

## Acton's 1958 Councillors Appoint New Committees

The 1958 council appointed the following committees at the inaugural meeting on Monday, January 6.

**Streets, Lights, Garbage:** J. Greer, E. Footitt, W. McLeod, J. Hurst.

**Sewer and Water:** J. Goy, W. Wilson, E. Footitt, G. Barbeau, F. J. Stewart, J. Goy, J. Hurst and B. Rachlin.

**Industry:** W. Cook, J. Goy and G. Barbeau.

**Fire and Police:** W. Cook, J. Goy, E. Footitt and W. McLeod.

**Welfare:** E. Footitt, J. Greer, B. Rachlin and J. Hurst.

**Public Buildings:** W. McLeod, B. Rachlin and W. Cook.

**Court of Revision:** W. Wilson, W. McLeod, J. Greer, G. Barbeau and W. Cook.

**Administrative Committee:** J. Goy, J. Greer, W. Wilson, J. Goy.

The first name appearing on each committee is to act as chairman of that committee.

## Mayor Stresses Need of Two Year Term As '58 Council Holds Inaugural Meeting



ACTON'S FIRST BABY of the New Year is pictured with his mother, Mrs. Jeffery Robbins, 65 Rosford Terrace, Acton. Peter Jeffery, was born at 12:40 on January 1st at Guelph General Hospital. The Robbins family has one other son, Steven who is two years old.

"I think the time has arrived when the two year term for the council should be adopted," stated Mayor W. H. Cook during his address to the inaugural meeting of the 1958 Acton Council in the council chambers on Monday, January 6.

Following the administration of the oath of office to Reeve W. Wilson, Deputy Reeve J. Greer and Councillors G. Barbeau, J. Goy, W. J. McLeod, J. Hurst, B. D. Rachlin and E. Footitt, the Acton Municipal Association, represented by Rev. E. Jones and Rev. A. H. McKenzie, read a passage from the scriptures and led in a short prayer.

During his address, the Mayor stated this year would be a hard and contentious one and with approximately only five working months in the council year, he asked council to carefully consider a two-year term for the next election.

The Mayor also noted the necessity of employing a full time engineer in the town of Acton and outlined the need of a governing body to control the town employees' duties by setting up a personnel administration committee.

Mr. Cook strongly urged the new council to place the Sewer and Water Departments under the town council's control.

Following a brief adjournment, the 1958 council settled down to the business at hand and the following motions were approved and passed:

- Reeve Wilson be empowered to act on behalf of the Mayor in his absence.
- The Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to advance the Acton Public School Board and the North-Hatton High School Board requisitioned sums not exceeding their estimates during 1958.
- The Mayor, Reeve and Clerk-Treasurer were authorized to sign documents on behalf of the town.
- Council authorized the renewal of tax licenses to Reliable Taxi and Heerman's Taxi.
- E. Footitt was appointed to the Acton Citizens' Band committee.
- The Mayor and Treasurer were authorized to pay the salaries to the town assessor and town clerkman and to check weekly pay cheques to the town employees.
- Council authorized the change in meeting nights to the 1st and third Monday of the month.
- An indigent patient account amounting to \$118.25 was ordered paid.
- The monthly post-mortem account was authorized for payment.
- G. Barbeau was appointed as council member to the Planning Board for 1958 with Mayor W. Cook ex-officio.
- The clerk was authorized to have 100 cards printed showing the committee appointments.
- Council, on a recorded vote, authorized the borrowing of up to \$120,000 to meet current expenses and pay debentures falling due before the taxes are collected.
- It was resolved to have an administration committee meet with the Public Utilities Commission to discuss the operations of the utilities office.
- F. J. Sait, chairman of the Acton Planning Board, presented with suggested recommendations for three appointments to the board.
- The Planning Board had recommended W. Matlocks for a two year period, E. G. Tyler for a three year period and M. Evans for a one year period.
- Council adjourned to meet as a committee as a whole to discuss the matter. Reeve W. Wilson suggested A. Needham had been approached and was willing to serve on the planning board.
- Following a discussion regarding M. Evans and A. Needham, councillor B. D. Rachlin pointed out he felt they were both good men who were willing to serve and they should be encouraged.
- Councillor J. Goy emphasized the importance of keeping the experience possible on the board and strongly recommended the council go along with the recommendation of the Planning Board but choose between the two new names brought forward for the third member.
- A motion was tabled to accept the recommendation of the board, to which an amendment was tabled reading that council appoint M. Evans for a one year term, W. Matlocks for a two year term and A. Needham for a three year term on the planning board.
- On a recorded vote, the amendment was lost with Councillor Rachlin voting in favor. Council accepted the recommendation of the planning board.
- Vic Masters, representing the Minor Sports Hockey League was present to request the arena Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening up to the hour of 9:30. Council granted the request.
- A letter from the building inspector requested the formation of a committee composed of the Mayor, chairman of the fire or building committee, fire chief and the building inspector, to have the power of enforcing all requirements in the existing fire and building by-laws.
- Council agreed the inspector

## Public School Board Holds Inaugural Meeting

Mr. C. W. Bradley was duly nominated and declared chairman for the ensuing year at the inaugural meeting of the Public School Board held on January 2.

Committees appointed were finance, J. W. Wolfe and T. E. Watson; property, M. C. Smith and C. R. Heard; supply, W. E. Matlocks. The chairman is an ex-officio member on all committees.

The secretary-treasurer, caretakers and attendance officers were appointed.

The regular meeting date and time for 1958 was established as the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. G. S. Adams and Mr. E. G. Tyler were appointed members of Acton Free Library Board.

The secretary was directed to acknowledge a letter from the Y Club advising that the Robert Little school auditorium would be available, subject to the established fees and Board policy of no smoking and no decorations.

Ex-chairman J. W. Wolfe voiced his appreciation for having had the honor and privilege of serving as chairman of the Board for three years.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

## Earl Lambert Loses Fingers In Saw Mishap

Earl Lambert, 32 Brock street, Acton, had the misfortune to lose a portion of two fingers on his left hand, on Friday January 3, while working at J. B. McKenzies Lumber Mill.

While working on the rip saw, it is assumed his hand slipped and his fingers were nipped in the saw.

Rushed to Guelph General Hospital, it was found necessary to remove the tips of the centre two fingers at the first joint as they had been badly mangled.

## Acton Legion Branch Install New Officers

The installation of new officers of Branch 197 of the Canadian Legion was held Monday, January 6 at the Legion auditorium. George Muscille acted as chairman and the following officers were installed for 1958.

President, Hamilton Peal; first vice-president, Herbert Woods; second vice-president, Albert Irwin and sergeant-at-arms, Jim Maine.

Other members of the executive taking office were: poppy fund, Hugh O'Rourke; minor sports, Gordon James; membership chairman, C. Lindsay; news chairman, E. H. Storey; public relations, V. E. Patrick; canteen chairman, Gordon Beatty; sick and welfare, Charles Shullis; entertainment, Jimmie Higgins; sports, George Hall; building, Herb Cook; Padre, Rev. E. Jones.

Two new members, Roy Butler and Robert Lazenby, were installed.

Secretary Gordon McCutcheon reported the new trophy case donated to the M. Z. Bennett public school by the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary had been installed and the trophy for the best academic student would be ready in time for the opening ceremony.

It was pointed out to the members a bowling tournament would be held in Milton next week and members interested in attending were asked to submit their names.

It was decided to supply crests to be put on Minor Sports sweaters.

## Police Recover Goods Obtained by Forger

Corporal R. Mason reports the operation of a check forger in Acton on December 23.

Police report a man making purchases from two local hardware stores had secured goods by issuing forged checks larger than the purchase amount and receiving the balance in cash.

Corporal Mason disclosed checks had been issued for \$30 and \$20.

On January 7, Corporal Mason received word that two parcels had been left at Thompson Motors prior to Christmas and the owner had not returned to procure them.

Upon investigation, the police chief discovered the parcels to be the purchase made by the check forger at Symon's hardware.

After identification was made by the store owner, the goods were returned to the rightful owner.

Police are continuing investigation of the incident.

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## Greenock W.I. Ladies Tour Printing Plant

Greenock Women's Institute, toured the plant of the Acton Free Press on Wednesday afternoon, to view the operation of the local plant.

O. A. Dills, editor-in-chief of the Dills Printing and Publishing Company, conducted the ladies on the tour, explaining the various machines and their purpose.

The ladies expressed amazement at the operation of a newspaper plant and the work involved in publishing a weekly newspaper.

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## Gone Forever

### Old Year Slips by Quietly During Holiday Celebration

1957 arrived in Acton with the traditional horn blowing and celebrating in various sections of town but fortunately without an accident to mar the festivities of the holiday season.

On the last day of the old year, twin sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Martin of 173 Rosford Terrace. The babies were born at Guelph General Hospital and weighed in at six and six and a half pounds.

Acton's first-baby of the New Year was Peter Jeffery Robbins, born at 12:40 a.m., January 1, at Guelph General Hospital. His proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Robbins, 65 Rosford Terrace, Acton.

Some 400 people enjoyed a New Year's Eve frolic at the Acton Legion, auditorium, and danced to the music of Doris Hull and her orchestra. Paper hats, balloons, and novelties were distributed to the huge crowd, who used them to usher in the New Year.

For some, TV was the medium of enjoying the activities of the old and new year, by watching the thousands of people crowding Times Square in New York, on their local programs.

With the although disappearing at not having a fill of snow at Christmas to try out their new sleds and skis, were presented with a fresh fall of snow New Year's Day to put their winter equipment into use.

The fathers and no doubt, some of the mothers spent New Year's Day watching the Rose Bowl or the Orange Bowl football games on television.

Outside of the few still suffering from an acute case of indigestion or heartburn from picking on the remains of the rich food indulged in over the holiday season, things have settled back to normal after the holiday season.

With the entering of the new year, let it be one that is peaceful, prosperous and happy.

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CONSTABLE BUD BUCKWALD O.P.P. who was recently transferred from the Dundas detachment to Acton. The above constable comes to Acton not as an entire stranger having served in Georgetown with the O.P.P. detachment there for some time. The new officer replaces Constable J. Justason, who was transferred to the Sabringville Detachment.

## P.U.C. Holds Inaugural Meeting Discuss Trial Sewage Treatment

Following the oath of office given by Mayor W. Cook and Commissioners E. Footitt and F. G. Oakes, Acton Public Utilities Commission held their inaugural meeting on Thursday, January 2nd at the Utilities office.

J. J. Stewart was appointed chairman of the Commission for the year with Dr. F. G. Oakes as vice-chairman, R. E. Swell and F. G. Oakes were appointed to the finance committee and C. Lindsay and W. Cook to the property committee, the first appointed acting as chairman. J. J. Stewart, chairman, was to act ex-officio on both committees.

The chairman and clerk-treasurer were authorized to sign checks, with the vice-chairman acting in the absence of the chairman.

Mayor W. Cook asked for reasons why the commission had ordered the town office closed on Saturday morning in order that he would have a thorough understanding of the reasons if questioned at the council meetings.

Chairman J. J. Stewart reviewed the closing was the result of a survey taken over a two month period when it was found there were never over five calls on a Saturday morning.

Mr. Cook asked why council was not approached as they pay 50 per cent of the costs and was informed by the chairman the utilities commission set the policy with regard to the office.

Following the sewage superintendent's report, a discussion was held regarding the trial basis of handling sewage from Beardmore and Company in the present plant. Apparently a request had been made from the company to handle sewage not having a higher B.O.D. count than sewage presently entering the plant.

The commission was to receive a report from K. Hyde, engineer of R. V. Anderson and Associates, as to the plant efficiency in handling the effluent and from Beardmore's, a daily report on the B.O.D. content of the sewage entering the sewage plant.

Commissioners expressed concern when notified neither report had been received.

A study of the minutes reveals that the only previous mention of the plan of accepting Beardmore sewage was at a special meeting held on the afternoon of the 19th meeting on December 19. No agreement, discussion or other information has been revealed. Extracts of the special meeting are as follows:

"K. Hyde and G. Henry of R. V. Anderson and Associates, present and Mr. Hyde explained to the commission the present hook-up of the Beardmore sewage.

"The operation has been continuing for approximately one month, with a total flow during that time of 1,379,000 gallons. It was found necessary to reduce the daily flow to approximately 40,000 gallons as it was interfering with the dissolved oxygen in the plant.

"The flow is taken into the plant between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. and Superintendent A. Duby has been putting in approximately three hours each night running tests.

"A report on the B.O.D. of the sewage has not been provided to the engineer very regularly and the matter was to be brought to the attention of the Commission as soon as a written report is received from the engineer.

"In the report of the O.W.R.C. on the operation of the sewage plant, figures indicated the analysis of the final effluent was 20 per cent in November had fallen to 15 per cent, on December 2.

"Commissioner F. G. Oakes asked if services were installed at the Pentecostal church on the third line and was informed they had.

"The commissioner asked if anything had appeared in the minutes of the Planning Board or Council with regard to an agreement with E. Braids regarding the installation of street lights in his subdivision and the secretary-treasurer replied nothing had appeared in either minutes.

## Hydro Accounts

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Petty cash          | 531.20    |
| Burroughs Ltd       | 355.50    |
| Westinghouse Supply | 21.84     |
| Wm. Knell and Co    | 6.12      |
| H.E.P.C. of Ont.    | 11502.14  |
| J. K. Johnstone     | 31.85     |
| Packard Electric    | 61.10     |
|                     | 12,029.75 |

## Waterworks Accounts

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| M. Cook                  | 3.00       |
| Canada Valve and Hydrant | 302.12     |
| Canadian Brass           | 52.62      |
| Acton P.U.C. Hydro       | 3902.30    |
|                          | \$3,750.04 |

## Sewer Accounts

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|------------------------|--------|
| Sanfax Co              | 192.50 |
| Construction Machinery | 33.83  |
| Roy's Electric         | 2.50   |
|                        | 231.83 |

## Mayor W. Cook Addresses 1958 Council Makes Suggestions for Consideration

The following speech was delivered by Mayor Walter Cook at the inaugural meeting of Acton Council, January 6, in the council chambers:

Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to welcome you as the elected Council by the general public for this year, and as I have no intention of wasting time with a long, drawn out speech, I will get down to business right away.

As I have stated previously, this year will be a very hard and contentious one even to an experienced council body such as yours, and as there are only about ten working months in a council year, I think the time has arrived when the two-year term for the council should be adopted, and I ask you to carefully consider this for the next election.

Recent events have definitely shown that the Councils of the past have had no administration whatsoever over their own agents and I, therefore, strongly urge that body to rectify this state of affairs by taking the necessary action to place the town's Water and Sewer Department under the town council's control where they rightfully belong. I consider this action alone will save the town thousands of dollars per year.

In keeping with the administration, I am of the opinion that there must be made facilities by this council to ensure to town employees the duties required and to whom they are responsible, and it is necessary therefore that a committee of council be set up as Personnel Administration Committee. The town should seriously consider the need for their own Engineer, fully qualified, to enable the release from a firm of consultant engineers who over the past few years have been paid thousands of dollars for part-time service to the town, when an engineer employed by the town would be available 100 per cent of the time at considerably less money.

Also to consider for this year would be the complete water and sewer system of the town and how it is carried to the various areas—size of pipe—what valving requires are necessary to isolate the minimum areas in case of damage to pipe lines—map showing all necessary data and up to date, etc. This should be a mandatory thought considering the amount of money that has been spent over the last few years on sewers and water, and yet no one can tell us anything in the form of a layout of our system.

The water project along the Third Line North with the necessary for a reservoir, should be carefully studied by the council, for we must ensure that we have an adequate water supply for homes, industry, fire protection and the future development and expansion of our town.

This year you will be asked to consider for approval a by-law to permit the installation of an industrial sewerage treatment plant, and should permission be granted by the respective bodies concerned, then I strongly recommend for your consideration the facilities available to the town by the O.W.R.C. and to use this body to handle the project on our behalf. A copy of the O.W.R.C. Act 1957 is available for study from the town clerk.

This year the Finance Committee has a task before it that is greater than any of its predecessors. I know, as we all do, that the financial position of the town is not a good one at present, but it is not as bad as some might wish to believe and we must not close down the shutters on spending for necessities, because to do that means we might as well build a stockpile around our town and not walk inside. Remember, our NEEDS we must have—it is the WANTS we can do without.

By the same token, we all must be very wise in how we spend the taxpayers' hard earned dollars to get the best of value for our needs. As the cost of living has increased to an all time high in the past year, prices of goods, materials and labor has increased accordingly, thereby giving no alternative to your finance committee than to be extra cautious as they peruse your budgets, and it will be no reflection on the ability of these men if they have to return to this chamber to inform council later this year that the mill rate must be increased if we are to pay our debts and build for the future \$50,000 extra has to be found this year for debentures alone from last year.

The Industrial Committee will be looking to the future, as they enter the most competitive field in municipal life in Canada today, that of locating and settling new industries in our town. This committee, even as they concern themselves with that part of their duty, must also remember the local industries at present located here, as that amicable relationship may exist at all times. This could be Acton's best industrial year.

Money has been spent on the roads around the newer parts of town and that money was washed away because of a bad drainage problem that is existent mainly in the new subdivisions. To save any further money going down the drain, this problem must be remedied and then curbs and good roads must follow if we are to prosper.

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ACTON'S 1958 COUNCIL is pictured during their inaugural meeting on Monday, January 6th, at the Council Chambers. Shows front row left to right are: Councillor G. V. Barbeau, Reeve, W. S. Wilson, Mayor W. H. Cook, Deputy Reeve, J. M. Greer and Councillor, J. Goy. Back row left to right: Clerk J. McGaschie, Councillors, W. J. McLeod, J. T. Hurst, E. Footitt and B. D. Rachlin.