

We are still getting compliments from membership for the Christmas Lights tour of Norval, Georgetown and Acton put on for us by Tyler Transport. Without Tyler, the Seniors Board could not have given us such a fine Christmas present.

The first Casino Rama trip for 2002 is coming up on January 30. Call Ruth Burke at 853-5124 to register, or call Betty or Barb at the Centre, 853-5951.

SENIORS' REC. CTR.

BY OWEN COULTRUP

Have you renewed your membership at the Centre? Don't forget - if you don't have valid 2002 Seniors' membership, then you cannot participate in the weekly 50/50 draw.

Do any of you play darts or shuffleboard? We really need members for these games; Darts at 9:00am on Mondays and Shuffleboard at 10:15am on Fridays.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2002 at 1:30pm. Come on out and get acquainted with all our programs that are being run for your enjoyment and benefit. There will be lunch and prizes - how could you stay away?

No cash for computers...

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In defence of the project, Chief Librarian Betsy Cornwell said it has been in the capital budget for "many years."

The system platform used to keep track of patrons, books and the catalogue of materials is no longer being produced and if it fails, they'll have to "scrounge" North America for used parts.

"We are, I suppose, at risk of a total failure of the system which might be very difficult to repair," she said, adding she didn't think they'd be completely out of business if that happened, but very close and would be forced to keep track of records with paper and pencil.

Cornwell said as part of a consortium of other libraries shopping for the same system this year, they hope to get a good deal and it would be a shame to miss that opportunity.

She said they had hoped to split the \$80,000 cost over this year and next.

Georgetown Councillor Jane Fogal suggested they put \$40,000 in this year's budget because it would be "crazy to let the system crumble," and Cornwell said it was unlikely they'd spend that money this year, but would proceed with joint negotiations with suppliers.

Mayor Kathy Gastle, bristling slightly at suggestions the Town has overlooked library needs in the past, asked Cornwell what she would

need to be reassured that Council is committed to the project.

Before she could answer, CAO Andrews said that next year will be a better year for capital budgets and he could "pretty much commit" that the project would be in next year's spending plan.

"I believe that would be satisfactory, assuming Council is prepared to bind itself to that recommendation...the (library) board has to trust that Council will live up to its commitments," Cornwell said.

With support from just

Councillors Inglis, Lewis and Fogal, the amended motion to put \$40,000 in the library budget failed. A subsequent motion from the mayor to make the \$80,000 project the library's number one priority next year passed.

The library's proposed \$73,000 capital budget for this year includes \$63,000 from development charge funds to add to the collection.

Staff said the population growth has outstripped the small percentage budget increases of the past decade for print, audio visual and electronic information resources.

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The house is designed with today's family in mind, offering features that are both thoughtful and practical.

The living room is flanked by pillars and open to the skylit foyer, making a statement immediately on entrance. A gas fireplace and sloping ceiling enhance this formal room and the adjoining dining room has its own patio on one side - an extension that is sure to be appreciated when entertaining guests.

The informal family area extends across the width of the house at the rear.

Half of this space is occupied by a good-sized kitchen and the breakfast area, which has a door opening to steps down to the back garden. The kitchen has a useful walk-in pantry and plenty of counter space to help streamline the preparation of meals.

A half-wall enables the cook to keep an eye on the activities in the family room while preparing meals. A gas fireplace makes sure the room is warm and cosy during the winter months and a sliding door opens on to the sun deck with steps down to the back garden.

A good-sized den, laundry/utility room and powder room complete the main floor.

At the top of the stairs is the spacious master suite, well-placed for privacy, with an appealing view overlooking the back garden.

The luxurious en suite bathroom includes a double vanity opposite a makeup shelf, a raised soaker tub and enclosed shower. The walk-in closet offers ample space for his and her clothes.

Both the en-suite bathroom and clothes closet are clear of the master bedroom itself, leaving this room as a large, square space that is ideal for arranging furniture.

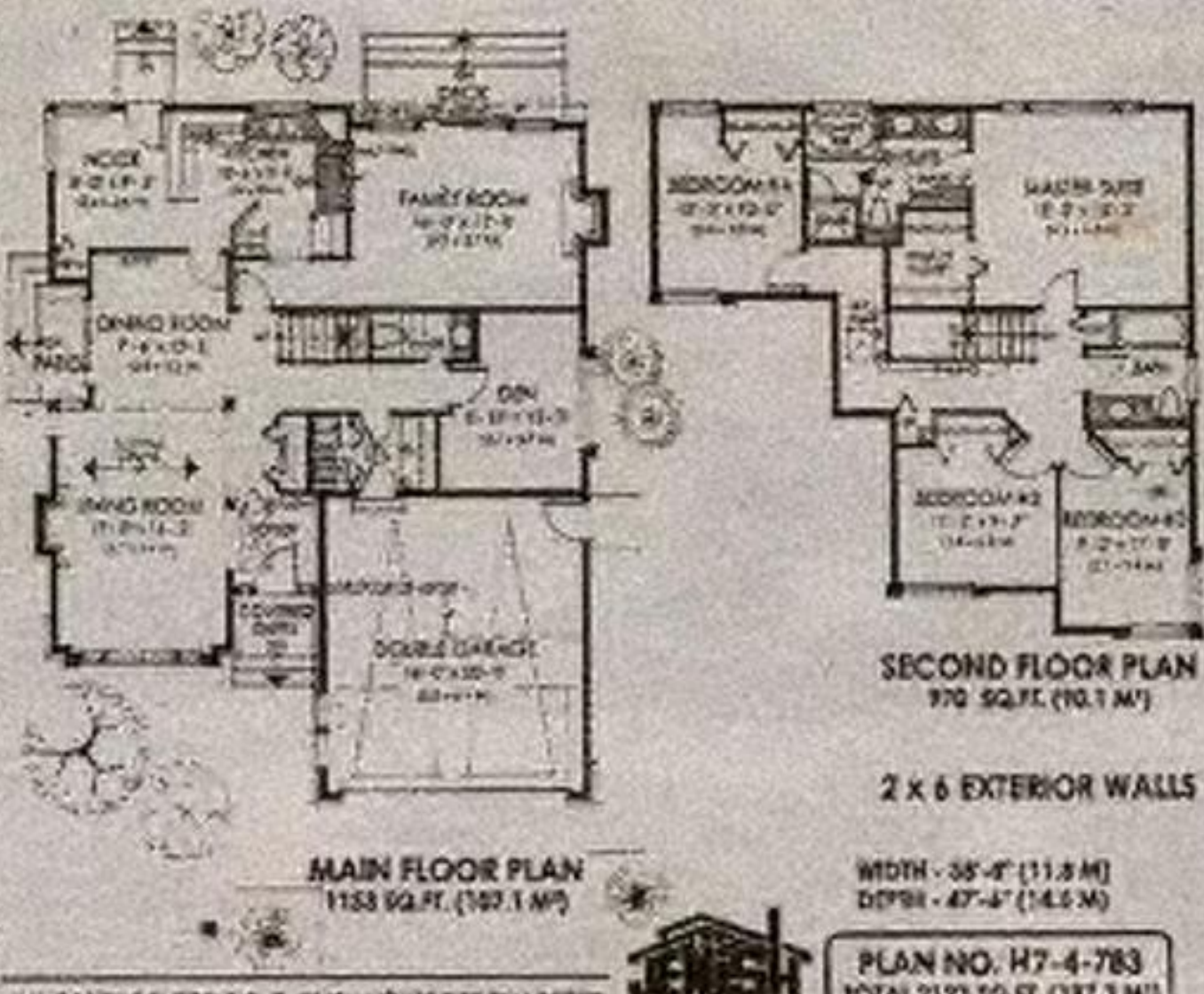
Bedroom No. 4 also enjoys a private location at the rear, off a hallway brightened by a skylight.

Bedrooms two and three at the front of the house share a three-piece bathroom with the fourth bedroom.

The double garage has a side door and access to the house through the laundry room.

The exterior is shown in classic brick and stucco. The house is 38 feet, 8 inches wide and 47 feet, 6 inches deep with 2,123 square feet of living space. Plans for design H7-4-783 are available for \$494 (set of 5), \$579 (set of 8), and \$633 for a super set of 10. Add \$25.00 for Priority courier charges. Please also add 7% G.S.T. to both the plan price and postage charges.

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TOWN DIGEST

Lakeview water

Halton Region continues to track the cause of water discoloration and taste problems experienced by some Lakeview subdivision residents since routine swabbing of area water lines two months ago.

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette said results from twice-daily water testing are within provincial guidelines, but fluctuating chlorine levels have Halton staff investigating a possibly faulty hydrant.

Fire plan

A new innovative way to fight fires in Halton Hills will hopefully save time and money and lessen part-time firefighter burnout.

The redeployment of firefighters into three, two-per-

son rapid response teams to handle medical alarms and calls not needing lots of manpower and equipment, is recommended as part of the Town's proposed new fire master plan that will be explained to councillors at a meeting tomorrow (Friday).

Hydro heat

Be prepared for another wave of pushy doorknockers, demanding to see your energy bill and offering low cost electricity.

The provincial announcement it would open the energy market on May 9 prompted Acton Councillor Clark Somerville to ask staff for another update on Halton Hills Hydro, which was restructured from a public utility to a corporation with de-regulation of the industry.

Town CAO Steve Andrews said they are ready for the market opening, adding, there's "some merit" in reviewing the structure now that the corporation has been operating for a year. He also confirmed Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette's concern that energy marketers will be back in Acton.

In November, local councillors received numerous complaints from some residents who were being badgered by high-pressure salespeople to switch from Halton Hills Hydro.

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