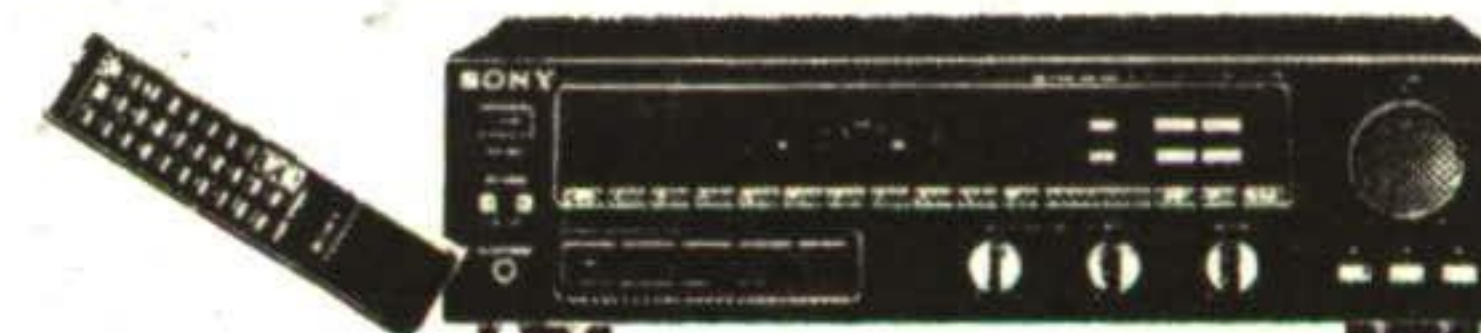
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