

### Council Retains

change stations at the park and told them other projects had been outlined for this year.

He reviewed that a tender had been accepted for the new building in the park and it was expected to be completed within a month.

After a review of various figures pertaining to the new structure for the park and several other projects, it was possible to postpone some of the projects until next year in order to manage on their budget this year and still build the change stations.

Mr. Barbeau acknowledged agreement with the suggestion but pointed out he could not answer for the parks board.

Upon the suggestion to defer for the new building, councillor Barbeau, who is also chairman of the parks board, insisted it would be paid this year.

Councillor J. Guy entered the picture and informed Mr. Barbeau it was a capital expenditure and the people's money should not be asked to pay for what everyone else had to pay for.

Mr. Guy remarked, "You're in a tough position as a councillor and P.B. Chairman. I suggest if it won't go along with the budget they defer it."

Following the discussion Mayor W. Cook reported that the finance committee had gone out with authority in mind and were providing for needs not wanted. He suggested Mr. Barbeau take the report back to the parks board and explain the reasons for the cut. This is going to be an advisory year. It was expected for the finance committee to raise the "rate" as they have in the past. They have cut into the bone. Their main concern has been the town.

The mayor was instructed to send a letter to the Acton Fire Department congratulating them on the fine opening of the new fire hall.

The Church road water account was approved for the amount of \$2,192.70.

**Delegation Present**

A delegation of seven residents from Lakeshore subdivision was present to voice objection to the town considering renting or selling town property to homeowners from lot 130 to 127 in the Lakeshore subdivision.

At previous council meeting ratepayers had been present to ask council consideration to renting or selling town property at the rear of their houses. This land in question borders Fairy Lake and was considered a possibility for park land.

It was noted by a letter submitted by A. D. Jeffries, on behalf of 23 Lakeshore homeowners, the first indication of this request was noted in a council report of the Acton Free Press.

It was also pointed out that K. Hardman spokesman for the homeowners wishing to purchase the property had indicated a weed nuisance on the land as one reason for the purchase.

**Real Reason**

Mr. Jeffries' letter informed council the real reason in his estimation was to keep the children off the lot and stated the owners could do so by putting up a fence on their own property.

Mr. Greer told council they should hear both parties.

J. Kaufman, present with the delegation, informed council that the people in question had no more right to that property than anyone else in town, adding "I would like to buy it myself."

Mrs. Jeffries told council the reason the petition had come about was because they'd different ratepayers had been told the property had nothing to do with them and to keep off. She also informed council her husband, son and herself had been given abusive language when crossing over this town property to fish.

Council instructed the clerk to prepare the necessary by-law to dedicate this land as a park and turn it over to the Parks Board.

**Band's Grand**

P. Caddick, B. Foyers and J. Calder were present representing the Acton Pipe Band, and requested information on how their band could obtain a grant from the town.

Councillor Guy requested the history of the pipe band, and was informed by Mr. Caddick there were 7 boys outfitted with pipes, and remarked two boys owned their own, one set belonged to the band, and the rest borrowed.

It was also pointed out side drums had been purchased by the band. Mr. Caddick pointed out there were about 30 boys taking lessons at present.

Councillor Barbeau asked if there was any affiliation with Acton Citizens' Band and was informed none. Mr. Greer asked what the connection was with the Guelph Band and was told by Mr. Caddick he was a member himself of the Guelph Pipe Band and through this connection had managed to borrow pipes.

**Band Represented**

Mayor Cook informed the spokesman for the delegation there was a band representative sitting on council and asked if he had been approached for information. Mr. Caddick replied he had no knowledge of a representative on council.

Reeve Wilson interjected as a member of the Junior Pipe Band executive and informed council he had approached Mr. Foytitz, who is band representative about an amount requested. Mr. Foytitz replied he had mentioned this to the Acton Citizens' Band.

### PERSONALS

G. A. Canale, formerly of Acton, has been appointed assistant treasurer of the Canada State Company.

Linda Parker, who recently underwent a delicate heart operation at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, is progressing favorably.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Krupick and Jimmie attended the wedding of their cousin Miss Marion McIlroy to Mr. J. H. Hornick at Bond Head on Saturday.

Mrs. G. Somerville and Mrs. R. Spuehnel attended the Provincial I.O.D.E. Convention in Hamilton last Wednesday and Thursday, April 9-10 as delegates of the Lakeshore Chapter.

Visitors last Thursday with Mr. David Hutchison were his cousins, Mr. J. Moffatt and Miss Ethel Hutchison from Saskatchewan, Mrs. H. Morgan from Toronto and Mrs. Lucius from Milton.

Many folk in Acton will be pleased to learn that little Ann Elizabeth Derrol, daughter of Wilfred and Joyce Derrol (nee Deserroult) of Burlington is progressing splendidly following a delicate operation at Sick Children's Hospital last Friday.

At the annual meeting of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston W.M.S. and W.D. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada held in Calvin Church in Toronto, April 15, 16 and 17, Miss H. Moore was re-elected children's work secretary.

### Elect New Officers For Greenock W.I.

The annual meeting of Greenock Women's Institute was held on Wednesday evening, April 16 at the home of Miss J. E. Peaton. Officers were elected for the coming year.

President, Mrs. Calvin Atken; first vice-president, Mrs. Chester Allan; second vice-president, Mrs. Thomas Hemmley; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ralph McKinnon; assistant secretary-treasurer, Miss E. Peaton; district director, Mrs. M. J. Patterson; alternate director, Miss E. Peaton; press reporter, Mrs. Wm. Butler; assistant auditor, Mrs. Wm. Butler; auditors, Miss J. L. Allan, Miss J. P. Dunne; flower and card committee, Mrs. A. Thompson, Mrs. T. Hemmley, Miss E. Peaton; pianist, Mrs. Frank Thompson; home economics and health, Mrs. Wm. Butler; Mrs. C. Allan; catering and decoration, Mrs. Wm. Johnston; Mrs. J. Near; agriculture and Canadian industry, Mrs. E. Patterson; Mrs. Trzysnauer; historical and current events, Miss E. Peaton; Mrs. E. Johnston; temperance, Mrs. T. Hemmley; Mrs. Wm. Ballentine; courtesy convener, Mrs. E. Patterson.

Miss Nancy Atken, who had just completed the homemaking unit "Clothes Closets up to Date" gave a very interesting talk and demonstration. She had a model clothes closet with covered hangers, a shoulder for dresses, hat stands, laundry bag, shoe rack, shoe trees and trinket boxes. These items had all been made by every member of the club. Nancy showed members her record book that contained a record of all meetings held, and new skills learned. Her club leader, Mrs. C. Wallace, was also present and explained to the group how the Rock-a-long Institute have been conducting their club girl projects and assisted Nancy in her demonstration.

Councillor J. Hurst remarked, "It's too bad having the chairman of the finance committee on the pipe band executive that nothing was mentioned to the finance committee."

Councillor J. Guy stated "We're evading the issue, the by-law states band or bands."

Council was informed by Mr. Caddick the list of needs to make the band presentable would amount to approximately \$300, and councillor Guy remarked "There's quite a difference between the cost of uniforms for the two bands."

Mr. Foytitz, representative on council for the band, asked if the president of the Acton Citizens' Band should speak and the mayor replied, "Their budget speaks for itself."

The board agreed to go and view the situation on this property.

Mayor Cook suggested a committee review and meet with band representatives and bring back recommendations to council.

Councillor Guy informed the mayor "I'll go along with anything, the by-law is laid down in black and white, read it."

At this point the by-law reached the hands of the mayor but before he read it aloud to council it was agreed committee from council meet with representatives of both bands on Monday, April 28.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Welfare Accounts	\$ 317.01
Roads Accounts	1,974.98
Fire Accounts	180.61
Police Accounts	135.50
Administ. & Finance	807.79
Public Buildings	75.31

## Defer Judgment on New Rate System New Billing Machine to Cost \$8,000

Judgment was withheld on the proposed new four block rate structure for the Acton consumption of the Public Utilities Commission until after a special meeting, when the commission met on Thursday, April 17.

A letter from the H.E.P.C. of Ontario with suggested consumption rates for the proposed system in form of the P.U.C. it was impossible to produce a rate structure whereby all consumers would have a decrease in rates and still have the commission with an operating surplus.

### Board Accepts

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was because the finance committee knew it was a by-law that they were voting on.

Reeve Wilson replied, "Yes," and Mr. Barbeau answered, "Because you didn't know it was law, the parks board is taking the law."

After learning that Mr. Barbeau had voted for the final reading of the budget to law at the Municipal council meeting, and assured it was done conditionally, the motion previously removed was returned by the sponsor and a vote was taken.

Parks board agreed unanimously to accept the recommendation of the finance committee.

In the middle of the budget discussion, three ratepayers from Lakeshore subdivision entered the meeting and were asked by chairman Barbeau if they had anything to say.

When informed they were only present to hear discussion on the land at the rear of their property, they were allowed to speak. One particularly wanted to buy it but if he did, he wanted to express credit to it.

Present from Lakeshore were A. Johnson, K. Hardman, B. Robout and J. Carpenter.

Mr. Hardman informed members of the commission at the rear of his property bordering Fairy Lake and stated he would fix the land up if he could buy or rent it. "I don't particularly want to buy it but if I do, I want to express credit to it," he stated.

Mr. Barbeau informed the delegation the board didn't have the power to rent as in his opinion, it would be depriving the other residents in the area of enjoying the use of the property.

It was suggested by the board to have all the residents in the Lakeshore subdivision work together in cleaning the land up to make it more presentable.

Mr. Johnson agreed to go along with the idea but talked of allowing anyone entering the park had through his property.

It was established by the four ratepayers there was no road access to this property, and the town of well park land. They would conduct a major project to provide a road.

It was suggested by the delegation the parks board would do nothing to clean up the property for at least five years and therefore the residents would have the opportunity to clean the land up.

Mr. Hardman stated that things had gotten out of hand and the place was in a mess. He remarked things have developed slowly since he had been living there. It was also pointed out that last year's council had more or less agreed to let the residents take the land over and look after it.

Mr. Johnson pointed out they were concerned about the weeds and felt the condition would probably exist for the next five years. The only reason they had asked to rent it was to create a beauty spot.

Mr. Tyler informed all present the land has been dedicated as park land and it is impossible to rent or sell park land. He also explained that if there was a reason and receding from the lake, the town or parks board would have to fix it up.

Mr. Hardman replied, "That is the first time I have had a straight answer," and Mr. Wilson remarked, "I would like to take exception to that remark."

Mr. Hardman explained by noting he had never been told before he could not buy the land.

The board agreed to go and view the situation on this property.

Secretary-treasurer J. McGeech explained to commissioners the present billing machine would be of no use if the new rate structure was to be adopted. He told members he had presented papers of a suitable type machine and found out the commission would have to spend \$8,000.

Mr. McGeech also informed members a trade-in allowance on the old machine of \$2,300 would be granted but advised against it as the cost of the old machine today was \$6,700.

He suggested that in the future if there was a split in town departments the old billing machine would be suitable for many jobs.

J. J. Stewart told members "We have been having a little too much surplus and felt we would give some to the consumer, but I don't realize it meant spending \$8,000 to do it."

Mr. McGeech informed the commission the new system would be installed in effect on the first of 1959.

The commission agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss costs involved in adopting the new four block rate system.

Minutes of a special meeting held on Saturday, April 5, discussed increases granted to some P.U.C. personnel.

The following increases were granted: J. Lambert, \$200 per year; A. Dohy, \$200 per year; and N. Hurst, \$100 per year.

A letter addressed to Superintendent D. Mason caused a mild flurry of opinions when the commission learned of an invitation to tour the Phillips Electrical plant on May 23-24 near the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The letter informed members reservations would be accepted for one member and Commissioner F. Oakes stated he wasn't much interested if only one member could go.

Mr. Cook replied, "You can get books about it. There are lots of people in Canada who will be in the same position."

Commissioner Oakes suggested they wait until an invitation was received when three or four could go rather than one person.

The letter was ordered filed.

The commission received a letter of resignation from John Palmer from the hydro department.

Following a discussion on what type of insurance should be hired the commission agreed to advertise for a class "B" linesman.

Hydro superintendent Mason was authorized to be reimbursed \$48.00 for his expenses to the safety school conducted in Hamilton recently.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Waterworks Accounts	\$ 925
Bell Telephone	113.52
Acton P.U.C. hydro	472.39
Acton Auto Body, repairs	19.03
Acton Free Press	25.00
Can. House Ltd.	47
Neptune Motors Ltd.	315.66

**Hydro Accounts**

Watsons Dairy Bar	4.45
Petty cash, exp. trans.	7.22
Bell Telephone	34.45
H. Palmer, cleaning	25.00
Acton Motors new truck	1000.00
Acton Motors	50.85
Grant's Motors	31.64
H.E.P.C., March	1117.11
Powerline Devices Ltd.	533.75
Line Cable Access	133.29
Burrroughs Ltd.	27.00
Can. House Ltd.	4.74
H. K. Porter Co., wire	513.98
H. G. Harlow Co.	2.11
Westinghouse Supply Co.	17.51
Apco of Can. Ltd.	24.00
W. H. Cunningham & Hill	8.69
Dept. Trade Commerce	40.13
Can. Linc. Materials Ltd.	21.4
J. R. Kearney Corp.	272.60

**Sewerage Accounts**

Bell Telephone	113.52
Acton P.U.C.	140.87
Acton Motors	150.11

**Grant's Motors** 78.39  
**Acton Woodcrafts** 1.25  
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