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## Fee break for Legion seniors' building

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
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In a precedent-setting move, Town councillors will give Acton Sen-

iors Residences Incorporated a financial break for a proposed 48-unit seniors building in its Birchway Place subdivision.

As requested by the Legion Seniors, development charge fees of \$166,866 will be deferred for one year, until construction on the

building is complete. Normally, development charges are due to the Town when the building permit is issued.

In a letter to Council, Legion Seniors chairman Gord McCutcheon said their ability to fund the proposed three-storey seniors building is predicated on the sale of house lots in the Birchway Place subdivision, and that the builder is experiencing a slowness in the housing market, but is confident the subdivision will be complete this year.

Town staff said that given the current economic climate and the acknowledged need for seniors housing, the development charges should be deferred for one year

from the date the building permit is issued.

In arguing for the deferral, Acton Councillor Norm Elliott called the move a "ground breaking, precedent-setting" situation for residential development.

"This (deferral) is critically important to the Legion building committee to get underway and I heartily endorse the deferral," Elliott said.

The deferral deal with the Legion Seniors covers only the Town and hydro development charges — any deferral of the Region's development charges would be the subject of a separate agreement between the Legion Seniors and Halton Region.



### TRAPPED!

Acton High basketball player Krista Keir has nowhere to go against her Oakville opponents here last Wednesday. The Redmen lost 62-30. (Doug Harrison photo)

### Tears at Robson's memorial service

With tears, fond memories and a deep sense of loss, Town Councillors said a public goodbye Monday night to the late Ward 2 Councillor Bill Robson, who collapsed and died of a heart attack at a Regional meeting last Wednesday.

With his family in the gallery, Council held a brief memorial service to say farewell to Bill Robson, who had served on Town and Regional Council for four years.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson noted that while Councillor Robson never viewed himself as a politician, his qualifications reflected the qualities of many politicians.

"He was a family man, he was a businessman by experience and training," Serjeantson said.

"He became involved in politics in 1991 when he was first elected as a Regional Councillor. Bill was a strong representative for the rural community and supported policies that emphasized the quality of life for the people of Halton Hills."

Serjeantson said that although Councillor Robson wasn't known for speaking often, when he did, he was always passionate and always committed to his position on an issue.

"Bill took a great deal of pride in his commitment as the Halton Region representative on the Niagara Escarpment Commission and firmly believed in the escarpment's preservation for future generations to enjoy."

Council can fill the vacant Ward 2 seat by either making an appointment or holding a by-election.

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