

Spectators Crowd Council Chambers As Pollution, Odor Comes Under Fire

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of the Ontario Water Resources Commission, accompanied by F. A. Voege of his department, informed the meeting he was present at the request of council and wanted to hear any discussion to see what the major offence was.

Dr. Berry pointed out that no one wanted to have an odor in the area where people must live. He stressed that the tannery odor was not injurious to health but certainly was objectionable.

The O.W.R.C. representative's statement was challenged by councillor H. Lowe who stated there had been several cases of nausea as a result of the odor.

Dr. Berry informed the council that he had not clarified his statement properly and meant to state that no diseases would be contracted by the odor, therefore causing illness.

Chief Locate Source
Dr. Berry pointed out that before the problem could be attacked technically it would have to be determined if the odor was being caused by the spraying, the lagoons or normal operation of the tannery.

The O.W.R.C. representative asked Mr. Parker what he thought the main source of odor was and the plant superintendent replied that he would have given a definite answer a month ago but today

Mr. Parker stated he thought perhaps it was caused from the spraying but pointed out the spraying had been shut down last week for about three and a half days and yet he noticed as strong an odor as he had at any time in the past seven or eight years.

Spraying Gets Blame
The meeting was told by Mr. Parker that the odor given off at the lagoons was not as strong as the odor he got around his home and explained there was no connection between the two odors.

He also stated that the operation within the plant was not the source of the odor complained of. Dr. Berry enquired if the spray irrigation was the main factor in the cause of the odor. Mr. Parker informed him that from the standpoint of the spray covering such a large area, he would have to say 'yes'.

The tannery superintendent advised the meeting his company had tried various chemicals to attempt to smother any odor within the ponds and also dilute any possible odor caused by spraying. He noted it was unfair to say this process had not been successful as they were still working on this method as well as others.

Hopeful Note
Dr. Berry informed the mayor and council that the important feature was the fact there was a real problem and the question was how to solve it. He noted that Beardmore had gone to a great deal of trouble to overcome the nuisance and also stated the O.W.R.C. was willing to co-operate fully.

"We run into odor in many places in the summer time, and must not be discouraged because it is not solved. Let's hope something successful can come out of this," stated the O.W.R.C. chief.

Mayor Cook informed council-

lurs at this point that any questions they had in mind could be directed to either Boardman representative or members of the O.W.R.C.

Reeve Clay led the discussion when he asked Mr. Parker what the cause of the odor was. He was informed the effluent was stored in the lagoons to collect the sediment and that spraying was necessary in the warm weather in order to leave the lagoons (also termed ponds) empty in order to store the effluent there throughout the winter months.

Spraying Increased
The Reeve enquired if there had been any increase in the spraying and was told there had been. Mr. Parker recalled the old system used in past years and brought the council up to date on present day methods.

Councillor H. Lowe asked Mr. Parker when the last day of spraying had been before it had been shut down for a few days. He was informed it was either Monday evening or Tuesday morning.

Mr. Lowe told the company representative that a delegation had appeared at council on the Tuesday evening and, odd as it seemed, the odor had stopped before they arrived.

"If the odor was coming from the lagoons, it could hardly stop and start as if someone was turning on and off a tap," emphasized Councillor Lowe.

Mr. Parker informed the councillor he had noticed a very pronounced odor at his home on the Thursday evening and the spraying had stopped two days prior.

Mr. Lowe informed him the odor seemed more pronounced at Glenlea and was told it was due mainly to the wind factor.

Process Essential
"If we don't spray, we may have to close the plant," remarked Mr. Parker.

Councillor Lowe enquired if Beardmore were willing to cease spraying for two or three weeks in order to determine whether the odor was being caused by the effluent stored in the lagoons or by the spraying.

The plant superintendent emphasized the importance of spraying in the summer months in order to have sufficient storage for the material in the lagoons during the winter months.

Mr. Parker stated it might be possible to stop spraying for a week but in the event it was a damp fall and spraying could not be carried out, the only answer he could give in the event the plant had to close down would be, "I tried an experiment."

Considerable Risk
Councillor Lowe admitted it would be a considerable risk to the people who worked at the plant but not for the other people who worked elsewhere but have to come home and live with the odor. He also stated there must be nearly half a million dollars in property value at the Glenlea subdivision.

He was reminded there was more than half a million dollars' value in the operation of the tannery, but informed Mr. Parker, "Yes, but the problem is yours, not the people's."

Paint Damage
Councillor B. D. Rachlin asked in what position Beardmore Co. was in regarding compensation for the home owners whose houses

Tie Series

Acton Downs, Milton-13-12 In Bantam Game Wednesday

Acton Bantams evened up the game standing in the Milton Bantam playoffs in Acton park on Wednesday evening when they came out behind on two occasions edged out the Milton team 13-12, before a large crowd of fans.

The Acton team after suffering a 15-5 defeat in Milton on Monday evening, came back like a bunch of veterans and overcame the one game lead by the Milton lads, in the dusky blackness of the evening.

In Johnson went the route on the mound for the winning team and came through in the clinches when the chips were down to lead his team to victory.

Home for the winning team

Mr. Parker was asked by councillor Lowe if, due to the close proximity of the spraying and the water supply at the spring, combined with the slope of the land, he felt that seepage may be contaminating the spring?

"I do not know," admitted the company representative as he explained the land sloped away from the spring rather than toward it.

Councillor Lowe asked Dr. Berry if the water at the spring had been analyzed recently and was informed it had been several times.

Mr. Lowe then enquired if there was any direct connection with the effluent from the plant and the contamination and was told, "We can't overlook this factor."

Councillor Rachlin told the O.W.R.C. representatives the south spring was a great loss to the town and enquired if the department had received a formal request from the town to investigate and determine the cause. He was told a request had been received.

Not Only Water Supply
"If it was the only other source of water supply to a town, the O.W.R.C. would move very quickly. Has this not been strong enough to further your investigations?" questioned Mr. Rachlin.

Milton Pee Wees Oust Acton From Playoffs

Acton Pee Wees climaxed their season's play in Milton Wednesday night when they lost the final game of the playoffs 12-7 in a fast moving Milton club.

The first of a two game series with the back town boys was lost in Acton Monday night by a 2-1 score. Naylor on the mound for Milton turned in nine strike-outs while Bruce Shultz, hurling for the locals, had five.

The game in Acton indicated a close series as both teams appeared to be evenly matched, but Wednesday night errors played havoc with the local brews and Milton stormed ahead early in the game and maintained their lead.

Danny Arbie handled the pitching for Acton and turned in a good performance but backing by his team mates was weak at times.

Hadley, moundman for the county towners, pitched steady ball, turning in seven strike-outs.

ROLL-ALONG
The powerful Swedish car, Volvo, gets its name from the first person angular, present tense, of the Latin verb volvere; it means 'I roll along'.

According to his reports, the chloride content in the water at the south spring had gone down in the months since the spraying is taking place but comes up in the winter months.

Mayor Cook thanked the representatives of the Beardmore Company and the O.W.R.C. for attending the meeting and informed council they had no other recourse but to wait the results of tests.

Pee Wees Play To 4-4 Tie Game

Acton and Georgetown Pee Wees teams battled to a 4-4 tie in the playoffs in Acton park on Friday, August 7, as a small crowd of spectators saw a head-up game of ball.

Harris on the mound for the locals and opposing pitcher Davidson from the paper town, battled in a pitching duel Harris gave up five hits, while Davidson allowed eight.

Davidson racked up 12 strike-outs while Harris bunched off three batters.

Hughie O'Rourke and Lloyd Maslin had the Acton team performing to perfection and the infield played air-tight ball, while fielders came through like veterans with some stellar catches.

Acton's runs came in the first, third, fourth and fifth innings, while Georgetown notched two in the second and two more in the sixth.

Line-ups for the game were:
Acton: J. Riddell, P. Bennett, B. Shultz, H. Holmes, D. Ford, C. Wedge, T. Quennell, D. Harris and G. Hulshel.

Georgetown: B. Dwyer, K. Robinson, R. Rustwood, W. Davidson, C. Kempstead, H. Donahue, M. Dwyer and S. Hall.

Here's one for the road!

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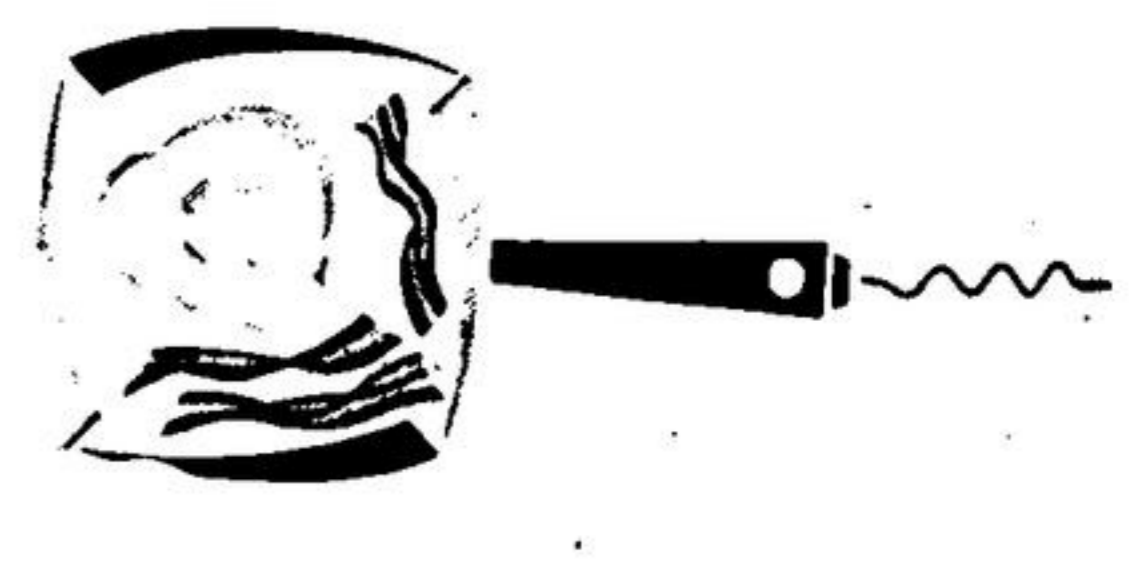
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