

\$150,000 School Addition Receives Council's Okay

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Mason's Claim Issue

The reeve stated, "We mustn't cloud this issue saying there will be ten rooms when there will be 12. If they are all erected by September are they going to be filled or are two going to be left vacant?"

The board chairman replied, "If I could look far enough into the future I could possibly answer your question."

Councillor Rachlin asked how many of the ten rooms would be put to use and was informed seven would be utilized immediately leaving three in reserve.

Mr. Rachlin enquired if the school board intended taking care of all operating costs for the year in their requisition from council or was there any danger of coming back to council for more money, to which Mr. Bradley replied, "We never have had to do this yet and hope that we never have to."

Councillor Lowe enquired if there was any possibility that people moving from town due to the Malton situation would affect the school attendance and school board trustee T. Watson informed him that Principal W. D. Elmer Smith had reported the M. Z. Bennett School had lost eight pupils but had gained an additional 16.

Mr. Lowe suggested it was usually work that brought people to town to live and Mr. Bradley informed him if the houses in Acton were still occupied by next September it would be too late for the board to consider a new school then.

Mr. Rachlin informed the delegation from the school board that it was a well known fact that negotiations were taking place for a building to consider 150 new homes in the Lakeview Subdivision although there was nothing definite on this to date.

Costs Up
Councillor F. Watts enquired if the board had any idea of the increased cost per unit if the new addition was delayed for a while and although nothing concrete was offered Mr. Bradley suggested this new addition would cost 10 per cent more than the M. Z. Bennett school.

Mayor W. Cook, in summing up the discussion, reminded council they were only concerned with three rooms which possibly might not be used in September but noted that in view of the building proposal there was a possibility these three rooms might be used.

In reviewing the Malton situation the mayor remarked, "I feel quite a number in town are sending children to school and also quite a number are looking for homes in Acton... although I am concerned with the Malton problem, I am also very much concerned about the education of the children for the present and the future."

"I don't think the Malton situation will affect the children attending school too greatly," the mayor remarked.

Before calling a vote on the motion Mr. Cook charged council, "There is a need for this addition and the school board has proven this and we should consider this situation very seriously."

When unanimous approval was given chairman Bradley remarked "Thank you very much, gentlemen. That's a big relief and a load off the minds of the school board."

Salary Increases
Council approved salary increases, retroactive to January 1, 1959, for assessor T. Jones amounting to \$150, assistant assessor, H. Perkins, \$100 and town foreman A. Kitchens, \$200. Town employees on an hourly rate were given a 10 cent increase and Nick Pilpoo received a 5 cent an hour increase.

All employees were also granted a day's pay for seven statutory holidays instead of the present five. Approval for pay increase retroactive from January 1 was given by Mrs. G. Wallis, \$117.84, Mrs. A. Urquhart, \$117.84 and Clerk J. McGrath, \$300.

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Support Campaign
Alex Johnson, president of the Acton Legion Minor Sports Committee, requested permission for Minor Sports to sponsor a program in the arena in Acton this Saturday night to raise funds for the assistance of the families affected by the recent tragedy at Listowel, when the arena roof collapsed.

Mr. Johnson explained that a program including hockey and broom ball had been planned and Saturday was the only possible night to hold the event.

He informed council that Minor Sports were prepared to forgo any night, tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday) to allow public skating.

Council endorsed the program as outlined by Mr. Johnson.

Owner Objects
A letter was received from F. Prouse, owner of a garage in town, objecting to a statement made by Mayor Cook at a recent council meeting, when he was asked by councillor Rachlin why one garage in town was doing the majority of town truck repairs.

The letter noted that according to the mayor's answer he had stated that the garage in question could do the work at the time it was requested and vehicles were not tied up.

Mr. Prouse reminded council that his garage has fully qualified mechanics and a complete service department available to do repairs at any time.

Held in Abeyance
Council agreed to hold in abeyance until later in the year applications for the position of male book-keeper for the town office.

It was explained that in view of the situation at Malton and the number of unemployed locally it might be wise to advertise locally only for this position.

During the committee chairman's reports, deputy-reeve J. M. Greer said his committee has not held any meetings recently but noted that his committee had spent their budget for snow and ice removal and hoped that the people would hear with his members on the conditions.

Councillor J. Hurst, chairman of the finance committee, requested committee chairman to forward their 1959 budgets to his committee prior to a meeting this week.

Mayor Cook, reporting on an administration meeting, informed council they had discussed salary increases for town employees, purchase of an addressograph for the town assessor, (which was left in abeyance), sale of town property at the rear of the present hydro building on Allen Street to the P.U.C. and also association memberships for the town.

Council also dealt with the following business:

- Approved a by-law to regulate stop signs and prohibit parking in certain areas.
- Approved a by-law for maintenance on roads and streets amounting to \$17,855.
- Accepted the recommendation of the road committee to engage R. V. Anderson and Associates to prepare plans for construction of a bridge to include road widening, raising of grades and a new dam on Mill Street South, opposite Lindsay's Flour Mill.
- Endorsed a resolution to change nomination day from Friday to Thursday and also alter election day from Monday to Tuesday.
- Requested the administration committee to consider a scheme whereby town employees might share in fringe benefits.
- Authorized the mayor and clerk to sign a contract with Ted Oakleaf Limited for the installation of a heating system at the Town Hall, at a cost of \$1,610.
- Agreed to erect warning signs at both approaches to the C.N.R. crossing on Main Street.
- Council were notified by letter that the rate of interest at the Bank of Montreal had been increased 1/4 per cent.
- Authorized payment of \$1,200 to the Oakville Humane Society for services rendered.

Objects to Conditions
A letter was received from the Acton Chamber of Commerce, objecting to the deplorable condition of the roads in Acton and parking facilities in the downtown area. The letter was turned over to the road committee for further action.

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years in the teaching profession in Acton. The resignation becomes effective in June.

Other Business
The board also:

- Approved a donation of \$25 to the North Halton Music Festival.
- Accepted an invitation to a zone meeting of the Ontario Public School Trustees' Association in Grandford on March 25.
- Received a letter from the Acton Night School Committee thanking the board for use of the Robert Little school auditorium for their annual display night.
- Heard a request by letter from the North Halton Music Festival, rural division for use of the Robert Little school auditorium on April 21.
- Was advised no delinquency occurred in February.
- An early adjournment of the board preceded an informal social with the teachers of both public schools in the auditorium. Refreshments were served by staff members. The board chairman was introduced by G. W. McKenzie and he thanked the principals and staff for this opportunity to meet them.
- Teachers were introduced individually to the board and then, to an accompaniment on the piano by Glenn Banks, moved musical chairs fashion from one table to another to become better acquainted.

Farmers Progressive Co-op Show Reveals
Farmers are proving through their farm co-ops that they can be as progressive in salesmanship and sales methods as their industrial and urban counterparts," says Charles S. Harris of Georgetown, manager of the Halton Co-operation Supplies Co-operative, who attended the trade show staged by the United Co-operatives of Ontario at Barrie last week.

"The Co-oporama '59, as the show is called, is the second show to be held in the last two years," continued Mr. Harris. The show is packed with sales tips and ideas for Co-op managers to use to build a stronger, more unified retail and wholesale farm supply co-operative program for their farmer-members and users."

EGG FLAVOR
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C.G.I.T. NEWS
The C.G.I.T. group of Knox Presbyterian Church met at the Sunday school on March 8. They reported their purpose and sang their hymn.

The business was conducted by Cheryl Price and Gertrude Kuhn. Linda Parker and Geraldine Calder led the worship service.

The meeting then closed with taps.

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Euchre, Dance Held At Crewson Corners

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Euchre, high man, Tom Shannon; high lady, Helen Yutman; low man, James Vickery; low lady, Mrs. Pauline Lazenby.

The door prize was won by Mrs. Len Cripps. Spot dance winners were Mrs. G. Fountain and D. Wilkman.

Spring Signs

The first flock of geese flying over Acton was reported by Bella-Maye Russell on Monday morning of this week.

NEEDS ADJUSTMENT
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