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CANADA'S LARGEST quarry development at Dolly Verden was shown to Esquimesing council and officials by former Metro Toronto chairman, Fred Gardiner, president of Acton Limestone Quarries. Two and a half million dollars will be spent on the mam-

## Big Daddy in Esquimesing

# \$2½ Million Quarry Is Biggest in Canada

Canada's newest, largest and most modern fully automated quarry development came in for close scrutiny when a group of Esquimesing Township Councillors and officials were personally hosted on a project tour by Frederick G. Gardiner, company president and well-known former chairman of Metropolitan Toronto.

Inspecting the mammoth project the Councillors were able to observe the multitude of changes which have taken place already and to visualize the potential and future operations when development work has been completed.

### \$2½ Million

With the infusion of two and a half million dollars in the project which is scheduled to be ready for operation by September 15, great changes have been made topographically and to the appearance of the 355-acre site. An additional 245 acres are under option.

Original survey of the site potential was started over two years ago by John Moore of Caledon. Drilling of test holes revealed a limestone potential of over 40 million tons of crushed stone averaging between 60 and 110 feet in thickness over the entire area.

**Can Double Production**  
The crushing plant, designed and engineered by Barber-Greene

Company, is capable of being increased by 100% by duplication of various equipment. Present capacity of the installed primary crusher will be 2,000 tons per hour.

Rock from the face of the cut is moved to the primary crusher constructed in a pit blasted from solid rock by husky Euclid trucks. Crushed to a maximum size of 27" the stone then moves by an endless belt conveyor to a stock pile 85 feet high at its apex by 208 feet in diameter.

### Underground Conveyor

An underground conveyor beneath this stockpile moves the rock to the secondary crusher where it is ground down to vari-

ous sizes from 2 inches to dust. Again the endless belt conveyor takes over and moves the stone through the screening towers and on to the six stock piles.

One control panel at the primary crusher controls all functions up to this point.

### Right to Railway Car

Running beneath these six stock piles is a concrete tunnel; inside the tunnel is another conveyor belt, which, when the proper gates beneath piles are opened will carry stone from any pile or combination of piles to a oscillating loading tower built over two railway tracks. Another push-button station at the loading tower controls the flow of materials from the stockpiles to the loading of the railway cars.

The railway cars will be moved by a locomotive to the six-line marshalling yard. To make up a train, loaded cars will be drawn from this yard to assemble a 60-car train on a siding beside the main line.

### A Million A Year

It is estimated the annual consumption of crushed stone in the metropolitan area is 11 million tons. The present installed annual capacity of the plant will be over 1 million tons. It is expected rebuilding of railway lines to service the new freight marshalling yard north of Toronto will continue on Page Eight.

# Maybe Precedent Established Variances Worry Planners

Concern with the possible precedents established when the Committee of Adjustment granted variances to the conditions of the Zoning by-law at a recent hearing was expressed by the

members of the Planning Board at their Thursday evening meeting. The Committee of Adjustment permitted, after a public hearing at which there were no objections raised, the owners of the property on Mill Street, occupied by the Bank of Nova Scotia to proceed with plans for enlargement of the building. The variances granted were a reduction of the rear yard set back 35 feet to 8 feet and the increase of the permissible lot coverage from 50% to 66%.

### Hinton Doesn't Object

Bert Hinton speaking on the subject said: "Any decision in the business area like this should be considered on its merits. If they built on this lot solid it wouldn't be bad. I don't think this injures town planning in general."

Ken Hardman: "Yes, but it's not the Committee of Adjustment's prerogative to say so."

### Big Fat Loopholes

Frank Protuse: "We are showing up some big fat loopholes in the Planning By-law. The Committee of Adjustment agreed this was not a minor variance but was in the best interests of the community."

Hinton: "I think the Planning Board should have been working on problems in the old part of town commercial areas and do something about keeping it up to date."

### Apartment Project

W. McLeod and Roy Goodwin appeared on behalf of Perini Construction requesting an interpretation of the Zoning By-law and restrictions will be considered they proceeded with plans

for an apartment project in Lakeview subdivision. The 300 feet by 110 ft. lot is in the Elizabeth, Jeffrey St. area. It is proposed to build 11 self-contained units and Mr. McLeod said he would like to get Planning Board's opinion before proceeding with the building plans.

Whether to classify the project as apartments, attached dwellings, row housing, terrace housing or by some other name posed problems for the board.

### About \$9000 Each

Mr. McLeod in describing the proposal told the board each unit would be 20x32 with 2 floors and a basement, individual entrances and heating systems. The units would likely be sold for \$9000 each or less. He said there would be approximately three-quarters of an acre of land in the lot. Planning regulations permit 75 habitable rooms per acre.

A motion was passed to have the definition of "apartment" redefined and recommending to council that the bylaw be amended.

### Recommendations Their Job

The Planning Board's recommendation to Council suggesting the policing and enforcement of the Zoning By-law be improved was returned from Council with a request for a list of violations. Mr. Hinton said: "I suggest the board has made the recommendation — it is now up to Council. As a planning board we make recommendations to council — that's our job. If council wants to act or not that's OK. The matter should be closed as far as the planning board is concerned."

An amendment, prepared by the planning consultant, was approved and forwarded to council for inclusion in the Zoning By-law. Under the amendment a new special commercial zone, C-1A, will be established. The new zone will take the place of C-2 area, "which we don't have."

Before the new classification is effective there will be innumerable meetings, discussions and hearings at which the changes and restrictions will be considered they proceeded with plans

# Suggest Radial Best Route For New 27,000 Volt Line

Where is the best place to build a 27,000-volt line to the new quarry?

Hydro Commissioners and Ontario hydro representative Howard King even got out a map to pinpoint suggestions in their discussion at the regular hydro meeting Thursday evening in the hydro office. Mr. King explained that surveys already taken left them with the conclusion it would be best to overbuild the existing lines on Churchill Road.

However, the commissioners felt that they would prefer not to have lines of this high voltage near a residential subdivision. "The Hydro has the right to put its lines there regardless of us but this is not the way they do business," chairman Gordon Beatty said.

**Consider Four Ways**  
"Various routes have been studied exhaustively," Mr. King explained. "People were in the field going over the possibilities."

First, he said, the route that appeared best and cheapest was directly down the centre of the concession between the third and fourth line where there were few trees, but they "ran into difficulty with property rights" on private property.

To go along the railroad would be expensive in charges and taxes which would have to be paid to the railroad, they could be asked to move at any time and so would lack security and there was the problem of access to the lines for servicing.

The third choice, the fourth line, was abandoned early due to heavy growth of trees longer distance and difficulty getting access to the quarry at the far end.

**Choose Churchill**  
Last was down Churchill Road. "Granted it's not the best thing the town would wish," said Mr. King. "It's the best we could come up with."

High voltage lines are now something we have to live with," he philosophized.

Mayor John Goy said overbuilding town lines would raise the town's liability and it would cost four times as much to replace a pole.

**Suggest Radial Line**  
Commissioners put their heads together and looking over the map came up with another route. Mr. King hadn't mentioned it.

They visited the line going down Eastern Ave., down Beardmore's spur track along streets already industrial, perhaps crossing the railroad in long spans, along past the disposal plant to the quarry over scrub brush.

Mr. King agreed "It's worth looking at" but worried that their service date is the end of August and this would mean even more delays. Urged by the commissioners he agreed to investigate but warned them if it appeared there would be any difficulty with property rights the hydro would likely prefer to take the public road.

**Want Reasons**  
Commissioners said they'd like to hear the reasons for the final

**Agenda-Less Week**  
During perfect holiday weather there is not a single regular public meeting scheduled in Acton this week.

**Handy Tools**  
Superintendent Doug Mason attended a service course which he considered worthwhile. He had seen special tools which would help his department and he was asked to prepare a description and estimate. He reported his department would start painting light standards next week.

**Two Resolutions Exempt Hydro From Bargaining**  
Resolutions exempting the Hydro Electric Commission from bargaining under the Labour Relations Act were unanimously passed at a special meeting of the full commission Friday morning.

The first resolution passed reads: Moved by E. Tyler and seconded by R. E. Arbie. And resolved that whereas the Labour Relations Act Revised Statutes of Ontario by Section 89 provides that a Municipality as defined in the Department of Municipal Affairs Act may delegate the said Labour Relations Act does not apply to it in its relations with its employees or any of them.

And whereas the Acton Hydro Electric Commission is a Municipality as defined in the Municipal Affairs Act.

Now therefore be it resolved as follows: Pursuant to Section 89 of the Labour Relations Act 1960 the Acton Hydro Electric Commission declares that the Le-

selection of the route. An additional suggestion was offered by Mr. Goy, who mentioned to Mr. King if the Churchill Road route is used, steel poles might be used which would standardize lighting poles in the subdivision.

**"Did Not Tamper"**  
After Mr. King left the meeting a Lakeview woman discussed with commissioners a letter she and her husband had received pointing out the water heater service had apparently been altered without hydro having notice of it, and including an account, Chairman Gordon Beatty explained to her meters had been checked and were hooked up properly, but at a recent inspection were discovered to be on flat rate and not charged accordingly. The woman said the meter had not been tampered with.

Mr. Beatty explained the point was not that the commission was owed money. "We'll deal with it as a misunderstanding," he concluded.

**Take Over Billing?**  
For his own information only Mayor Goy asked if the meter reader and sewer retainer treasurer Mrs. Audrey Urquhart would give him an approximate estimate of the cost of the hydro office taking over the town's water billing. "It's historically logical," Mr. Beatty commented. A report will be prepared.

The convention of the Association of Municipal Electrical Utilities of Ontario was held in Ottawa in June and commissioners Arbie and McCutcheon attended. Copies of their report are to be read and discussed at the next meeting.

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A new galvanized tool for the Alice Street storage shed was an approved Acton Lumber received the job.

Usual letters concerning plant shutdowns were received from Mrs. Plastic and Peters noting the days to "pull the switches."

**New Transformers**  
A pole at the IGA store will be removed to prepare for street widening. A bank of 60 kilowatt transformers is needed for the new glow shop.

New Hurst acted as secretary-treasurer in the absence of Mrs. Doug Mason. Mr. Mason left hurriedly when the fire siren wailed and the meeting adjourned a few minutes afterwards, about 10:30 p.m.

## At County Council

# Acton Protests Grant System Hospitals Don't Benefit Us

Plans of Halton County Council to reduce to \$2,500 their present \$6,000 per bed grant for construction of hospitals in the county has upset the Halton Hospital Association.

Association president Paul Fisher of Burlington told county councillors Tuesday that the Association should be contacted before this "backward step" is taken.

Appearing with a large delegation representing the Hospital Association, Mr. Fisher reviewed the council's past grants of \$6,000 per bed for hospital construction in Milton, Georgetown, Oakville and Burlington. "It will be some years before any of these hospitals need additions, but the costs will surely go up, not down," he said.

Reeve C. A. Martin of Milton, speaking for county council, explained the proposed change in the hospital grants by-law was only a suggestion so far, and was far from complete. He explained the county was trying to keep abreast of modern developments, pointing out that if a cobalt bomb centre were needed in one of the hospitals, the county would pay for it even if it meant forgoing some road construction.

The change in the by-law, he said, was to put the county in a position where they could give what they feel they could afford in light of the present financial situation.

In the midst of the discussion a letter from Acton council was read, pointing out Acton's contributions to other county hospitals — through the county council grant system — had brought no benefit to the town of Acton and probably wouldn't in future. The letter called for the rescinding of the by-law in its entirety.

**Using Guelph**  
In his reply Mr. Fisher pointed out that many Acton and Nasagaweya residents use Guelph hospitals although county residents don't help Guelph pay for the hospital debentures. Warden Wilfrid Bird noted, however, that this works two ways and many other residents from outside of Halton's hospital facilities.

**Closing Program At Bible School**  
Closing exercises tomorrow (Friday) will end the two-week Daily Vacation Bible School in the United Church. Classes have been enjoyed each morning by 75 eager boys and girls.

The Rev. Dwight Engel is superintendent, primary teachers are Mrs. Jim Gibson, Mrs. M. Nessett, and Donna Strutt, intermediate teachers Mrs. Wynan Little, Mrs. L. Gohn, Mrs. Dyett and Ruth Lamb, senior teachers Mrs. Lhuier Smith, Jo Ann Force and Kay Dennis. Miss Marnie Mampitz is alternate teacher.



MAKING BANKS IN the primary class at the United Church Vacation Bible School are Tony Swin, Westcott Road; Russell Van Fleet, River St., and Ian Coats, Roseford Terrace, helped by class assistant Donna Strutt, Poplar Ave. The three busy boys are among 75 enrolled and they will have their work on display Friday for parents and friends.

## Have a Drink

# No Water Shortage Here

There is no shortage of water in Acton.

With many other municipalities in Ontario suffering a shortage of water as a result of the prolonged dry spell, Acton residents can be thankful they enjoy an abundant supply of fresh water.

Consumption in Acton, recorded during the first two weeks in July, showed a remarkable increase in demand. In that period a total of 4,820,000 gallons of water were produced at the two main wells. In a comparable period in 1961, 3,233,000 gallons were produced.

### 50 Per Cent. Increase

The increased 1,587,000 gallons produced in 1962 represents a 50% increase over the 1961 figure.

Jack Lambert of the Town Water department, reports that there has been no decrease in the water level at the Churchill Road North well, indicating there is still an abundant supply.

### All Metered

Perhaps one of the major reasons Acton has an abundant supply of water is the fact that all water is metered and billed to the consumer every two months.

This undoubtedly discourages waste of the precious commodity.

In towns short of water, generally there is no metering, and carelessness results in a shortage with subsequent restriction on lawn watering and car washing. Other side results are closing of industry and insufficient water in reserve in case of fire.

### Nice, Crisp Brown

Throughout the province lawns and gardens are burned to a nice crisp golden brown because of water shortage. In Acton the lawns are a nice crisp golden brown because we can't afford to pay for the water.

## Radar in Use

The new police radar speed recorder went into operation Friday and according to police is "very successful". Many people have been stopped for speeding already.

An indicator on the equipment in the cruiser goes up to the highest speed of a car passing within a certain distance, and locks there.