

# Town identifies possible Infrastructure projects

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A list of Halton Hills projects could begin as early as next spring, with the help of the new Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works Program (COIWP) and the approval of town council next Monday.

Council will vote on whether or not to approve and submit a report containing 17 different town projects to the works program.

The report was carried at Monday's general committee meeting.

If passed, work on the proposal would begin later this month and would be ready for submission in two months time.

Staff workers have identified 12 Public Works projects and five Parks and Recreation projects which would be eligible under the program.

Under Schedule "A" of the draft report,

public works projects would include a new region-wide trunked radio communications system, reconstruction of Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad, Moultray Crescent construction, replacing sanitary sewers on Knox, Park and Lake Sts. in Acton and reconstruction of Maple Avenue.

Parks and Recreation projects under schedule "A" would involve construction of paved parking areas and lighting of ball diamonds at both Glen Williams Park and Limehouse Park, computerized Park Inventory Mapping and construction of two paved parking areas, storm sewer installation and landscaping improvements at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Projects under schedule "A" would cost a total of \$2,638,280, with the town's share (approximately one-third) set at \$879,430. Under time restraints for the COIWP, 85 per

cent of the costs for these projects must be incurred by January 1996 while 85 per cent of the costs must be spent by March 1996.

Schedule "B", which the town has until September to submit, would include seven more public works programs and three Parks and Recreation projects: a Park Ave. retaining wall, Glen Williams bridge, asphalt resurfacing program, Maple Ave. sidewalk, Cobblehill Rd. reconstruction, Eighth Line reconstruction, Mountainview Rd. sidewalk and bike path, environmental toilets (Glen Williams Park and Limehouse Park), Limehouse Park Picnic Pavilion and Willow Park construction.

This second submission will cost \$2,469,000, again with the town fronting one-third of the funding or \$822,980. Town funding will come from various cap-

ital and cash reserves and will not affect the tax base of Halton Hills.

Although not included within the schedules of the report, the Acton Arena project was also considered as a potential project under the COIWP.

While the project definitely qualified for funding, it does not fit into the program's time restraints. Councillor Gerald Rennie said it should be recognized that while the Acton Arena doesn't fall into the list of projects in this report, it is not going to be postponed.

Several councillors including Rick Bonnette proposed the encouragement of local people for the projects.

However, Town administrator Ray King said that such proposals have led to difficulties in the past.

He added that the purpose of the COIWP is to create jobs in Ontario, not necessarily in specific communities.



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### Abduction attempt

A woman driving a red pickup truck tried to abduct a seven-year-old boy near Park School at lunchtime Tuesday, Halton Regional Police report.

Police said the boy was walking along at Mary and Princess Anne Dr. in Georgetown when a woman with shoulder-length blond hair pulled up beside him.

The woman, who was about 30 years old, told the boy to get in the car. Instead, he ran to the school.

The woman was wearing a red and blue striped jacket and didn't get out of the pickup truck, police said.

They are investigating the incident, and would like to hear from anyone who might have seen this happen. Please call Const. Shantz at 878-5511, ext. 2105.

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### Sign of the times



To kick-off a cross-grade focus on Peace, students at Park School in Georgetown assembled on the yard behind the school Wednesday morning to spell out the letters PEACE while members of Halton Hills Fire

Department brought in the aerial pumper to allow a high vantage point to photograph and videotape the exercise while perched high above the school yard.  
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