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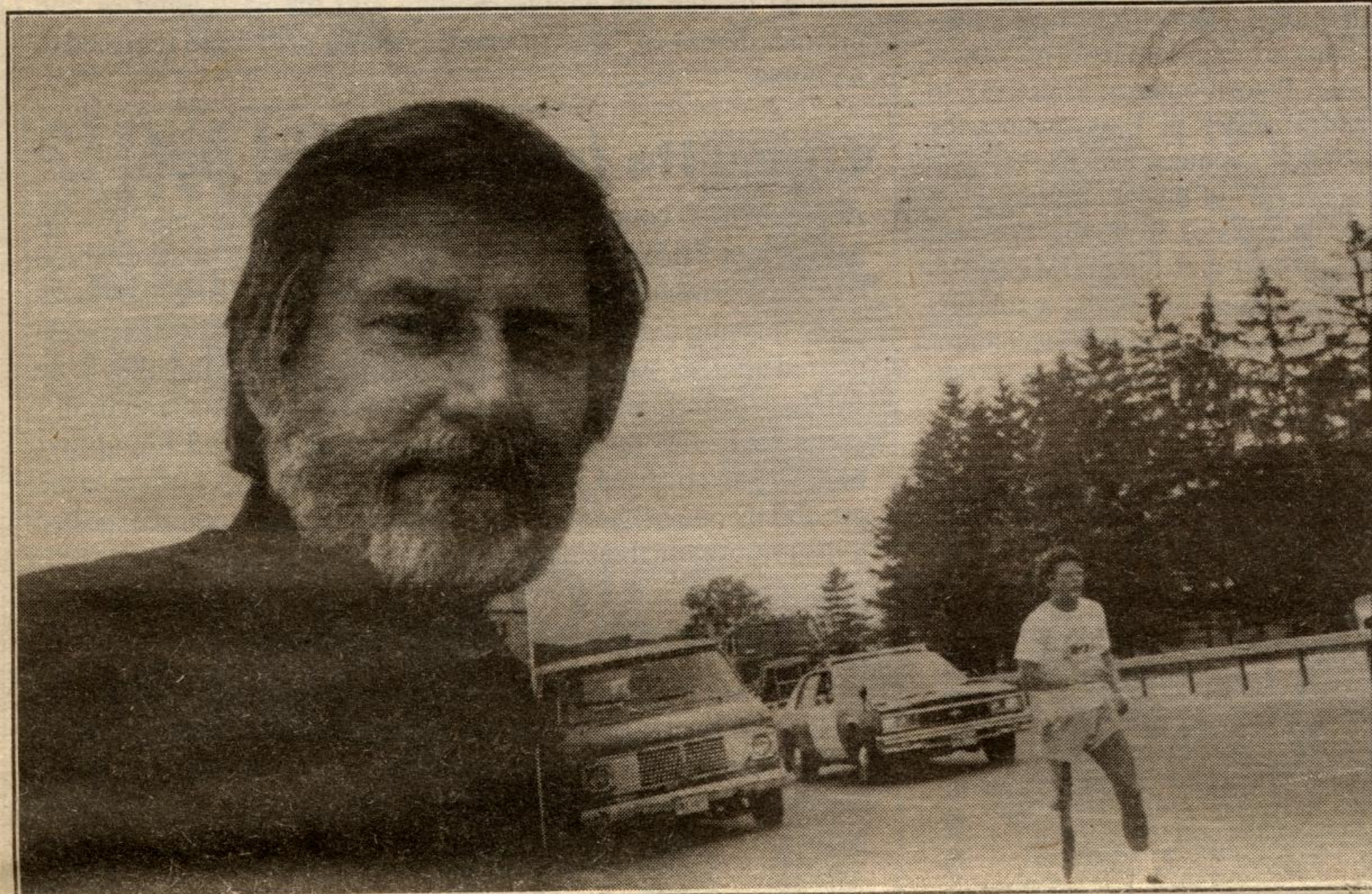
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Preparations underway for Acton Terry Fox run



Acton Terry Fox Run co-ordinator Jon Hurst proudly displays his favourite photograph of Terry on his Marathon of Hope. (Frances Niblock photo)

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Acton's Jon Hurst will never forget the moment he saw Terry Fox on his Marathon of Hope.

"We saw the flashing lights of the OPP cruiser first, coming up over a hill. We heard Terry's footsteps before we could see him framed by the headlights. We were utterly amazed as he ran towards us on Highway 11 near Barrie."

That experience sparked Jon's interest and involvement in the Cancer Society and all 11 of the local, Terry Fox runs.

On Sunday, Sept. 20 Acton residents will pay homage to the memory of Terry Fox by participating in the 12th annual Terry Fox Run. Participants, some who have been touched by cancer and others who want to help a good cause, will walk, ride or stroll 10 kilometres in laps around the track at Acton District High School in their own Marathons of Hope.

In last year's event, 165 Acton residents raised \$23,600 for inno-

vative cancer research. That placed the town 21st in money generated — a standing organizers of this year's event hope to improve.

This year there will not be a run in Georgetown so Georgetown residents are invited to join Acton's event or sponsor local participants. Pledge forms are available at all banks and variety stores.

Jon remembers that summer day 12 years ago as if it were yesterday. "It was so emotional. People were shouting words of encouragement and stuffing a Kentucky Fried Chicken barrel with money. Kids and adults were in tears as he ran past. We got up so early that morning to see him that we forgot our wallets. Later that day we felt bad that we hadn't contributed anything so we found out where Terry was taking a rest and drove to that location north of Barrie so we could make a donation.

Recently I was at a seminar with Terry's brother Daryl and he told a

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Acton can grow by 524 people

Halton Region's top planner has warned local politicians not to rely on "patch-work" measures to plan for the Acton of the future.

Commissioner of Planning and Development Rash Mohammed made the comments last week as regional politicians were briefed on a report indicating there is enough water in the Prospect Park well to accommodate an additional 524 people, or 138 housing units. Planning staff called it a "good news report" but Mohammed is worried councillors are not planning for the long term.

"What is being proposed does conform with the official plan which puts a ceiling of 10,000 people for Acton's growth to the year 2011. What I am saying, in the very long-term, 25 years from now, is that if the municipalities want to grow

we may have, for financial and environmental reasons, to look at a larger, regional water system. That is the only word of caution I was providing to the councillors."

A larger water system would be lake-based, the so-called "big pipe" from Lake Ontario that would bring water to Milton and the north of Halton.

"Maybe it's about time we started thinking about a larger and longer term solution to these water problems in Acton," Mohammed said. "All we are doing is patch-work and you can see the difficulties we are having in getting solutions and approval from the Province for even minor growth. The dollars involved are rather large in my view to achieve the growth we want; we need to be looking at

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Acton arena — anywhere but Prospect Park!

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Halton Hills staff were forced to defend themselves against polite but very persistent questioning about the proposed Acton arena Wednesday night.

Acton residents who don't want the facility built in Prospect Park jammed the aging arena to hear Town staff's evaluation of three proposed locations. The consensus from the 50-plus crowd was that any location but the Park suits them.

Based on a long list of financial and technical data Town staff recommended the Prospect Park location as the best place to build the proposed \$4.1 million arena. The other sites that were studied include land north of Highway 7

and east of Churchill Road and an industrial site on Wallace Street, north of McDonald Boulevard. Although staff admit the current figures are a worst case scenario, the Prospect Park location would cost almost \$1 million dollars less than the other locations.

Knox Avenue homeowner Bert Mollenhauer criticized the Town contention that rebuilding at the park would not create a safety problem.

"If today the houses were being built on Knox they would not be allowed to be built where they are. There would have to be set-backs. There's no curb and from the residents' point-of-view it's almost like a race course going down the street whenever there is an event at the

park. My concern is for the children — someone is going to get killed."

Mollenhauer echoed the comments of a number of area residents when he complained that the park was being paved over.

"We are losing sight of the fact that this is a park. We are getting more and more into the sports side of things. That will mean more parking spaces, more concrete and less green area. We've got a beautiful park here with a lake we can enjoy, I don't want to lose that."

Many at the meeting argued for the Acton east site but Sheppard said that it, along with the others, has problems. The

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