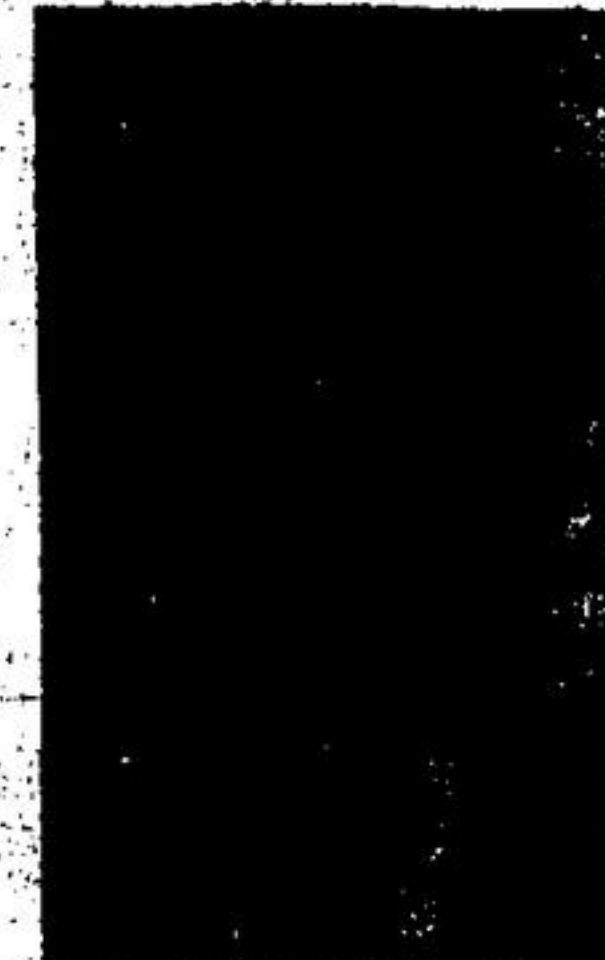
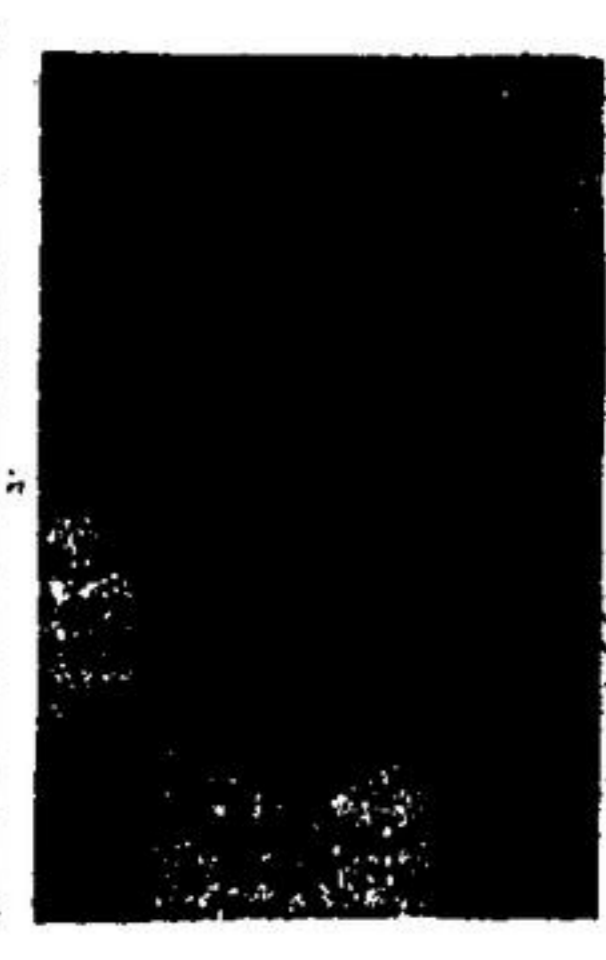


Full Year's Reports but Few Questions At Quiet Thursday Nomination Meeting



GORDON BEATTY
Hydro Commission
By Acclamation



WILLIAM H. DENNY
Deputy-Reeve
By Acclamation



E. G. TYLER SR.
Hydro Commission
By Acclamation

Council Reports

Assessment, Deficit, Recreation Disposal Plant Year's Problems

In the absence of Mayor John Goy, the chairman of the administration committee, Deputy-Reeve William Denny read the following reports for council:

"Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen,

The duty of reporting to the people has for the past several years, as you well know, been performed by the incumbent mayor. This procedure has been followed to condense the reports, and to avoid duplications. In the absence of Mayor Goy tonight, this duty has fallen upon my shoulders as chairman of the administration committee. I have no intention of delving into a mass of detail and will present a resume only of the highlights in a very busy and productive year. I would ask that questions from the floor be held for presentation later, to the appropriate committee chairman.

Surprising Year

"1962 has been a very surprising year. It has resolved several major issues, has introduced many important changes, and certainly will have a much brighter and more satisfying ending than beginning. At the beginning of the year, we were half way through a re-assessment program, and found ourselves without an assessor. This dilemma caused a definite air of apprehension,

and many dire predictions were made. However, the re-assessing program has levelled off with very satisfying results. We have a total initial assessment, \$7,016,405 and a very much improved assessment ratio of 53.8% residential to 46.2% commercial and industrial. With a commercial and industrial mill rate of 63.75 mills and a residential rate of 58.5 mills, a total of \$421,175.67 has been levied under 1962 general taxes.

Anticipated Deficit

"The Auditor's Interim Report as of October 31st shows an anticipated deficit of \$5,942.95, on a total yearly budget of \$536,167.79. This deficit is made up entirely of the \$6,000.00 purchase price of 50 acres of additional cemetery lands which was not included in the budget. With anticipated Water and Sewer deficits included in this picture, the net result provides a very creditable showing for a year in which unforeseen sewage maintenance costs are extremely high.

A new 300 foot Watermain was installed to accommodate an expanding local industry and while the overall industrial expansion has not been spectacular, it has been steady and all indications are for continued industrial growth in 1963. An interesting industrial sidelight is contained in

a report of assessments received by the Department of Economics and Development from five Communities in the General District of Acton re. a definite industrial proposal.

Total Taxes

Acton — \$62,484 'B' Community — \$68,626 'C' Community — \$70,027 'D' Community — \$65,509 'E' Community — \$79,403

"These figures place Acton in a very competitive position in the Regional Industrial Picture.

"Certain additions and improvements, not solely attributed to Council action, are certainly worthy of mention.

"The Community Physician's Services program instituted this year provides greater security for the majority of local residents at a minimum cost.

"The opening of the Retail Liquor Outlet has long been awaited and will surely tend to retain more business within the community.

"The completion of the new Federal Building will provide better postal and customs facilities, will increase the surrounding area values, while eliminating a former traffic hazard.

New Fire Agreement

"The signing by Council of a new Three Year Fire Agreement with the Townships of the Acton Fire Area ensures a much more

At the quiet and short nomination meeting Thursday in the Robert Little auditorium, 33 names were posted for positions of mayor, reeve, deputy reeve, and seats on council, school board and hydro commission. Before the meeting had closed at 10 o'clock, most had stated their intentions. Several had been nominated for more than one post.

Proposed candidates who officially qualified at the town office before nine o'clock Friday numbered 18. These 18 are running for 11 seats on Tuesday, December 4.

Two for Mayor

Contesting the position of mayor will be George V. Barbeau and Edwin McDonald.

Jack Hargrave and H. H. Hinton will contest the position of reeve.

Incumbent William H. Denny returns to office of deputy-reeve by acclamation.

The nine men who are tossing their hats in the ring for the six positions of council are Les Duby, Hamilton Peal, J. Bert Wood, Alec Johnson, Arthur Field, Eric Johnston, Albert Irwin, Hugh Lowe and Bob Drinkwater.

equitable distribution of overhead costs and considerably strengthens the Local department. The installation of a County wide Mutual Aid Radio Alarm System has also increased our fire fighting efficiency. The record of the Acton Fire Department is an enviable one and will certainly be enhanced by these added facilities.

"Traffic control was another very knotty problem at the beginning of the year. By the provision of radar equipment, the local Police Department has been given the tools to enforce the law, and the resulting improvement has more than justified the expense involved.

"The need for more cemetery lands, which faced the Municipality at the first of the Year, has been overcome by the acquisition of 50 acres of land.

Returned for another two year term on hydro commission are Gordon Beatty and

Ted Tyler Sr. Five names are on the list of candidates to contest three

Commission Manager Will be Appointed

The following is the report from the Acton Hydro Commission read by chairman Gordon Beatty:

"We are pleased to report that your Hydro operations for 1962 have shown a significant improvement in operating profit both in dollars and as a percentage of sales. The downwards profit trend which began with the rate reduction in late 1958 as a result of the introduction of the four block rate structure is being reversed this year.

"The trend may be seen in the profit as a per cent of gross revenue for the last seven years:

Year	Per Cent Profit
1956	12.9
1957	14.3
1958	10.5
1959	8.9
1960	8.3
1961	11.2
1962	14.3

Used Operating Surplus

"As you know a reasonable profit is essential to finance continued capital expenditure necessary for the maintenance, expansion and improvement of the system. For the last few years we have been able to handle all capital expenditures from operating surplus and if possible we intend to continue this policy to prevent an increase in our debture debt.

The improvement in our profit situation is a result of several factors. The major factors are:

1. That we have had significant increase in sales and at the same time our operating overhead has been reduced slightly. Operating overhead as a percentage of sales has been reduced in 1962 to 18.6% as compared with 21.0% in 1961.

2. With improved sales our dollar return per kilowatt of demand figure has improved; this

fact reflecting in the cost of power as a percentage of power sales. Last year this figure was 70.8%, this year 69.8%.

"Late in the year we will complete a modernization of our No. 1 substation which will raise its capacity from 1500 KVA to 2800 KVA. This sub has been running at slightly over capacity and this change will provide sufficient increased capacity in this portion of the system for some years to come.

"Other capital expenditures on the system have been light this year and without major increase in consumption will probably remain light. This should give us an opportunity to improve our workshop and storage facilities and serious consideration will be given to this program next year.

Propose Change

"The Commission has decided in principle to revise the organizational structure of the Commission. This revision will result in the appointment of a Commission Manager who will be responsible for both the line side as well as the administrative side of the business. This will put the complete responsibility for the day to day operation of the Commission in the hands of one man and will probably result in the elimination of the present position of Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer. Naturally this change has been considered very seriously from the point of view of effect on existing employees and every effort will be made to insure that their interests are protected as much as possible.

The Commission believes that this change will result in greater overall efficiency and allow a more aggressive approach to the sale of power.

Stone School Agreement Postpones Big Expense

The following is the report from the Public School Board presented by chairman Tom Watson:

"I have much pleasure in presenting progress report of the Acton Public Schools during 1962. Our classroom enrollment is steadily increasing. September enrollment at the Robert Little public school was 515, September enrollment at the M. J. Bennett public school was 421 making a total enrollment of 936. All classrooms have good student loads. The senior grades are to capacity. Of our 31 teachers, we were very fortunate in having to engage only three teachers on account of resignations and we have received an excellent report from Inspector McNeill covering the new staff members.

Reach Agreement

"I am particularly happy to report that the Acton public school and the Acton District High School boards met and finalized a contract whereby the Stone School accommodation will be used by the Acton District High School board for school years 1962-3 and 1963-4 at a rental of \$4,000.00 per year. Acton public school board supplies caretaker service, utilities, etc. By this good management we have gained a two year lease of district high school capital expenditure of a possible \$100,000.

Should pupil load demand it, the Robert Little Auditorium will be again used for classroom purposes at minimum cost.

The only day I expected my calendar year was made was a very busy one, bearing part from the fact that I had approximately \$3,000.00.

Several nice committees were organized at the Robert Little public school.

We have been improving our libraries in the classrooms each year and this year by a challenge from principals G. W. McKenzie and E. Smith accepted by the board, the school libraries will be enriched by purchases of \$600.00 approved library books in each school.

Work Within Budget

"Fine progress has been made in our home economic and industrial arts classes but due to the senior grade student load this year we were able to accommodate only grade 8 students from Nassagaweya for Home Economic and Industrial Arts.

Our budget for 1962 Public School Plan Operation was \$179,281.00. We believe that expenditures will be well within budget.

We have had considerable worry with leaky roof conditions at both schools. The 20 year guarantee bond has been honored and repairs made.

We are now providing orthopaedic transportation units for four children.

By virtue of my office of chairman of the Acton public school board, I must express my very real appreciation of the fine cooperation of our entire public school family—caretakers, staff, principals, administration and trustees.

May I also take this moment to publicly thank Trustees Bradley and E. Marks who are retiring this year. They will be missed by us all for they have done a very fine and commendable job during their term of office.

positions on the public school board, Douglas Manning, Roy Goodwin, Lou Bonnette, Sydney K. Lamb and John Last.

At the beginning of the meeting at 7:30, names of candidates nominated were checked by clerk Jack McGeachie and office manager Joe Hurst. Assessor William Erskine posted the names on big blackboards on the platform.

Following nominations at 8:30, the Rev. A. H. McKenzie was quickly chosen chairman for the balance of the meeting. He introduced candidates and speakers during the brisk meeting which was over shortly before 10 p.m.

(Full reports of council, hydro commission, school board and parks board are published in separate articles this week.)

Six Women

Of slightly over 50 present, six were women. One was the wife of a town official, another wife of an elected representative, one a reporter, and three other women voters. No women were nominated.

Absent was popular mayor John Goy, whose achievements were mentioned by several of the speakers. He decided not to run for office this year. Bill Denny read the council report for him.

There was a constant coming and going of smokers to the doors. Some arrived late and others left after nominations, not waiting to hear the year's reports.

Four Ask Questions

Unlike previous nomination meetings, this year only four men had questions to ask.

Candidate for the position of mayor, Edwin McDonald had several questions regarding finances and was told by clerk Jack McGeachie the answers were in the typed reports available for every one at the meeting.

Mr. McDonald asked why there had been a bank overdraft. Mr. McGeachie explained it was a build up of financial reserves. If people would pay their taxes there would not be a bank overdraft—it's all in the auditor's report.

Mr. McDonald asked why his street, Mowbray Place was still the only place not paved.

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persisted Mr. McDonald. "At the same time my street (Churchill Road) is," replied Mr. Duby. He added there would be a program and asked what, specifically, were the complaints. Mr. McDonald looked around and called on two others who lived on Mowbray Place to speak. Eric Johnston, running for council, said briefly he found the asphalt topping satisfactory and former mayor Ted Tyler Sr. rose, at the back of the hall, and declared, "I think it's the best street in town, or I wouldn't be living here!"

Former mayor and councillor Ben Rachlin enquired what type of taxes had been written off during the past year. Mr. McGeachie explained taxes were written off on businesses which had ceased to operate and due to vacancy of property.

Need New Disposal Plant?

Bill Dumarsch asked why there had been so much trouble at the sewage disposal plant. Sewer and water chairman J. Bert Wood said deterioration of the roof had let water in, but "how and why it decided to flip nobody can answer."

Mr. Dumarsch enquired if the town might have to consider a new disposal plant soon and was told by Mr. Wood that the plant is not operating at present near its 250,000 gallon capacity except at certain times, for example in spring. Mr. Wood thought an addition in the next five to 10 years should be considered.

Mr. Rachlin stated when he was mayor the disposal plant was of great concern to him. He said since the plant was put into operation in 1952 there appears to have been a great amount of deterioration and wondered if the engineers had been taken to task because the plant had not lasted more than 10 years before major repair was necessary?

Only Ours Flipped

Mr. Wood said that since the plant went into operation the writing had been changed using more recent methods at the request of the inspector and metal immersed in water had inevitably become rusted. Lots of the same construction, as ours, are in existence all over the country but ours is the only one which flipped," he remarked.

Chairman A. H. McKenzie asked why the new street sign reads "Bower Street" rather than the familiar name "Bower Avenue." Mr. Duby explained this was the original name as recorded in the official plan.

All the nominees remaining spoke very briefly.

Parkettes, Arena Cement Floor Board's "Unfinished Business"

G. W. McKenzie, chairman of the Parks Board gave the following report during the nomination meeting.

Parks Board members are Mayor John Goy, Councilor George Barbeau, Mrs. Evelyn J. Hurst, Nino Branda, Cliff Bradley and G. McKenzie, Chairman.

In January 1961 the Parks Board assumed responsibility for not only the parks in Acton but the operation of the community centre. Since the building was not complete and the town had operated the building for the month of December we embarked on many problems. Securing adequate help establishing rates at a tangible suitable time for all activities were only a few of the problems. By meeting weekly the board was able to complete the year at a net cost of \$72.00 approximately for the taxpayers.

Although every member worked diligently I would like to pay a special tribute to Mayor John Goy and Mr. J. H. Hurst who acted as our secretaries.

Many Changes

In the past year we have had many changes in the Parks Board. Several were permanent and several were temporary. The following were the changes:

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ed by the Town Council for safety against fire.

A very complete program has been arranged for the enjoyment of all and new rates adopted so that by next spring the cost of operation to the taxpayers will be very small. The excellent cooperation from everyone indicates that the people of Acton are very proud of their centre.

There is unfinished business. Small parkettes around town must be developed for the enjoyment of our citizens and to beautify our town.

2. The community centre must be completed to make it possible to hold summer activities.

3. The Parks Board must cooperate with the Board of Members and the Parks Board and help from the citizens to express my sincere thanks.

Guest Minister



REV. P. B. PENNY
Rev. P. B. Penny, former pastor at Maple Avenue Baptist church, Georgetown, was guest speaker at last Sunday at the Evangelical Baptist church. The Acton minister, Rev. J. H. Wilson, exchanged pulpits with the guest speaker at Burford.

Mr. Penny conducted both morning and evening services at the Y.M.C.A.

What are THE FACTS BEHIND THE FIGURES

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Here is a concise summary in layman's language of how the B of M stood at the year-end on October 31st, 1962

WHAT WE HAVE:	WHAT WE OWE:
CASH The B of M has cash in its vaults and money on deposit with the Bank of Canada and other banks amounting to \$ 520,065,342	DEPOSITS While many business firms, manufacturers, merchants, farmers and people in every type of business have substantial deposits with the B of M, about half of the money on deposit with the Bank is the savings of private citizens. The total of all deposits is \$3,712,565,129
CHEQUES and other items in transit—representing the net amount of the money moving between branches of the Bank and into the B of M from other banks on account of customers' transactions 112,094,335	OTHER LIABILITIES Miscellaneous items representing mainly commitments undertaken by the Bank on behalf of customers in their foreign and domestic trade transactions 90,467,509
INVESTMENTS The B of M maintains a strong liquid position through investments in high grade government bonds which have a ready market. Listed on the Bank's books at amortized value, they amount to 742,197,080	TOTAL OF WHAT THE B OF M OWES ITS DEPOSITORS AND OTHERS \$4,801,012,638
The B of M has other investments including a diversified list of high quality short term issues. These investments are carried at 226,812,561	TO PAY ALL IT OWES THE B OF M HAS TOTAL RESOURCES AS SHOWN ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THIS STATEMENT AMOUNTING TO \$4,815,164,576
CALL LOANS The B of M has call loans which are fully protected by quality saleable securities. These loans amount to 218,548,259	WHICH MEANS THAT THE B OF M HAS RESOURCES OVER AND ABOVE WHAT IT OWES AMOUNTING TO \$ 212,111,938
QUICKLY AVAILABLE RESOURCES The resources listed above cover 47.4% of all that the Bank owes to the public. These "quick assets" amount to \$1,819,517,579	
LOANS During the year many millions of dollars have been lent to business and industrial enterprises for production of every kind—to farmers, fishermen, oilmen, miners, lumbermen and ranchers—to citizens in all walks of life, and to companies, organizations and personal and municipal governments. These loans amount to \$1,825,642,980	
MORTGAGES and hypothec insured under the National Housing Act, 1954—representing advances to homebuilders 224,644,086	
BANK BUILDINGS In hamlets, villages, towns and large cities from coast to coast the B of M serves its customers at 900 offices. The value of the buildings owned by the Bank, together with furniture and equipment, is shown on its books at 65,678,133	
OTHER ASSETS These chiefly represent liabilities of customers for commitments made by the Bank on their behalf, covering foreign and domestic trade transactions 79,222,188	
TOTAL RESOURCES WHICH THE B OF M HAS TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS \$4,815,164,576	

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