

Councillors add traffic study as capital budget cuts begin

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Councillors made some preliminary slices to the town's proposed \$4.5 million capital budget Tuesday night.

At the first meeting of the budget committee, members (all councillors and the mayor) shaved about \$63,000 from the proposed budget and added \$15,000. That additional amount is to cover a traffic study of Hwy. 7 between Ewing St. and Moore Park Cr., and design costs if the study reveals lights or a crosswalk are needed. Prior to tackling the budget councillors heard from Ewing St. resident Lena Emmerson and principal of Joseph Gibbons School Gary Bateman who stressed the need for a crosswalk or lights on Hwy 7 for pedestrian safety.

The first expenditure to go under the knife was 10 per cent of the proposed \$276,000 worth of computer purchases for town staff.

Councillor Ron Chatten made the request for the 10 per cent cut adding the saved money could be put toward the Hwy. 7 project.

Councillor Norm Elliott questioned the roughly \$3,500 budgeted for each 486 computer and asked if that was the best deal the town could get considering it was planning on buying 27 of them. Elliott said he had seen 486s advertised at much lower prices.

Henry Hutzal, the town's manager of information services, said town staff decided to go to a better quality computer than they have used in the past, and the price budgeted was the lowest acceptable local bid which includes an on-site maintenance agreement.

Councillor Bill Robson criticized

councillors for taking a swipe at the computer budget.

"The first target of everyone seems to be computers because we can't identify them politically with any of the wards. But in the long term it could be detrimental to the corporation," said Robson.

Elliott requested a detailed summary of all the money spent by the town over the past few years on computers.

The next item to go was \$6,000 for an information kiosk which was to be placed inside the Civic Centre. It was to include a directory, floor plans, pamphlet holders and a bul-



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letin and wipe board to provide information to visitors to the Civic Centre.

"It is not critical it (the kiosk) happens in 1995," said town administrator Ray King. "But it is important for our future."

Spared from the councillors hit list was \$2,000 for four new chairs for the mayor's office. Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said the chairs in her office were starting to wear and needed to be replaced.

Councillor Gerald Rennie said \$2,000 was a pittance to pay for keeping the mayor's office looking impressive as it is "the" office of

the complex.

A total of \$30,000 was cut by the committee from the Engineering and Public Works department budget. Originally \$45,000 was budgeted to resurface McGillivray Cr. but at Chatten's suggestion council decided to cut that expenditure to \$15,000 to cover engineering design work on the road this year so it can hopefully be reconstructed next year.

After much discussion committee members decided not to slash \$15,000 from the \$35,000 budgeted by the fire department to be put toward a training facility for firefighters to be built in the future.

"We have an obligation to make sure our firefighters are trained properly to do the job," said fire chief Bill Cunningham in defense of the facility.

Bonnette suggested the cut, which was not supported by other councillors who stressed the need for proper training for the town's firefighters. Bonnette's recommendation the fire chief pursue a joint facility with Milton was supported by committee members.

Some of the budget items included in the proposed budget to date include \$590,000 to reconstruct Sinclair Ave., 400,000 to reconstruct Cobblehill Rd., \$304,000 to build a sidewalk and bike path on Mountainview Rd., about \$240,000 in computer equipment and \$32,000 to replace a fire department support vehicle.

Budget committee will continue working on the budget, including the planning, building, recreation and parks, and library budgets at 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Centre Tuesday Jan. 24 followed by the grants for groups budget meeting, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Rock to discuss firearm legislation

The proposed firearm legislation will be front and centre in Georgetown on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. during a public meeting at Georgetown District High School.

A balanced panel will address the audience concerning their position on the proposed firearms legislation recently presented by the Hon. Alan Rock, Minister of Justice.

Delegates will also be in attendance to answer questions pertaining to their particular area of expertise.

The panel members who have confirmed they will attend, as of this date, are: Russell MacLellan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice, M.P. for Cape Breton-the Sydneys; Paul Forseth, former Reform Party Justice Critic, M.P. Burnaby, British Columbia; Chief Peter Campbell, Chief of Police, Region of Halton; Ontario Hand Gun Association (delegate to be named).

Invitations to attend as a panel member will also

be extended to the Coalition for Gun Control, C.A.V.E.A.T. and a representative of the firearms manufacturers and/or retailers of Ontario.

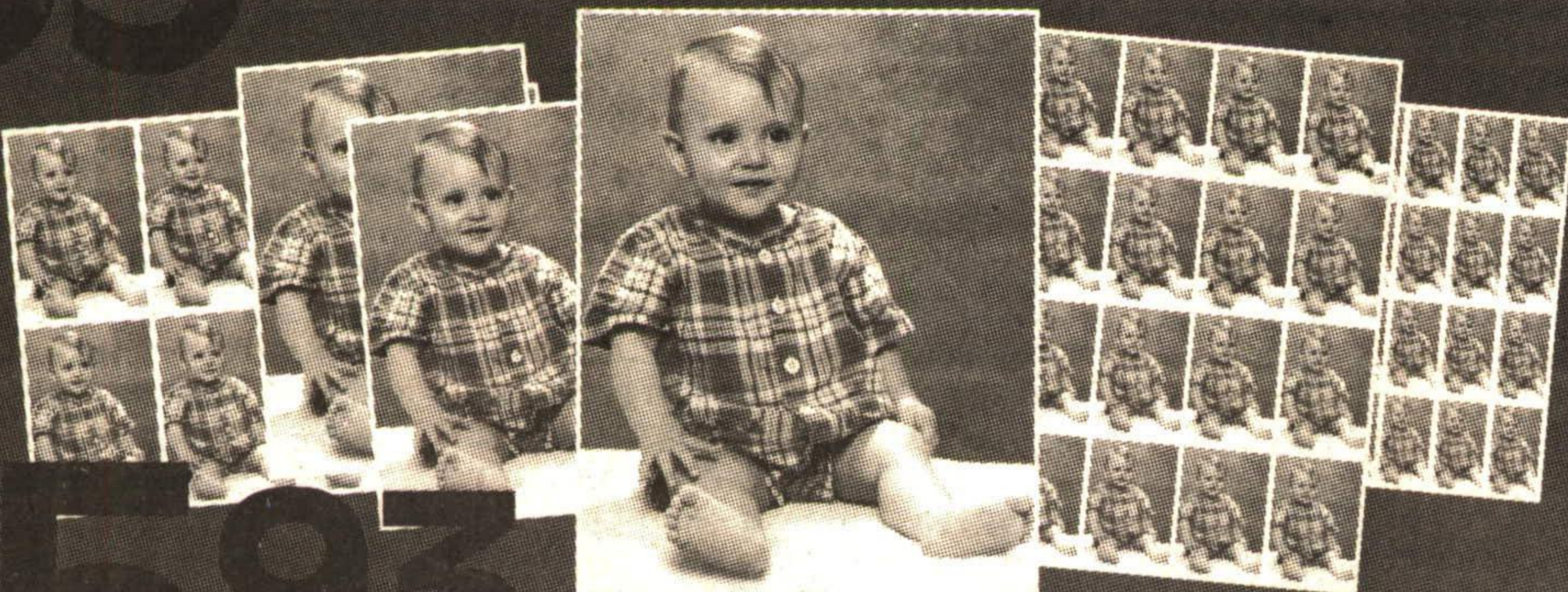
Julian Reed, M.P. for Halton-Peel has been instrumental in inviting MacLellan on behalf of organizers and will be taking an active part in the evenings event.

Delegates will be invited from the Chief Provincial Firearms Office, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, the Ministry of Natural Resources, Firearms Education Service of Ontario and other groups or individuals who may be of assistance in responding to questions from those in attendance.

The promoters of this meeting, do not represent any particular organization or group. It is their goal that both sides of this debate and be given an opportunity to express their opinions and respond to the concerns of the electorate.

Attendance is expected to exceed 1,000 people.

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