Concerns raised about nearby houses

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Street and the former Halton County jail warden's home located in the same parking lot as Town Hall.

Hugh Street resident Bill Leeder whose house looks out at the jail warden's residence - said he'd prefer to look at the old home rather than a two-storey 'industrial' building. "You don't want to look at a new-style building," he said. "It doesn't fit into the neighbourhood."

Mr. Sapounzi assured the audience that the expansion wouldn't have an industrial look, noting it's important that the project goes ahead with respect and sensitivity to the heritage of the existing building.

He said the project team is in the midst of discussions on the future of the homes in question. He added it's not known yet whether the warden's house is staying or going, but it's something council will be considering in the near future.

The Mary Street homes could be moved or torn down to make way for extra parking. Mr. Sapounzi noted it would cost \$30,000 to relocate 167 Mary Street, \$70,000 to move 155 Mary Street and a whopping \$150,000 to move the warden's home.

One resident said he couldn't see the need to have all Town staff together in one building. But Ward 1 Councillor Brian Penman, who's also on the expansion committee, argued it's easier for staff to communicate with each other when they're in one building and it's also more of a onestop shop for residents and those who do business with the Town, like developers.

Director of Community Service Jennifer Reynolds noted a study on the expansion recommended that the Town's civic presence should be kept in the downtown.

Milton resident Mike Grimwood, who also attended the meeting, agreed that Town staff should be in the same building.

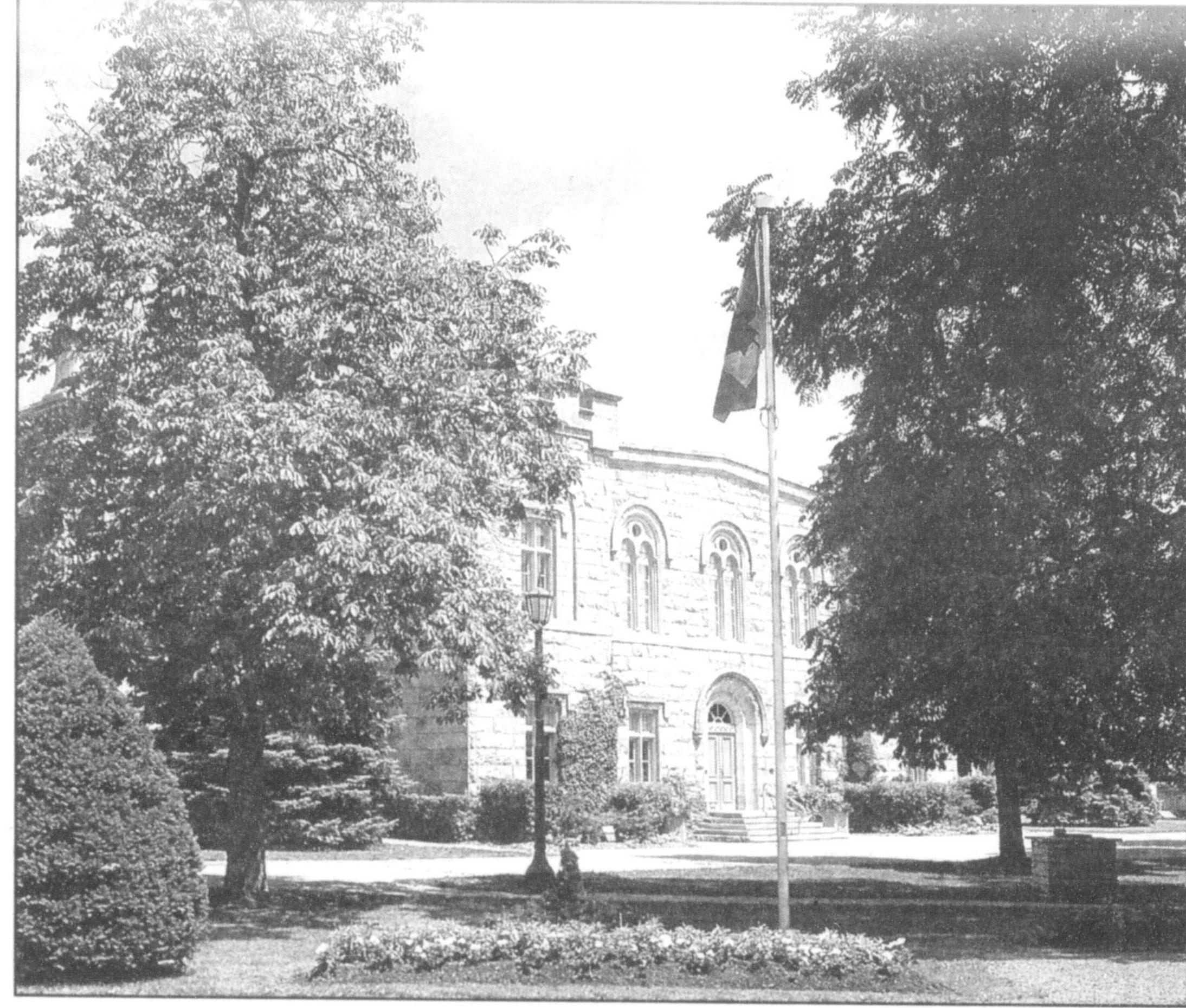
"It's important that all Town staff have access to each other," he said, adding it's also key for staff to be easily accessible to residents.

Mr. Grimwood went on to question what provisions would be made to accommodate transit at the expanded location. Ward 2 Councillor Mark Curtis, who's also on the transit committee, said that once the plans are in motion for the expansion, transit opportunities would be looked at.

A second open house on the Town Hall expansion will be held October 5, when residents will have a chance to comment on the proposed design.

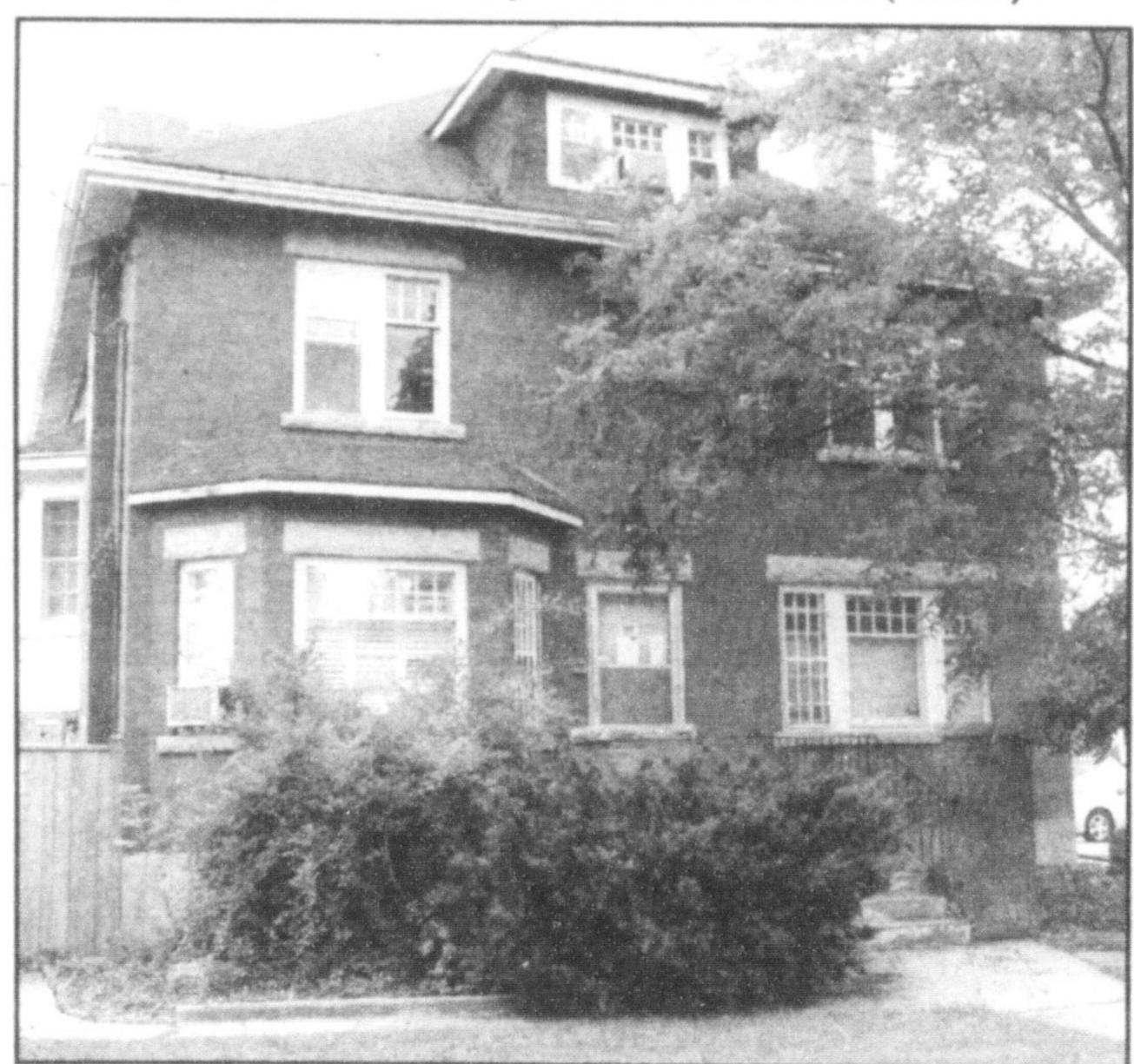
Potential designs weren't available at Tuesday's meeting as the Town wanted residents' input first.

A schematic design and budget is expected to go before council in November. A full detailed design will be done after that, with m.



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Above, Town Hall is set for a major expansion, but some area residents are worried about what will happen to some of the adjacent buildings, like the old women's shelter that was originally the Halton jail warden's home (below).



the goal of tendering the project in spring 2006 and construction starting by May.

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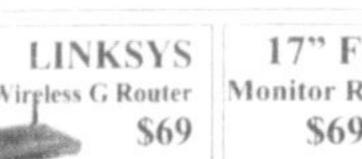
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