

Acton Residential Tax Rate Rises 1.8 Mills To 62

Budget \$19,990 Deficit Set Commercial Rate 66

Acton Council Tuesday night accepted the recommendation of the finance committee and established the 1958 tax rate at 62 mills for residential and 66 mills for commercial, as compared with last year's rate of 60.3 and 64.

This year's budget includes first payment of \$50,500 on the half-million dollars of debentures sold last year and fixed costs make up about 51 mills of the total rate, Reeve W. Wilson explained in presenting the budget.

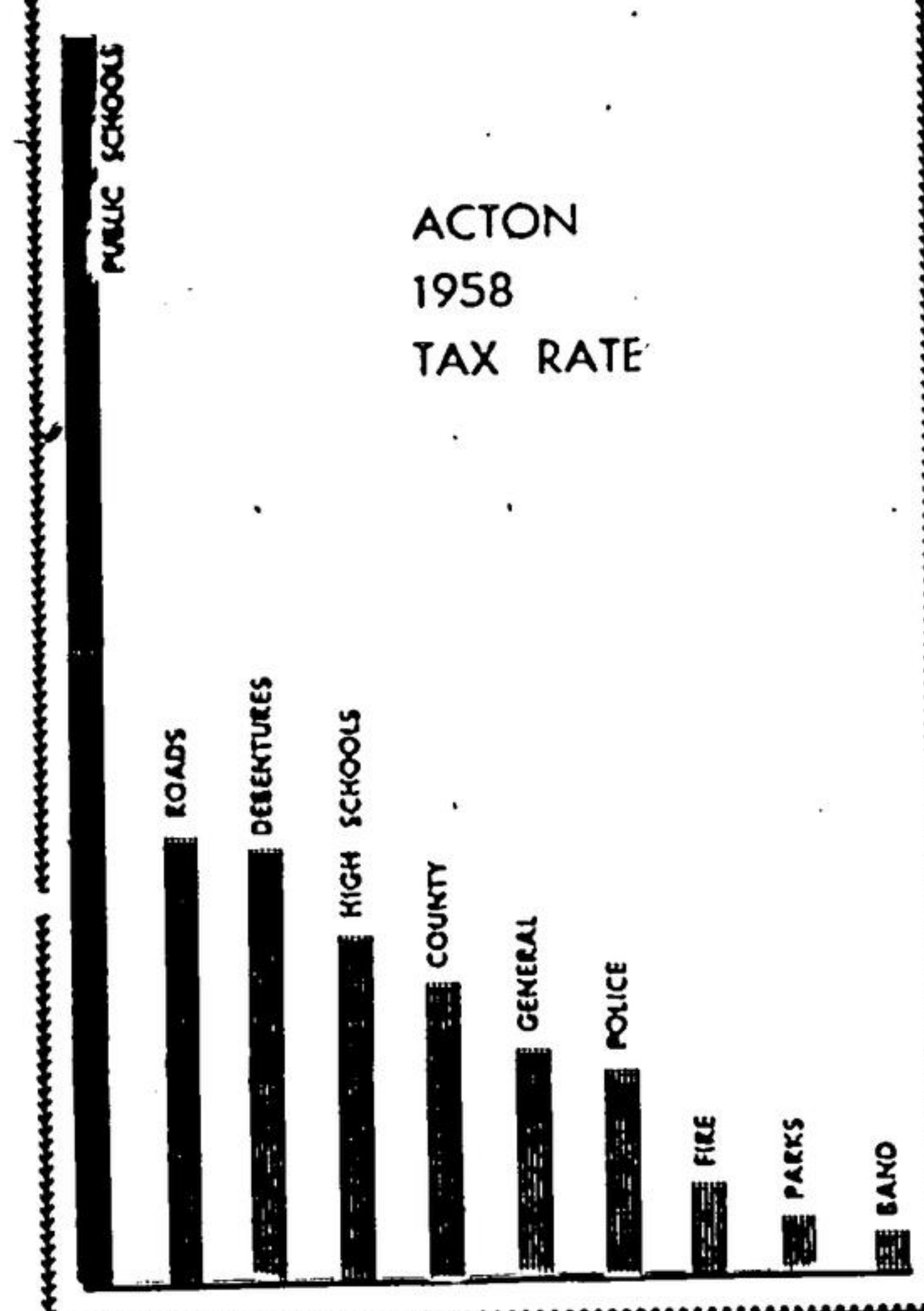
Of the \$431,546 budget, \$319,990 will be raised by taxation. The 62 mill residential rate will raise \$140,333.33, while the 66 commercial rate will raise \$107,646.11.

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Budget Discussion
During the discussion of the 1958 budget for the town of Acton prior to setting the mill rate, council members reviewed, pared, added and argued over the proposed

Pass Budget
Voting to accept the committee recommendation of 62 and 66 mills were Reeve W. Wilson, Deputy Reeve J. Greer, Councillors Kenneth Barbeau and Guy, with Council



committee budgets for the coming year.

Reeve W. Wilson, chairman of the finance committee, in presenting the budget, pointed out it represented many hours of work by his committee in its preparation. He pointed out that based on a 62 mill rate as recommended, it represented a form of deficit budgeting, as it did not cover the \$19,990 representing the purchase of land by the town from J. J. Stewart during the H. K. Porter negotiations.

Council discussed the deficit of the stated amount and pointed out that payment of the purchase had to be taken out of current revenue as the delay in application to the Ontario Municipal Board had resulted in refusal to allow a debenture loan.

Councillor J. Hurst suggested raising the rate one mill to avoid adding to the deficit.

Reviews Origin
Mayor W. Cook reviewed the history of the \$19,990, stating that last year's council would have realized a surplus of \$5,000 if they had not purchased a portion of the land from J. J. Stewart for a road giving access to the new industrial site and a future water site.

It was the hope of the 1957 council to pay for this out of current revenue, added the mayor, and explained further how, when the 1958 council had agreed to issue debentures for the amount rather than burden the taxpayers, the O.M.B. had refused them.

Parks Board
In reviewing the proposed budget of the Parks Board, chairman Reeve Wilson pointed out they had asked for 1 1/2 mills but the finance committee agreed to allow 1 mill.

Councillor J. Hurst commended the Parks Board on the excellent work they were doing in the town, but asked council to give consideration to cutting their budget further in order to give preference to the road projects.

Needs or Wants
Councillor G. Barbeau explained the Parks Board did not intend to beautify the park but provide necessities only, and Mr. Hurst enquired if the necessity was as great as road and sewer projects. He added the need for spending money on the road projects was greater than the committee had anticipated and asked which was the greater need.

Mr. Barbeau told council the plans for the erection of a building to accommodate change stations and toilets, at a cost of approximately \$10,000, were those originally drawn up at the time of

Mayor W. Cook 1958 Chairman Of Urban Board

Mayor W. H. Cook of Acton was appointed chairman of the North Halton Urban Board at the year's first meeting of the Board in the Acton Council Chambers on Wednesday evening.

Also appointed was J. Hurst of Acton as vice-chairman and J. McGeachie as secretary-treasurer.

The secretary-treasurer informed the board of a proposal by the Provincial Government to extend the municipal franchise, stating the amendment had already been given the first reading. Mr. McGeachie explained the purpose behind the proposal was to grant a vote to everyone over 21 who is a British subject even though they rented or owned.

It was stated to members the franchise would not effect individual municipalities unless approved by a plebiscite.

Councillor B. Rachlin, of Acton, inquired who was behind the move and Mayor John Armstrong from Georgetown informed him of a group known as the Business Women's Organization who believed everyone over 21 interested in municipal affairs should be allowed a vote.

The Board agreed to have an approximate percentage of such persons affected by the franchise in each municipality prepared for the next meeting for discussion.

The proposal of each municipality changing over their assessing system to the D.M.A. manual was discussed and Mayor Armstrong informed the other members Georgetown was not interested in changing to this system until it became mandatory.

The Georgetown Mayor stated if a change was to be made it would take at least two years before completed.

Councillor J. Hurst, of Acton, told board members it seemed foolish to jump into something whereby the municipality would get less revenue.

Board members agreed that each municipality would be in a mess for the transition period, which would take at least two years.

Mr. Armstrong asked members to give consideration to operating the North Halton High School Board as three separate boards. He explained it was getting to be quite a large sized board with approximately 16 members.

He stated that at a recent meeting it was noted by him that individual municipalities representatives appeared to have separate demands pertaining to each community and noted in his opinion it would seem more practicable and desirable to have individual boards.

Mr. McGeachie enquired if he had gone into financing three separate boards. The Mayor informed him the financial position would not change from present arrangements.

It was pointed out the procedure seemed to be ridiculous as each community's representatives on the N.H.S.B. had their individual wants.

Deputy Reeve J. Greer of Acton asked Mr. Armstrong if he felt the Board was too large and was told yes as it was assumed each representative was looking after their own interests.

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Halton Voters Return "Sandy" 34,349 Vote in Record 79% Poll



SMILING AFTER THEIR VICTORY are Conservative campaign managers with "Sandy" Best M.P., who was elected in Acton by a majority of 307 votes on Monday night. A motored crowd of Acton supporters gathered at the committee room here to greet Mr. Best.

Rolling up a plurality of 11,013 votes, Charles Alexander "Sandy" Best of Georgetown won Halton's federal seat at Ottawa on Monday with one of the biggest majority victories witnessed in the county. The 79 per cent vote saw the Progressive Conservative candidate poll 29,937 votes compared to 9,924 received by Liberal standard bearer Ken Dick of Milton. Jack Henry, the C.C.F. candidate, received 3,488.

Halton P.C.'s young rock star manufacturer, now 28 years old, led the county vote in all but three polls. Liberal Dick beat him in one poll each in Milton, Esquimaux and Trafalgar. The two leading candidates tied for votes with 183 each in one Burlington polling station. C.C.F. candidate Henry lost Halton's Liberal support in five polls and tied in another.

Mr. Best's majority over the combined Liberal and C.C.F. vote was 1,525. The result of the advance poll, when announced, was an indication of how the election was going. A run Best polled seven Dick one, and Henry no votes.

Of 41,667 eligible voters, 34,349 exercised their franchise as warm and sunny skies made it an ideal day for an election.

Following is the Halton voting by municipality:

	Best	Dick	Henry
Burlington	7,338	2,633	948
Jakville	2,716	1,060	508
Acton	957	644	234
Georgetown	17,229	1,216	371
Milton	1,029	980	171
Esquimaux	491	223	119
Georgetown	1,160	876	193
Trafalgar	4,934	2,042	887
Vaughanville	555	320	77
Advance Poll	7	1	0
Total	29,937	9,924	3,488

Whoopee It Up
Victorious Conservatives whooped it up when Sandy and his traveling motored reached town shortly after 8 p.m. He arrived at the committee room along with 50 faithful followers and was joined by Acton supporters with whom he chatted and shook hands.

After a brief stopover the motored joined by several Acton residents left for Milton and other points south in the county.

The speed with which election results came pouring into returning officer Alex Cooke's home, and the tremendous sweep of winning votes in nearly every riding, completely overwhelmed the local Conservative leaders. They even slipped up in arranging a pipe band to lead the gay procession from committee rooms to town hall, but the happy faces of followers who attended the celebration showed no concern for the lack of music.

Many Celebrations
The evening celebration in Acton was just one of many across Halton that night. Mr. Best learned early of his vast lead in votes while he was at his Georgetown home, and accompanied with his parents and brother Henry, he started the motored in Georgetown, then Acton, then on to Milton, and later off to Burlington and Oakville where the celebrations ended with a gala party at the home of Kelly New.

Mr. Best, who is 26, announced his engagement Monday evening to Miss Eileen Thompson of Toronto. Miss Thompson is formerly from Belfast, Ireland, and is assistant editor of the Presbyterian Record magazine.

Damage \$450 To Two Cars In Accident
Constable M. Harness of the local O.P.P. detachment investigated an accident at 130 Main Street Monday morning involving a car driven by J. R. Wilding of Michigan, U.S.A., and a parked car owned by Casper Pauk of Acton.

The constable reported the Wilding car was proceeding south on Main street when it struck the Pauk car parked at 61 Main St. N. driving it across the boulevard.

Police estimated damage to the Pauk vehicle at \$100 and to the Wilding car at approximately \$350. A careless driving charge was laid against Mr. Wilding by the investigating officer.

Many residents will be parading on Sunday with their new Easter bonnets and outfits, if the weather remains as springlike as it has been the past week.

Apprehend Thief
Constable Ray Mason of the local O.P.P. Detachment reported this week the juvenile responsible for the recent break-ins in private homes has been apprehended and is being dealt with by juvenile authorities.

Temper Flare
Temper flared and accusations flew at Acton Council Tuesday evening after setting the budget, when the Mayor introduced a letter to arrange a meeting of the Ontario Municipal Board regarding the industrial sewage treatment plant.

The result was the staging of an additional "air clearing" hour beyond the 11 p.m. curfew, when a motion was approved to continue the meeting until the air was cleared of the inferences and accusations.

Mayor Cook told council the Board would not tolerate any group meeting with them, but after explaining the seriousness of the situation, the chairman agreed to have a small committee present from the town.

After recommending a committee of the chairman of the sewer and water committee, finance committee, the clerk, the mayor and councillor Mr. Downey, the mayor was asked by Councillor B. Rachlin to be included on the committee.

The councillor told the mayor, "You are keeping me off the committee for reasons known best to yourself."

Mr. Cook heatedly replied, "I object I only gave a recommendation for a committee. If council says you go then you will go."

As tempers flared, the councillor replied, "You are doing me and the

people of Acton an injustice by not including me."

The two-way argument reached a higher pitch as charges and counter-charges flew.

After being informed he was disagreeing from the point on the table but could continue his discussion after conclusion of the present matter, Mr. Rachlin rose and started for the door, but given assurance the subjects he referred to could be discussed when the present subject was concluded, returned him to his seat.

A motion was tabled authorizing the recommendation of the mayor for the make-up of the committee. Councillor W. McLesell moved an amendment to include Mr. Rachlin on the committee.

At this time, the mayor completed perusing the letter from the O.M.B. and discovered it stated they would meet with council. Councillor J. Greer moved an amendment to the amendment to the motion that all council attend if they so desired. The final amendment was carried, authorizing all to attend.

Asked how many would be attending the meeting, the mayor discovered there would be only Mr. Rachlin and himself from council.

Immediately following the approval of the amendment, a fiery discussion between Councillor B. Rachlin and Mayor W. Cook continued and as the clock neared the hour of 11, Reeve W. Wilson suggested the meeting adjourn.

Councillor G. Barbeau, like most of the councillors a silent bystander, moved a motion for the debate to continue until the air was cleared in order to make it easier at future meetings.

Mr. Barbeau assured Councillor Rachlin he was not in favor of his inference of mistrust, but informed him others were just as interested in the disposal plant. He continued to remind his colleague the town was bound by a motion to which they must comply. A motion whereby the town approved the proposed disposal plant on the basis of certain conditions.

"I rarely dispute procedure, but I must dispute what has gone on here tonight," stated Mr. Barbeau.

A further discussion ensued between Mr. Rachlin and the mayor, during which time tempers again rose to the boiling point.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW CHAPLAIN is Rev. E. Jones left, shaking hands with his successor Rev. A. H. McKenzie, after his induction as Chaplain of the Acton Legion, on Saturday at the 27th Anniversary. Legion President H. Peal centre and Sgt.-at-Arms J. Milne, smile in approval of the new appointment.

OVER 150 ATTENDED the ninth annual Father and Son banquet at the Y.M.C.A. last Friday evening, sponsored by the Acton Y's Men's Club. Pictured front row left to right are: Randy Lidke, Donald Rogers, Kenneth Adams and Keith Dunk. Back row left to right: Ernest Berner of the Guelph Y, Mayor W. H. Cook, George E. Elliott Q.C., guest speaker and Mansell Nellis of the Y's Men's Club in Acton.

Police Issue Warning
Police received several complaints this week of boys using saws and arrows in town and Constable H. Mason of the local O.P.P. detachment issued warning that the use of these weapons in town is authorized only under the supervision of parents.

It was further noted by police that any law infraction incurred during their use would be the responsibility of the parents.

Police Investigate Recent Car Accident
Acton Police investigated an accident early Friday morning on Arthur Street when a car owned by A. Vary of Acton was involved in an accident with a car owned by L. Bulmer of Acton.

Investigation is still underway by Constable B. Mureau.