

Youngsters misidentified in photos

A photo in the Friday, Nov. 11 edition of *The Independent & Free Press* incorrectly identified Spencer Borotsik of the 1st Georgetown Cubs helping out during the annual Scout/Guide Food Drive at Georgetown

Alliance Church.

Also, in the Nov. 9 edition, toddler Reese Valiquette was incorrectly identified at a car seat clinic at Georgetown Chrysler.

The Independent & Free Press regrets the errors.

Library board looked at eight sites for potential home for new branch

According to Halton Hills Library Board chair Jay Jackson, today's current Georgetown library should be twice its size, based on current population of the Georgetown and area.

Georgetown's population is expected to grow by 55 per cent from now until 2021; total Halton Hills population will be 70,000, with about 54,000 in the Georgetown and immediate area.

Library usage is increasing with an "unprecedented 10 per cent increase in circulation this year over 2004," said Jackson.

Stats from 1999 to 2004:

- Circulation rose by 11.6 per cent (8 per cent in 2004)
- Reference requests rose by 63 per cent
- Internet usage rose by 30 per cent
- Children's participation rose by 62 per cent.
- 70 per cent of all households in Halton Hills have an active library card.

The library board looked at eight possible Town-owned sites for a future library:

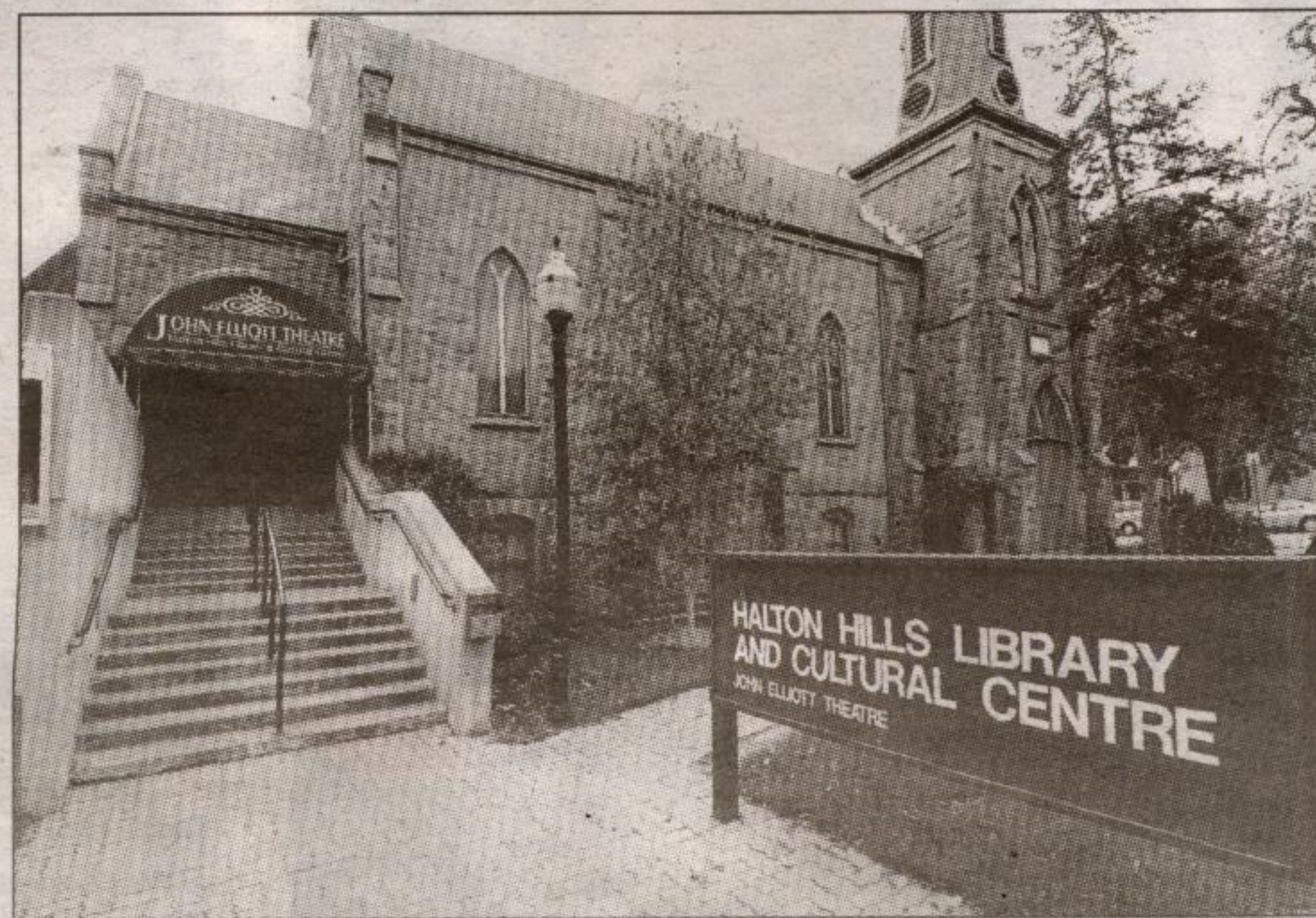
- Dominion Gardens Park
- Gellert Centre Park
- Cedarvale Park
- Civic Centre lands
- Mold-Masters SportsPlex
- Maple Ave. Fire Station site
- Trafalgar Rd. Sports Park
- Memorial Arena

The Memorial Arena site was declared too small and the Sports Park site is not serviced.

The others were rated in order of preference: Dominion Gardens Park, Gellert Centre Park, Civic Centre lands, Cedarvale Park, Mold-Masters SportsPlex and the Fire Department site. The first four were considered acceptable sites.

Five options were considered:

- Option 1: a single library of 33,000 sq.



Halton Hills Library's Georgetown branch on Church Street needs to be expanded or replaced according to a consultant's report. A potential new home in Dominion Gardens Park was shot down by town council Monday.

File photo

ft.— the existing Georgetown branch will not be retained. Cost: \$11.7 million capital costs; \$2 million operating costs

- Option 2A: Georgetown branch, renovated, will remain, plus a 21,000 sq. ft new library: Cost: \$10.3 million capital costs; \$2.4 million operating costs

- Option 2B: A new library of 27,000 sq. ft and only one floor of the current library retained. Cost: \$14 million capital costs; \$2.3 million operating costs

- Option 3A: Two new libraries, one 21,000 sq. ft. and the other 12,000 sq. ft. Current library closed. Cost: \$14 million capital costs; \$2.4 million operating costs.

- Option 3B: Two new libraries of 27,000 sq. ft and 6,000 sq. ft. Current library closed. Cost: \$14 million capital costs; \$2.3 million operating costs.

The facility/site study is available on the library's website, www.library.hhp1.on.ca

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

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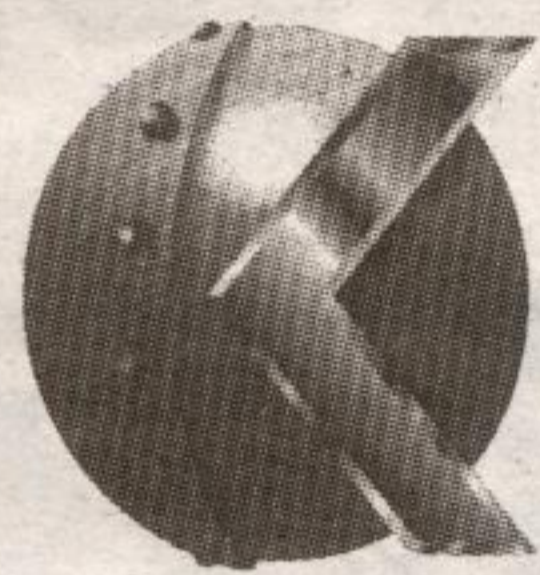
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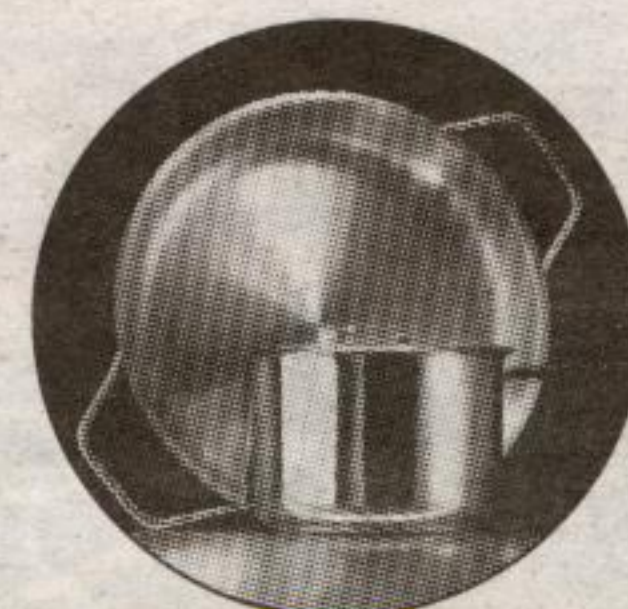


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