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Town has three million reasons to smile

There were plenty of smiles to go around Monday as provincial and federal government officials joined together to announce \$3.14 million in funding through the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program for a new recreation centre in Georgetown South. On hand for the announcement at the Civic Centre were, from left, Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh, Halton MP Julian Reed, Secretary of State (Rural Development) Andy Mitchell, acting Halton Hills Mayor Joan Robson and local motion fund-raising committee member Craig Renwick. The government cash provides a big boost for construction of the new facility which is expected to open in the fall of 2003.



Photo by Ted Brown

\$3 million in government funding paves way for construction

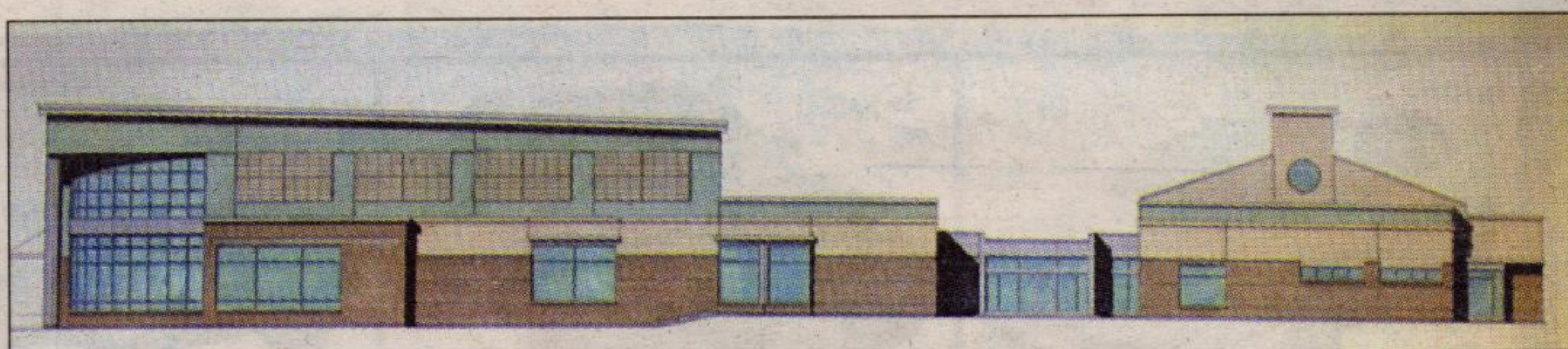
Recreation centre to be ready in 2003

With the long-awaited news that both the federal and provincial governments have come up with some big money— \$3.15 million— for the town's recreation centre, construction of the facility is expected to begin this fall.

Halton MP Julian Reed, Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh and Secretary of State (Rural Development) Andy Mitchell were at the Civic Centre Monday to announce both levels of government will contribute through the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program up to \$1.57 million each to the 34,000 sq. ft. recreation centre to be built in Georgetown South.

"The Halton Hills Community and Recreation Centre project is an excellent example of strategic infrastructure investments to improve the quality of life in our communities," said Mitchell, who praised Reed's hard work in getting federal approval for the funding.

"We can all look forward to seeing it



An architect's drawing of the recreation centre to be built in Georgetown South.

come to fruition," said Reed.

"It's wonderful to see the federal government co-operating with the Ontario government on funding for this project which will directly affect the lives of so many people in north Halton," said Chudleigh.

Both Chudleigh and Reed praised Mold-Master's for its contribution to the local motion campaign which raised a total of \$2 million for the town's recreation facilities.

Craig Renwick of Mold-Masters was also at the Civic Centre on behalf of local motion

campaign chair and Mold-Masters president Jonathon Fischer and thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Kathy Gastle was not at the announcement Monday because she is in Europe, and was represented by acting mayor Joan Robson.

Town Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Steve Andrews said the mayor was contacted by phone and was thrilled to hear the funding news.

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