

Decisions

Set Up Borrowing, Knox Sale Store Closing By-Law Monday

Three by-laws were processed at Council's inaugural session Monday, a by-law to authorize the borrowing of up to \$250,000 to meet the town's current expenses was given its necessary three readings.

Sale of part of Lot 26 to Knox Church was authorized under a by-law read three times. Sale of this land to the church will give the church sufficient area to proceed with their proposed construction program. The lot was originally purchased by the town from the trustees of Pioneer Cemetery for \$100. One of the provisions of the original sale was its resale to the church at the same price. The town has retained a 20-foot right of way in perpetuity over the property to give access to Pioneer Cemetery.

Closing By-Law

An early closing by-law was given one reading and will not come up again at council until after councillors attend an Ontario Municipal Association Seminar which closing by-law will be discussed. The seminar will be held in Preston on January 26.

Council also:

- Decided to hold regular meetings on the second, third and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- Appointed R. R. Parker Acton's representative on the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.
- Appointed C. Bradley to the Parks Board for three years and J. T. Hunt for two years.
- Authorized the Reeve to act in place of the mayor, at the request of the mayor, on boards on which the mayor is ex officio member and to have the same power as the mayor.
- Authorized the payment of regular monthly accounts.

- Authorized the issue of funds to the school board.
- Authorized payment of wages and salaries to the town employees.
- Authorized the signing of cheques by the clerk and mayor or reeve.
- Accepted membership in the clerks and finance affairs association at a fee of \$10.
- Granted tax license to Mrs. Ken Beerman and A. Langille.
- Authorized attendance of a delegation of councillors and the clerk at the Towns & Village Section of the Ontario Municipal Association to be held at the Kress Hotel, Preston, on January 26.

- Received a letter from Boardmore & Co. on the purchase of water from the town and turned it over to the Water Committee for a report.
- Read the police report for 1962 which showed total fines collected, \$4,583; reported property stolen valued at \$4,713.15 and recovered worth \$128.50; reported 55 persons given shelter and 53 premises found not secure at night.
- Read a letter from E. MacDonald and heard a statement by Councillor Wood, both of which are printed elsewhere.
- Learned the Urban Board would meet in Georgetown on January 16.

Name T. Watson Chairman At P. S. Board Inaugural

Two members, Roy Goodwin and Louis Bonnette, as well as re-elected trustee Doug Manning took their path of office Thursday evening, January 3, when the public school board held its inaugural meeting. Tom Watson was re-named chairman for his third consecutive term. Vice-chairman elected is Bill Benson.

Committee for the year include the following: Finance, Bill Benson and Roy Goodwin; management, Vic Bristow and Bill Benson; property, Doug Manning and Louis Bonnette. The first person named will act as chairman of its committee with the chairman ex officio.

Secretary William Middleton conducted the inaugural meeting as members took their oath of office and led the members in an inaugural prayer.

Purchase Briefcases

When the secretary handed to every trustee a folder containing the procedural by-law and agenda, Mr. Watson recommended the board purchase a suitable briefcase for every member. The suggestion was accepted unanimously.

The secretary was instructed to inform the high school board by letter that a suitable parking place had been supplied by the town on the north side of River Street for high school teachers and students attending the stone school and parking on the school lane is not allowed.

Chairman Watson handed principal McKenzie a verbal bouquet on behalf of the board in being appointed president-elect of the International Y Men's Club. The chairman stated "We feel this is quite an honor for the town to have you appointed to this position." Mr. McKenzie informed the board he would be in charge of clubs in 39 countries throughout the world and told the board he expected to do a certain amount of travelling. He stressed the extra work would not interfere with his job, as principal.

Members learned Glenn Banks, music supervisor, had been taken to the hospital suddenly Wednesday evening with a high temperature. They also learned Miss Allison, teacher at the M. Z. Bennett school, was quite ill.

Investigate Cable

The secretary told the board a \$4,577.82 surplus would be carried over to this year from 1962.

Property chairman Doug Manning informed the board the heavy duty underground cable broken during installation of underground oil tanks, was only operating on two phases. Normally, underground cables have three wires with one acting as a spare. When the cable was broken, the spare wire had to be used in order to supply power to the school. In the event of an emergency, the school is now without a spare wire in the cable.

Members instructed the property committee to investigate costs involving installation of a new cable as well as with whom the responsibility rests for the work and costs.

More Coverage In Halton Plan

At a meeting of the Directors of the Halton Co-operative Medical Services the Directors made the decision to enter the field of comprehensive coverage. In addition to Surgical and Major Medical benefits already offered, members will then be able to get in-hospital medical care, and home and office call coverage. The Board will seek approval from the Department of Insurance this week.

Last Baby

According to records at the town office the last baby born in Acton arrived December 29, 1960. Babies born since that time have been in hospital and records are not kept in the office here.

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Two Die, Acton Man Injured In Multiple Vehicle Crash

Ray Webster, Acton truck driver for Ridley Cartage, escaped with minor injuries when the vehicle he was driving was involved in a multiple crash at the intersection of No. 5 and 10 highways at Cooksville, Thursday, January 3. Two people were killed in the crash involving three trucks, two hearses and three cars.

A tractor trailer loaded with bricks driven by Fredrick Smart and accompanied by Manley Sitter, both of Sarnia, was southbound on No. 10 highway when it apparently ran out of control and slammed into fully-loaded coal truck north of the intersection as the coal truck allowed for the red light. The coal truck driven by Albert Dymond, Toronto, was spun around and knocked into two parked hearses and three cars outside a funeral home.

The brick-truck continued on and struck the rear of the sand truck driven by Mr. Webster, driving his truck across the intersection. The bricks shifted forward on impact and flattened the cab of the brick truck. Both driver and passenger in the truck were pinned in the cab. Smart is believed to have died instantly and Sitter died as rescuers attempted to free him from the crushed cab.

Mr. Webster was treated for head injuries at South Peel hospital.

Christmas Party For Senior Choir

The parents of a choir member, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gohn opened their beautifully decorated home for the Christmas party of the United Church senior choir Saturday evening of last week. With over 20 singers came wives, husbands, and friends to make a gay crowd enjoying games, checkers, crokinole and cribbage were played in the games room downstairs and a delicious buffet lunch was served afterwards.

Rae West expressed the thanks of the choir, nearly all of whom were there, to the Gohns.

Standing Committees Named

Appointment of standing committees of Acton Council for 1962 was a major item as the inaugural agenda at Monday's meeting. Mayor George Barbeau presented his suggested list outlining the delegation of duties. Only one change was made in the proposal. The industrial work was switched from administration chairman to the welfare chairman.

Reeve Bert Hinton expressed his disappointment in not being made assessment chairman and circulated a motion which would have named him chairman of this committee. No second was found for the resolution and there was no further action. However Mr. Hinton served notice he would have some very technical assessment questions to ask during the year.

Appointments

Committees are as follows:

- No. 1 Committee—Administration: W. Denny, Finance and Education: B. Wood, Welfare and Industrial: E. Johnston, Fire and Police: H. Hinton.
- No. 2 Committee—Roads: L. Duby, Sewer & Water: A. Johnston, Property: H. Peal, Assessment: A. Irwin.

Richard L. Leavens Buried at Fairview

Richard L. Leavens of Fonthill, formerly of Acton, passed away at Hamilton on Saturday, January 5, in his 82nd year.

Born near Acton, son of the late John and Sarah Leavens, he farmed for a number of years in the district. He also worked on construction and was a carpenter on a number of the buildings and projects at the Ontario Reformatory in Glushko prior to moving to the Welland area in 1918 where he took up farming. For the past 21 years he had lived in Fonthill.

He was a member of Fonthill United Church and of the Senior Citizens of Fonthill.

He is survived by his wife, the former Catherine Cripps (a sister of Mrs. Nelson Lambert and Darwig Cripps of Acton), three sons, Edward of Fonthill, Charles, Stoney Creek, Frederick, Kitchener, six daughters, twins Margaret and Violet, nurses in Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Mrs. Henry Ford (Dorothy) Fonthill, Mrs. Gerald Storr (Florence) Welland, Miss Edna Fonthill, Mrs. Kenneth Little (Irene) Welland, one sister Mrs. Lionel Smith (Margaret) Parry South; 20 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at the Dixon Funeral Home, Fonthill, on Tuesday, January 8, with interment in Fairview cemetery, Acton. Rev. S. Douglas Dunlop of Fonthill United Church officiated. Pallbearers were grandsons Richard Leavens, Doug Leavens, Alan Leavens, Reg Leavens, David Ford and Gerald Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Leavens had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary six years ago.

A final decision will soon be made on the Robert Little School opera.

Here's Health

According to records at the town office, citizens enjoyed better health during 1962. Deaths registered during last year are 48 as opposed to 65 for the previous year 1961.

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