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Town to buy 'surplus' MSB land for \$1.3 million

Town Council will buy five controversial acres of land at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School from the Halton District School Board, which declared it surplus and listed it for sale to raise money for new schools in other areas of Halton.

The Town will also lease 1.6-acres of land for 21 years at \$5 per year,

and pay \$15,000 annually to maintain the entire five acres.

The deal has left a bad taste with many politicians, residents and parents who argue that taxpayers already paid for this land before it was conveyed to the school board by the Town in 1957.

Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette said

the deal marks a good day for school parents, sports enthusiasts and Acton citizens, but it is a sad day for the school board.

Acton school board trustee Jerry Ockenden, said he was "happy" with the "good deal."

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FEED THE HUNGRY: Thanks to a generous \$1,000 donation from Alec Boyd (left), owner of Giant Tiger, Acton's FoodShare food bank will be able to feed even more hungry people. Boyd delivered the ceremonial cheque on Tuesday to FoodShare volunteers, from right: Janet McCluskey, Anne McDowell, Arlene Humphreys, Wyman Little and Carol Clark. – Frances Niblock photo

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