

localmotion campaign hits \$2M target Rec centre pricetag soars to \$11.2 million

After almost three years, rising costs and still not a shovel in the ground, the Town of Halton Hills is a little closer today to building its dream recreation centre in Georgetown South.

Halton Hills' localmotion committee, comprised of councillors, staff and community volunteers, has achieved its goal of raising \$2 million to help pay for the town's recreation facilities—the second ice pad at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex and the recreation centre.

"This is a win-win... the big winners will be those mothers, uncles, brothers, sisters that actually use the facility," said localmotion campaign chair Jonathon Fischer when announcing the campaign achievement at Monday's council meeting. "It's only the beginning. We saw this only as the stepping stone for further expansion to something that is going to be a cornerstone in the town."

While both projects received council approval in September 1999, and the arena opened two years later, the recreation centre has yet to even go to tender—it may open next year. Originally the recreation centre was to be opened in 2001.

The town has put this project on hold until the federal government announces whether it'll provide funding—\$3.14 million—through SuperBuild grants (see sidebar). The province has already stated it will chip in its share.

The extra cash may be needed. Originally the two projects

were estimated to cost \$10 million together, but a year later in 2000 that soared to \$12.1 million; it now sits at \$17 million. The final arena bill came in at \$5.8 million while phase one of the recreation centre will now cost \$11.2 million.

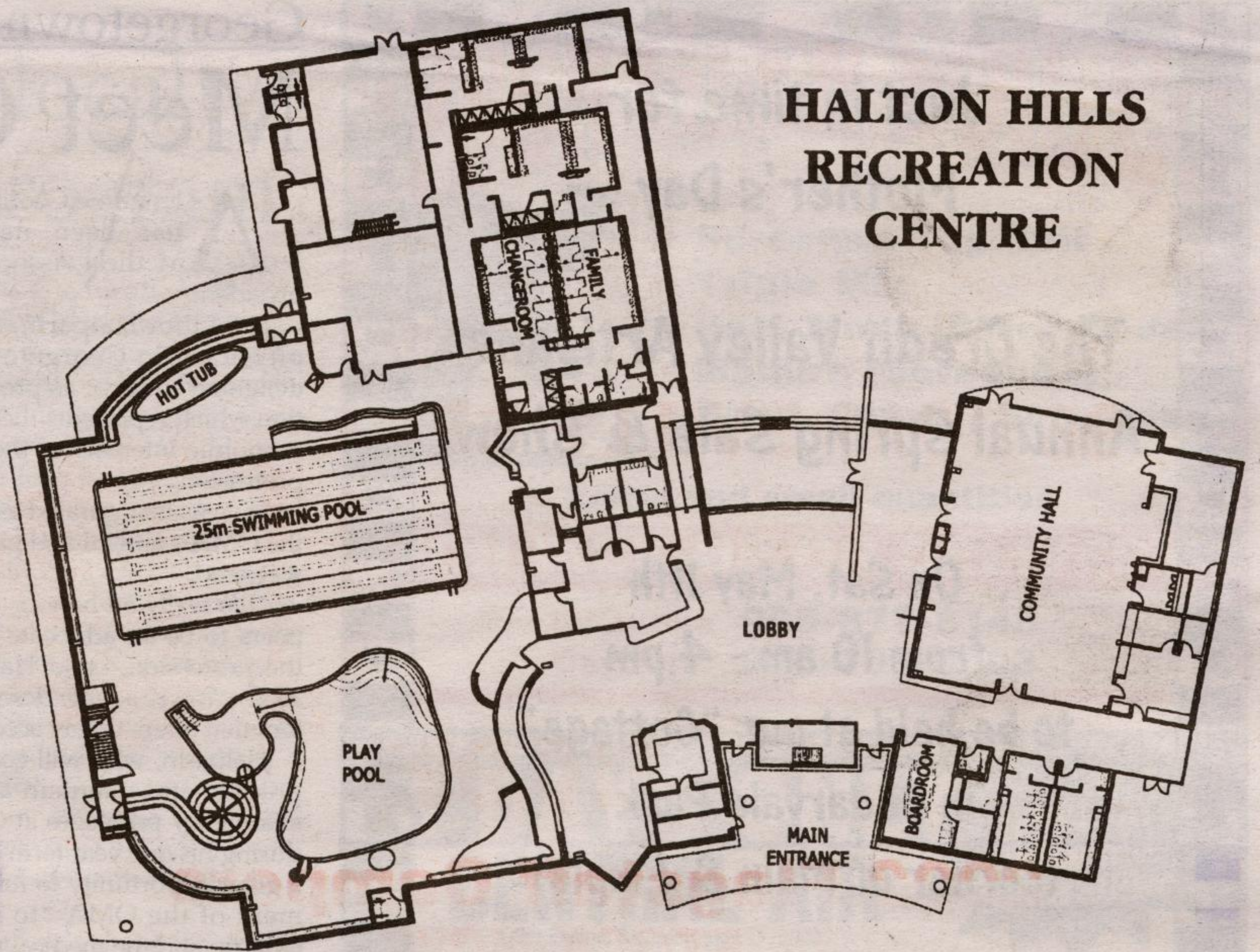
The town is using revenue from many sources to pay for the facilities such as the localmotion campaign dollars, development charges, budget surpluses, provincial reinvestment fund, reserves, proceeds from future town land sales and \$2.6 million in borrowed money (which resulted in a tax on homeowners over 10 years).

For the money, the town is getting a "first-rate, high end building", said manager of facilities Paul Stover. Planned is a 33,750 sq. ft. building containing a six-lane 25-metre pool with play pool and flume slide, a hot tub, sauna, three change rooms, 250-seating banquet hall/multi-purpose space plus a smaller multi-purpose/meeting room.

The 18-month localmotion campaign is the largest goal ever met in community fund-raising in Halton Hills.

"The enthusiasm and generosity from Halton Hills citizens, service clubs and our local businesses helped us achieve our fund-raising goal," said Mayor Kathy Gastle, in a press release. "I continue to be optimistic our recreation facility will open in 2003."

The campaign was jumpstarted with a significant contribution by Mold-Masters, and its president, Jonathon Fischer,



spearheaded the campaign committee.

"With Halton Hills growing so rapidly we need these types of facilities in order to accommodate the needs of all the groups and individuals in their home community; equally as important, is to encourage healthy

lifestyles," he said.

"Although we have reached our goal, we will still see fundraising events for the next three years as the service clubs complete their generous five-year pledge commitments," Fischer added.

"The localmotion campaign

team would like to thank each and every person who took part in the campaign," said volunteer Ted Fauteux. "We have been successful with your help and it does not have to stop here, we are still accepting donations."

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

Town told some SuperBuild cash is on the way

While the town has heard it will receive half of the SuperBuild funding it was expecting for the recreation centre in Georgetown South, it is still waiting to hear if the rest of the money will come through.

Halton Hills manager of facilities Paul Stover said the town received confirmation from the provincial government earlier this month that they will receive \$1.57 million for the \$11.2 million recreation centre.

But the town hasn't heard yet from the federal government on whether or not it will provide the

\$1.57 million matching funds. He added they did receive a call from a federal government employee last week asking for clarification on aspects of their application.

He said they expect to hear about the federal money by the end of May.

"We're cautiously optimistic," said Stover.

Despite the funding from the province, Stover said they can't go forward with the recreation centre yet because that would disqualify them for any federal funds.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Norval neighbours say couple appeared to be happily married

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Sable, in which he fled.

A post mortem was to be performed on Snow Tuesday to determine the cause of death.

The couple lived in a small apartment on Guelph St. in Norval and on Monday property manager Tony Gordon said they had only been there a couple of months.

A neighbour, who didn't want to be identified said he hadn't seen the couple since last

week when a moving van was seen at the house.

"They kept to themselves mostly," he said. "I would say hello to them once in a while."

He said he would see the couple, who had a paint-ing/handyman business, leave the house about 8 a.m. every workday with a teenage boy and return about 7 p.m.

"I thought they were happy," he added. "We never heard them fighting."

Anita Dhir, an owner of the Norval Convenience Store, said the couple had come into the store for several years.

"He just came a few days ago," said Dhir.

She added he recently built some framing for a partition in the store.

Snow is survived by 10 brothers and sisters.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer with files from Torstar News Service



This house, located at 550 Guelph St. in Norval, is where Shirley Snow and her husband Angus lived.

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