

Carriers move

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Henderson says, "and it doesn't look too good" since volumes are down. These counts are done every few years in order to implement changes to existing routes. Whatever changes come from these counts won't be put into affect until probably

February, but Henderson expects to see staff time lost.

"They change the values with these counts," he explains. "Where we used to get two minutes to climb a set of stairs in an apartment, for instance, now they might cut us back to 90 sec-

onds. That sort of thing." The resulting loss of hours is unlikely to affect the full time carriers but might result in cuts to the part timer's hours - or even elimination of them and absorption into the other routes.

Dalby says noaction will be taken in the near future - at least till the end of the fiscal year in March.



ANGRY ACTON CITIZENS gather before the council meeting on Monday at the Civic Centre in Georgetown. - Angela Tyler photo

Close vote dooms old arena

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Marilyn Serjeantson changed her mind, again, and supported the deferral after voting for the demolition at a committee meeting last week.

Despite suggestions that Prospect Park be developed as a passive area without buildings or sports fields, in an interview Tuesday Paul Stover, the Town's Manager of Facilities, said the Town is "committed to seeing the Agricultural Society thrive in the park."

Stover said the Society would be extensively involved in the "future development of the whole park, which will include a building of some nature."

Stover said that the arena would be torn down "by the end of the year" but they haven't finalized the schedule with the contractor. The Town must award a hazardous material removal contract, which could take a month, after tests showed

trace levels of lead in paint in some parts of the building.

"The demolition will be well underway before the end of the year," Stover said, adding they'll work around November 21, which is the date of the Acton Santa Claus parade which ends in the fairgrounds in front of the arena.

Following Monday night's decision, which angered and disappointed the bus load of Acton residents who filled the Council Chambers, Agricultural Society treasurer Daniel Varanelli said he was relieved to be getting on with developing a new building, even if nothing is in place for next September's fair, adding that a six month delay would have only put off the inevitable.

"Whatever we decide we're going to have to live with this for a long, long time," Varanelli said, adding that the Society will stage a fund raising campaign for a new building.

Fearing the outcome, Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette was prepared with

a motion asking that any budgeted money not used for demolition be allocated to construction of a new building in the park.

"I think this is where we're putting our money where our mouth is..." Bonnette said, later agreeing to bring the issue back at the November 9 general committee meeting.

Outside of the chambers after the vote Acton's Kathrine Ceccotti said she was "crushed."

"Why couldn't they couldn't give us a chance? I'm really disappointed and the chance of a new building is next to none. I hope they can sleep good tonight with the decision they made tonight with all our lives."


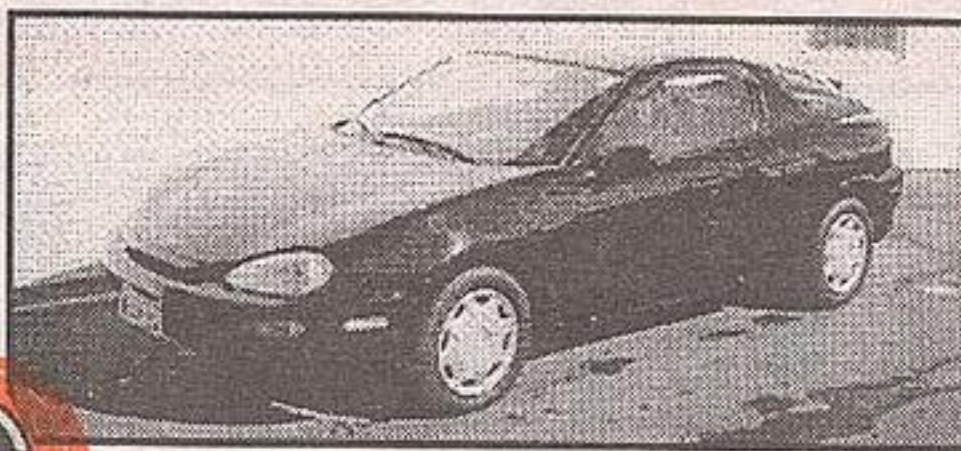


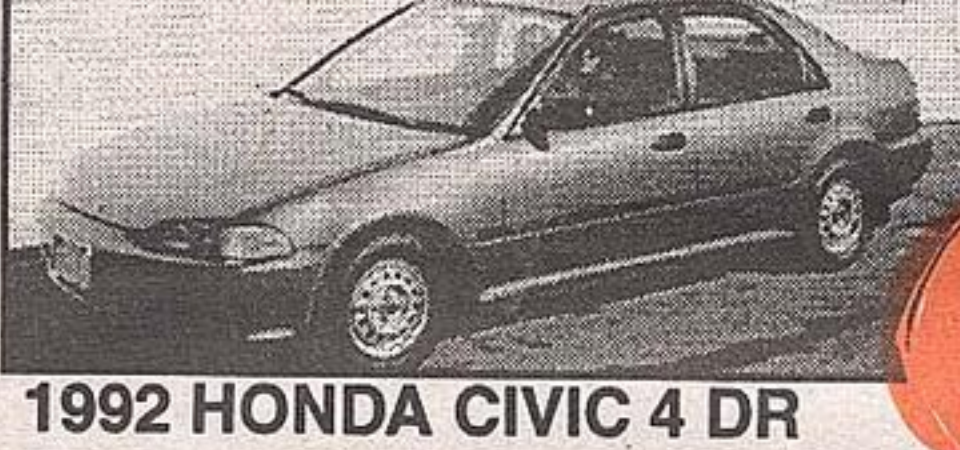
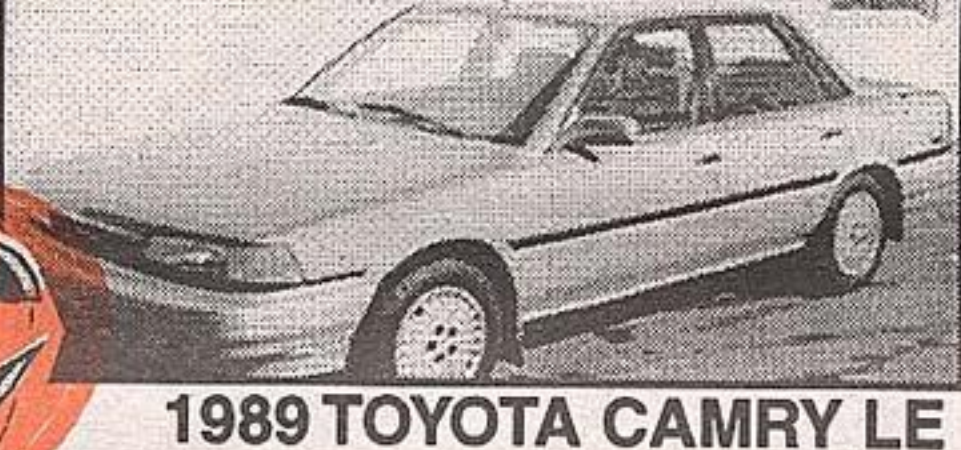
While disappointed, Heritage Acton member Bruce Cargill said he hoped the group would stay together and work towards construction of a new building in the park.

Tyler said Heritage Acton would meet Tuesday for a "post mortem" on the demolition vote.

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Business meeting to follow.
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