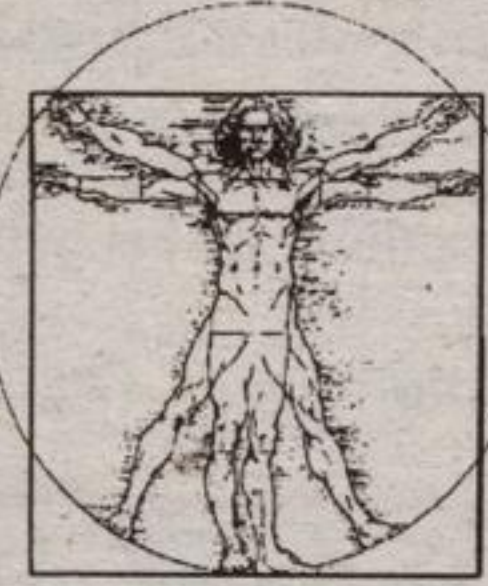


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## Acton doctor shortage acute...

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While both Halton Hills and Milton have been designated as under-served areas for physicians, Dr. Nosal said they need more "substantive" incentives, but wouldn't be specific.

"Right now, I would only want to be very general and

say monetary and non-monetary incentives because no decisions have been made and I wouldn't want to pre-judge what this new group may decide."

Dr. Nosal said the sub-committee would look at preparing a "sophisticated" recruitment package to ensure physicians are aware of the benefits of working in Halton, but haven't decided whether they need to spend money to actually hire a recruitment officer.

"That's also a consideration because the initial contact with doctors, developing a recruitment package with videos and Web sites, takes time and we have to determine how and when we're going to get some of the resources," he said.

"Once we have doctors

looking to locate here, people like Dr. McWilliam in Acton, are ready, willing and able to spend the time and talk about the positive things the community has to offer, but getting them (doctors) to consider this area takes a long time."

Long-term incentives to try to attract doctors to the Region could include offering bursaries to local students to return to their home community to set up their first practice after graduation and offering reduced office rent.

Regional and Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette said offering new doctors interest-free loans to pay off staggering education debts is one option that might work.

"Another idea we looked at was sponsorships like they've done in Northern

Ontario - somebody going to a medical school would give some money from the community in exchange for opening a practice for a number of years when they graduate."

"This is something new, a new responsibility for local municipalities, we may have to put money out," Bonnette said

Bonnette said they would also look for federal and provincial funding programs and community development funds to help recruit doctors to under-served areas. Both Halton Hills and Milton have been formally designated as under-served areas, which allows them to list their communities on materials given to graduating doctors and provides money to reimburse them to check out a community.

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A stepped wall in the living room provides the layout for built-in cedar seats on the outside - an intriguing design feature for the sun deck that alternatively could be put to use as planter boxes, if preferred.

The open floor plan flows easily from one room to another and is ideally designed for a holiday home.

The spacious living room flows into the dining room, which is separated by a half-wall from the U-shaped kitchen, fitted with a corner pantry.

A central hallway leads to a generous-sized laundry room, storage space and a coat cupboard. A main, three-piece bathroom also included the linen cupboard.

The master suite at the front of the house is an extra-large space that will seem just like home. Sliding glass doors open to the sun deck for instant enjoyment of sunrise or sunset. Those

sliding doors could be changed to more formal French doors, if these are better suited to the interior furnishings.

Of course, all vacation homes should have a recreation room, and this one is a huge space that will provide the venue to enjoy games, TV, music and all family pastimes.

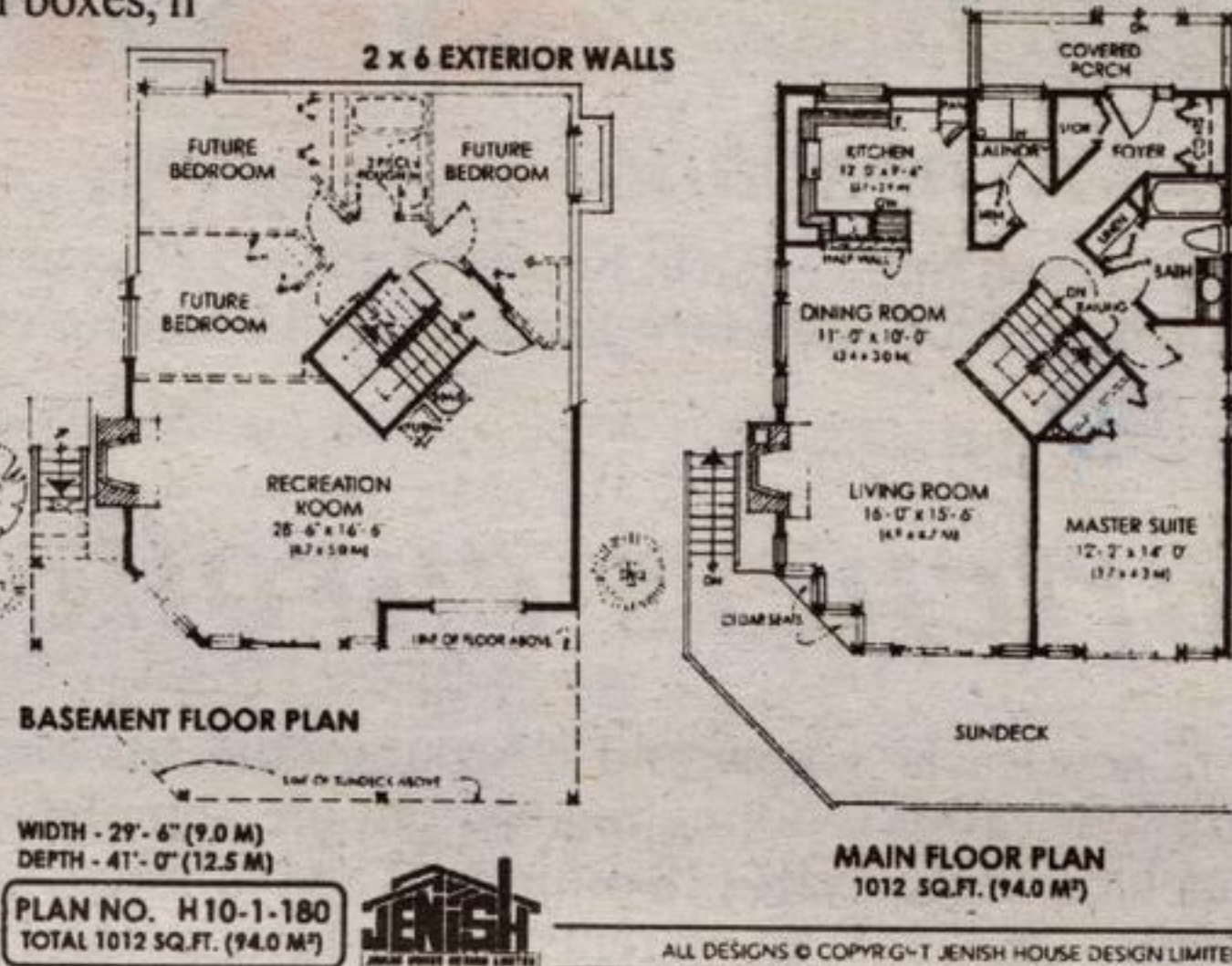
Because it is on ground level, you'll be able to walk straight out to the beach or the hot tub from this room. A gas fireplace will keep the room warm and cosy during the winter.

In the unfinished area of the basement, roughed-in bedroom layouts are all ready to be finished when needed.

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## Teachers unhappy with testing...

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"He said teachers don't have enough details, including who will pay for the testing and what will be done with the results.

The first group of 40,000 randomly selected teachers who will study the courses designed by the Ontario College of Teachers, has received notification letters. In the current format, teachers would have five years to complete 14 courses.

"It's interesting that, here's a process being rolled out and the organization that's been given the job to

monitor and implement it, has not been given any funds to do it, yet," Hynds said, adding the recertification will be an "absolute bureaucratic nightmare."

Union steward Libby Keller said teachers at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School have the same concerns.

"How do you get a history teacher in Grade 12 do the same kinds of recertification that a Grade 2 is doing? Just about every teacher does recertification anyway, often a couple, or two or three things a year, so it's already happening. It's

just the mandate that some people are disagreeing with," Keller said.

"There's not one teacher here that's concerned about taking professional development and improving themselves. I think what they were concerned about is the Ministry (of Education) directing us to do it in a particular way that may not be beneficial to us and the eventually to the kids."

Joe Harwood, president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation District 20, (Halton) said they also need more information about the process.

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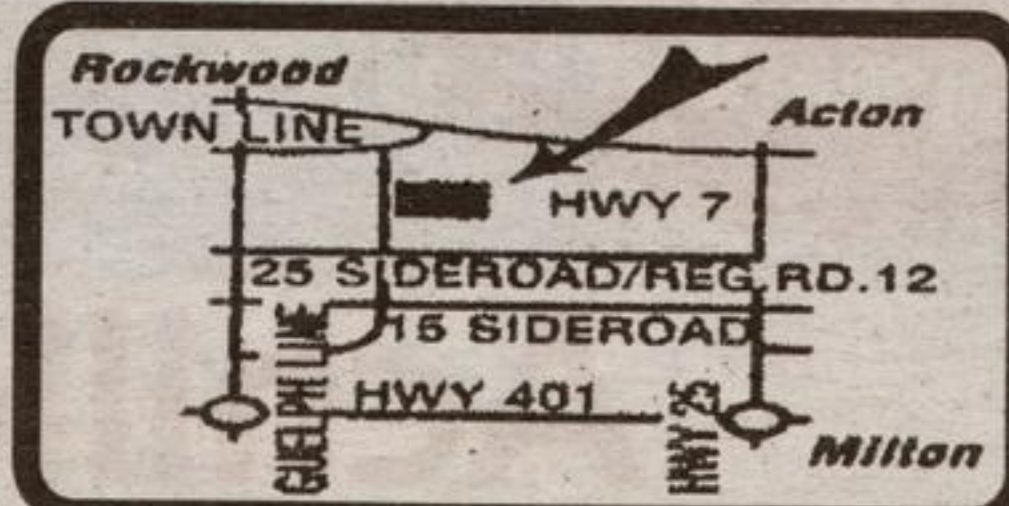


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