Prospect Park recommended site

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The report also says that additional costs at the Acton East site would be \$1.2 million, not including the cost of acquiring the land. At the Acton North site, additional costs were estimated at \$1.3 million.

If the arena is built in Prospect Park, the soil would need reinforcement to support the structure. This would cost about \$200,000.

The construction of on-site sidewalks, parking area improvements and curbing would cost about \$177,000 and removal of the existing arena would entail an expenditure of \$50,000.

A large portion of the additional costs connected with the Acton East and Acton North sites are the result of required road and sidewalk

construction as well as site servicing costs relating to water, sanitary sewers, storm sewers and hydro connection. At the Acton North location, road and sidewalk reconstruction would cost close to \$838,000, while similar site services at the Acton East site would cost about \$444,000.

"Based on the current financial information and technical data gathered, the results as identified on the technical evaluation summary would lead staff to recommend the Prospect Park Site as the location for the replacement arena," the report, authored by parks and recreation director Tom Shepard, states.

The report further suggests that council defer site selection for four weeks, giving staff an opportunity to share its findings with, and solicit comments from, arena users and the general public.

If all goes as planned, the site will be chosen next month, architectural drawings will be completed by next spring, tenders will be called next Otober, construction will begin in January, 1994 and the new arena will open in the fall of 1994.

The project will be financed through lot levies, debentures and a \$760,000 provincial grant.



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called Sionito Community Development Corporation. The complex would offer an activity program for its residents consisting of aqua fitness, shuffleboard and bingo.

Project plans also include the dedication of about nine acres of land near the river on the mill's south side to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) or the town, Pennycooke said. The land, which has been identified as an Environmentally Senstive Area (ESA), could be used as passive parkland, the planner suggested.

Pennycooke said the developers have discussed the project with several agencies, including Halton Region, the CVCA and the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC). "We would like to make a formal submission by the end of the week to the town," he added.

While the planner indicated that environmental concerns have been addressed in the design of the project, Councillor Gail Rutherford asked for assurances that the mill will be completely restored and that attention will be paid to preservation of the large, mature trees on the proposed site of the four apartment buildings on the mill's south side. Pennycooke said the developers are prepared to completely restore the mill. He added that a tree study of the area has been done and a "whole replanting program" has been established for the town to review.

In answer to Councillor Anne Currie's concerns about possible flooding problems, he said that discussions have been conducted with the CVCA and it has been determined that "all levels of the mill are occupiable."

Apart from the tree inventory, fauna in the area has also been evaluated, the planner said.





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