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## Chamber of Commerce Six Months Old Already Active

A co-operative effort for better community living, performed by private citizens, businessmen, industrialists and farmers, is the function of the local Chamber of Commerce which, in only six months of organization, has made an ambitious start on this continuing aim.

Under the chairmanship of John Goy and with R. F. Bean as secretary in a nine-man council, the Chamber has gained a membership of nearly 50 since its inception last year. Council members, heading such committees as civic, retail, industrial, publicity and membership and program, have formed subcommittees to carry out various projects, investigations and action which falls in the wide circle of Chamber activity.

One of the foremost aims of the Chamber here, as with most Chambers of Commerce or Board of Trade

units, is to build up local pride in the present citizens and stimulate interest and attraction to prospective citizens and industries.

Means to meet this end take many shapes. The projects, large or small, momentary or continuing, all figure as accomplishments to enrich the community's well being.

Some of the accomplishments to date: Organization under the industrial committee to amass and maintain up-to-date information valuable to potential industry, for Chamber or town council use; Assistance to Council in providing staff for the North Halton Urban Board's display booth at the International Trade Fair; Planning for the installation of waste receptacles in the downtown area; Formation of an artificial ice committee which has prepared extensive facts and figures prior to a possible

Chamber-led community effort to add an ice plant to Acton's arena.

Erection of a huge Christmas tree in December on Mill Street and an undertaking to maintain the colored street lights in downtown Acton; Initiation of a canvasser's licensing system for the protection of members in business.

In addition to these accomplishments, the six months' old Chamber has been responsible for other, less public efforts directed with integrity and discretion at furthering Acton's municipal stature.

The local Chamber, a member of the Canadian and Ontario parent bodies, meets the second Wednesday of every month, summer excepted, in the Station Hotel at 7 p.m. Membership applications can be obtained from membership committee chairman F. Terry or from the Secretary.

## Modern Municipal Services Provide Maximum Facilities at Minimum Cost

Municipal services, available to the town's citizens at minimum cost, offer maximum facilities and commodities for the normal unhindered progress of domestic, commercial and industrial living in Acton.

Years of progressive development, sustained by a steady level of economy, have left for Actonians an active investment in community well being. This investment is services which, continually added to, are administered by the taxpayer's representatives.

Waterworks in Acton, under a separate department and guided by the Public Utilities Commission, are designed on a modern system installed in 1920. Coursing through mostly six-inch mains for nearly ten miles, the consistently Grade "A" water is supplied mainly from a spring pumping a maximum 170 gallons per minute. A supplementary deep well source provides an additional 90 gallons per minute to make a total present maximum of 260 gallons per minute.

This year the town will continue a program begun in 1954 to open new sources of water supply to meet unfolding growth and new demands.

Maintenance to the system of conduits is carried on with a minimum of inconvenience to consumers. Main valves are so located that sectional cut-offs interrupt service to the least number of users. Hydrant conduits from the mains are also valved at the connector to facilitate maintenance and eliminate service interruption.

The local waterworks system was financed by a 30-year debenture loan which was recovered through consumer rate charges.

Hydro is a second service administered through the Public Utilities Commission and financed in wholesale cost and retail distribution through rate charges. All categories of consumer cost, domestic, commercial and industrial power bills, are comparable to average scales in similar communities.

A survey here is nearing completion prior to revamping the town's distribution system to step up transformer strength and allow servicing of new housing developments under construction.

Sixty-cycle power in Acton is generated from the Niagara system. High tension lines from the east or west can put in power from either the Toronto or Burlington distribution stations.

Sewage disposal, effected through a "closed system" to an activated sludge processing plant, services every section of town in over 12 miles of main lines. With only one pumping station over half the main conduits gravity feed to the disposal plant well outside the built-up community.

The plant, processing an average intake of 250,000 gallons and maximum of 300,000 gallons, was built in 1950 and engineered in the digester and aerator for future de-

mands of up to 600,000 gallons capacity. Tests on the sewerage effluent gauge 94 to 97 per cent. pure.

These three services—water, hydro and sewage disposal—are directed to the day-to-day convenience and needs of town citizens. However, other services play no less an important part in community life.

Transportation is vital to business and private activity in any settled area. Acton's 16 miles of graded, lighted streets—the majority with companion sidewalks—are broad and faced by well-kept homes or stores.

A policy of street levelling and permanent surfacing, financed by general revenue instead of imposing more debenture debt, has been indicated by local officials. It is proposed to start this program during the year and continue in succeeding years on a step-by-step basis as councils find it economically feasible.

Two busy highways intersect in Acton, No. 7 and No. 25. Three private transport firms have their headquarters in town. There are seven east and westbound buses daily through here and three C.N.R. passenger schedules and freight trains. Malton airport, one of Canada's busiest, is little more than 25 miles away.

Garbage disposal for residents is effected at no extra cost and is included in the general levy. A collection schedule is regular, with a modern sanitary truck covering the town every Monday and Thursday. Refuse is disposed of under conditions which leave no threat of contamination nor cause any health hazard.

Police protection is an around-the-clock service to Acton citizens, as is fire protection. A Provincial Police office and car, with all facilities for county and province-wide co-operation, is centrally located. A volunteer fire brigade mans a mod-

ern pumper and is organized to cooperate in emergencies with the Halton Mutual Aid organization of municipal firefighters. The local brigade also operates under a rural protection arrangement with three adjacent townships.

Police and fire department are located in the town hall, which also houses council chamber, assessor's and town foreman's office. In the same building, a roomy public auditorium is utilized by local organizations and for civic gatherings.

Acton Public Library, administered by an appointed board responsible to council, which approves an annual operating grant, is a constant source of education and enjoyment for citizens from school-age to retirement age. The library works closely with the public school. Annual circulation, according to the most recent available report, is estimated at nearly 20,000. The library is part of the handsome Y building on Main Street.

The county Health Unit provides a host of direct and indirect benefits to Actonians for as little as 63 cents per year, taxed here per capita. Prevention of TB, childhood disease, vaccinations, baby clinics, mental and physical health clinics, sanitation and food control supervision are phases of the wealth of public welfare activity which stems from the Halton County Health Unit.

### Acton Everywhere

You may see an Acton "town booster" anywhere on the continent this summer! You can spot him by his smart red and white metal bumper plate proclaiming "Acton—The Centre of Progress."

These booster plates were sold by the Y's Men's Club as a project this year.

## Mackenzie and Son Have Acre of Land in Centre of Town

Many of Acton's public buildings such as the Y.M.C.A., both high and public schools as well as many homes in Acton have been constructed by J. B. Mackenzie and Son, Limited who confine their activities to Acton and district and have been in operation for over half a century.

Their mill and supply yards occupy an acre of land in the centre of Acton. The firm has modern equipment such as a Delta five-horsepower cut-off saw and manufactures here wood sash and door frames, cupboards, doors and does general millwork. They specialize in serving the immediate district.

There are seven employees at the Acton plant with M. Holmes as manager, Miss Bernice Sargent as secretary, John Waterhouse as foreman and E. Lambert, G. Harding, T. Reid and Bill Bruce on the staff. Materials used are mostly of Canadian origin and this company has found Acton an ideal location and a centre of progress for them down through the half century.

In a baseball game about 75 years ago a visiting team from Guelph defeated Acton by quite a margin, 127 to 26.

## Exhibit Proves Interest in Crafts

This month the Five Counties Art Exhibit, with hundreds of entries, was held in Acton; public school. And the continued interest in arts and crafts here, certainly warrants the choice. Acton on May 14 and 15 was the mecca for many artists.

Local people organized an Arts and Crafts club in Acton themselves about five years ago under the guidance of energetic Mrs. Wesley Beatty. Mrs. Beatty is now on the committee which supervises community night classes, held under the sponsorship of the local high school board and the Community Programs branch of the Department of Education.

This past winter there were classes in the new high school in oil painting, woodworking, typing, sewing and tray etching—and there's plenty of enthusiasm for next year.

Crafts are taught to youngsters in Scouts and Y classes as well.

The town of Acton was first known as Danville and Admssville. It was named Acton by the first postmaster, Robert Swan, in 1844.

## MICRO PLASTICS IS NOW NATION'S LARGEST PLASTIC PIPE PRODUCER

After the close of the war, in fact in July 1946 when the plastic industry was just getting started in Canada, a one-storey building was erected on Mill Street adjoining the C.N.R. tracks. Here three young men with a knowledge of Thermo-plastic extrusion and one extruder started Micro Plastics Limited. Today there are 10 extruders in constant operation.

From the one building two extensions have been added and 24,000 square feet of floor space are utilized. All of the land in that district now is built upon and another 14 acres was bought in Acton. Micro Plastics is the largest of its kind in Canada in general extrusion. There are 65 employees.

The company was the first in Canada to make plastic pipe and is

the largest Canadian producer. It was first in Canada to produce sheet plastic. Raw materials come in large part from Canada and the United States, but England is also a supplier for this industry. To list the products now made from plastic by extrusion would be lengthy but the Carlon pipe which has found so many advantages from mines to artificial ice arenas comes in endless loads and finds a market in many places.

Acton certainly has diversified industries and products. Officers of the company are J. H. Reid, president, A. R. Long, vice-president and N. L. Bowles, secretary-treasurer. New industries find Acton's proximity to the distribution centre of Canada a good place in which to get established.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

are to be found in Acton

THE FOR SALE SIGN IS UP IN ACTON, THE COMMODITY IS "OPPORTUNITY" AND THE PRICE IS ONLY YOUR INTEREST!

IF YOU, AS A BUSINESSMAN OR HOMEMAKER HAVE AN EYE OPEN FOR FRESH OPPORTUNITY THROUGH EXPANSION, RELOCATION OR DEVELOPMENT, LOOK TO ACTON WHERE CITIZENS WORK HAND IN HAND WITH COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO MAKE THIS TOWN A FINER PLACE TO LIVE

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"A CENTRE OF PROGRESS"

**ACTON**  
**CHAMBER**  
OF  
**COMMERCE**

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