

"Nothing Startling" - New Mayor

Tuesday evening, newly appointed Mayor Les Doby addressed council at his first meeting in his new role. Following is his address:

"First of all, I would be very remiss if I did not express my personal feeling about the retirement of Mr. Barbeau as the Mayor of Acton."

"More specifically, I regret the possibility of his leaving Acton altogether, as a resident, taking with him his family, who have also made their presence felt in our community. And I am sure that council would like to once again, convey their best wishes, as our ex-mayor assumes the increased responsibility that goes with promotion."

Not Aspirations
"I would now like to express my appreciation to those members of council, who indicated their confidence in my accepting the responsibility of the mayor's chair for the balance of 1963."

"This was not a personal aspiration of mine to become the mayor of Acton. I was most happy to serve my home town in the capacity of councillor. But under the circumstances, brought about by Mr. Barbeau's resignation, and being crowded into making a snap declaration, I had to quickly assess the importance of the public support I have enjoyed over the past three years and also the fact I have had the privilege of gaining the most experience."

Fills No Shoes
"So until the public, once again can assess the situation next fall, I shall strive to carry out the duties of the mayor, to the best of my ability. I have no intention of trying to fill the specific shoes of any of my predecessors. But in my own way, I shall deliberate in the best interests of Acton and its ratepayers."

"After accepting this responsibility, I am not sure that I did not express my appreciation to my employers, who, along with tolerating my personal action, have indicated their willingness, (as is their custom), to cooperate to some degree, in making my work schedule flexible enough to allow me to carry out my new obligations in the proper manner."

Let's Get Tough
"The going will be tough, so let's be tough and get going. We have now reached a satisfactory wage schedule for our men on the work force — with no exceptions. So we should have no further problems in this sector. Council's action last year, to pass a by-law for control in this area, made it evident we had to revise the basic hourly rates, and to welcome negotiation by the men on this matter."

Action Justified
"The passing of the by-law was more to control the small portion of the tax dollar we do have jurisdiction over rather than to stop the workmen's application for certification. We have now justified our action, by open bargaining with our workmen."

"The frost withdrawal this morning through town Saturday morning, headed by an Indian in native dress and the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band."

our roads committee. At this time I would like to put forward the recommendation that Councillor Hamilton Peal be named chairman of roads, streets and walks for the balance of 1963. This will mean our incoming councillor will be chairman of public buildings and property."

Nothing Startling
"I would also like to say, that with the exception of the two new bridges on Brock and Church Sts., on which we have spent over a year in projecting our plans, there will be nothing startling take place in Acton in 1963."

"In spite of the mill rate we have a reduced road budget, enough for adequate maintenance and that only if spending is well controlled."

All Committees
"These things I mention, only because it was the area in which I was most concerned as a councillor. In the very near future I hope to be just as well informed and concerned with the projects of all committees."

"The one thing I am well aware of is that we all must water our budgets as of this moment and try to keep a monthly tab on our operations, not get concerned around September and find we are financially stalled for the last three months."

"We must progress cautiously, but nevertheless progress. We owe it to our town and its people to have it pointed to with pride."

Crowd Jams Auditorium For 1963 Music Festival

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D.E. trophy presented by Mrs. G. W. McKenzie and Milton J. M. Denney school received the Miss Ruth Evans shield for placing second from Inspector O. G. McDowell.

Trophy, Shield
In the class for junior choirs, grades one to four, six rooms and under, the Glen Williams Apple Products trophy presented by Ralph McKeown was received by Limehouse school while the Norval Businessmen's shield was presented by Mrs. Kirkwood to the Spevside school who placed second.

More Awards
Acton M. Z. Bennett school won the Acton Branch Bank of Montreal trophy presented by manager William MacKay and Brookville captured the Sarah Martin I.O.D.E. Milton shield presented by Mrs. Ruth Frame. Brookville placed first with their grade four choir in the class for seven rooms and over to receive the Milton Public School Board trophy from Dan Stinson and the Acton M. Z. Bennett choir received the Acton W. L. shield from Mrs. George Ives.

Frobisher Bay Layettes Sent

After attending the Lenten service Wednesday of last week, St. Alban's Guild members met in the parish hall. During arrangements for the annual bazaar and bake sale, conveners for the month were chosen. Layettes for Frobisher Bay have been parcelled and shipped. Mrs. G. Currie thanked Mrs. E. Oakes for purchases as convener.

Choirs Win
Brookville senior choir in the class for grades seven and eight, seven rooms and over received the Milton Home and School shield from Mrs. A. Mercer and the Acton Robert Little school received the Georgetown Bank of Commerce shield presented by Milton principal E. W. Foster.

In the final class for the Tuesday events, Acton Robert Little school singing in the open boys' changed voices class, received the Acton Home and School trophy from Mrs. J. Jerome and Brookville received the Milton Rotary Club shield from Inspector W. L. McNeil.

Plenty of enthusiasm was generated by the community centre committee's fundraising program at the arena Friday. Everyone was happy except the Free Press staff member who won, (out of the 52 prizes, a subscription to the Free Press!)

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Town Council to Sell Lots Designated as Park Land

Acton council Tuesday evening approved an amendment to the official plan of the town of Acton to allow sale of designated park land for the purpose of erecting private dwelling houses.

Land, located in the Leishman survey on Mill St. East near the high school, was approved for private sale when Parks Board members agreed the land was not suitable for park area.

During the meeting it was learned two residents requested purchase of one lot apiece at \$800 each. Bids were received for the three remaining lots at \$700 each. Members were informed the lots in question were not large enough to comply with the zoning by-law but prospective buyers had signed agreements with Tony Sevnick, owner of adjacent land, to purchase enough land from him to build houses.

Two Readings
A by-law to authorize the purchase of the land by the five residents received two readings but final approval was withheld pending approval of the amendment to the official plan.

B. Cunsolo and S. Pupo agreed to purchase land at a cost of \$800 and A. Lucarelli, S. Rocchi and E. Mancini were the three applicants who offered to pay \$700 each for the remaining three lots.

Newly appointed councillor Hughie Lowe voted in the negative for the two readings of the by-law after he questioned the town's authority to amend the zoning by-law to allow the sale of land and refused rezoning of land owned by Eugene Braida to allow commercial use in the building formerly occupied by Corona Shoe Company in Glenlea. It was explained to Mr. Lowe that Mr. Braida did not wish to have the land rezoned but merely wanted permission for use of the building by another industry.

Against By-law
Following a previous request from Mr. Braida to allow Acton Lumber and Supplies to locate in the building formerly occupied by Corona Shoe, members of No. 1 committee recommended the change not be granted on the basis it would be breaking an existing by-law.

Deputy Reeve William Denny, reporting for the committee told Mr. Braida, who was present Tuesday evening, the committee is in sympathy with him but had agreed council should not be responsible for breaking by-laws and then expect other citizens to abide by them. He also explained it was possible a lawsuit

might result if this action was taken.

Assessment for Town
Mr. Braida asked council members for suggestions to keep the vacant buildings occupied in order to bring assessment to the town and stated he was of the opinion council was anxious to obtain all the assessment possible. Mayor Doby explained if council approved the change it meant deliberately breaking the by-law while enforcing ratepayers to uphold laws.

A lot of by-laws have been broken by previous councils for a long time, stressed Mr. Braida as he explained he was a long-time resident of the town and didn't appreciate by-laws being broken for newcomers to town desiring to establish industry.

He explained he hired 40 employees in the Corona Shoe and the business had grown to the point where larger quarters were necessary. He also told members he had been responsible for the development of the Glenlea subdivision and had paid considerable taxes to the town, and if anyone was open for consideration he should be.

No Encouragement
Mr. Braida stated he had an interest in another shoe factory in Hamilton and he had intended to move the business to town but has received no encouragement from council. Deputy Reeve Denny explained council's wish was not to chase anyone away or to hurt Mr. Braida but to protect themselves legally.

"You are not going to hurt me, only the people who pay taxes. I feel in view of the high tax rate this year, the people in town are going to criticize your viewpoint on this," Mr. Braida said.

Unwilling to Rezone
Councillor Hamilton Peal suggested the only solution to the problem would be to have the Braida property rezoned to allow the lumber business to locate there. Mr. Braida explained his home was involved in the land in question and he did not care to have his residence classed in commercial or industrial zones.

Offenders . . .

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Sam Tennant was appointed assistant town superintendent in the absence of superintendent Alf Doby.

Lakeview Developer
Council approved a resolution to enter into an agreement with a contractor or contractors desiring to develop the balance of land in the Lakeview subdivision. Any developers will be required to complete necessary extensions in the subdivision at their own expense and pay engineer's fees as well before any development can be started. Development would include water, sewer, ditches, culverts and additional street lighting.

Approval was given to utilize the dog control service offered by the town of Georgetown on a temporary basis until a permanent system can be found. Formerly the town dog control was under the jurisdiction of Cecil Robertson, who was hired by the town. Mr. Robertson recently went out of business and Georgetown hired a man and rented a vehicle to continue dog control. The service was offered to Acton at actual costs of Georgetown.

Cancer Month

April is Cancer month in Acton as it is all across the country, but here the campaign has been delayed to the last two days of the month due to conflicting events. Tom Shields is campaign manager and canvassers are being arranged.

The first students at the School for the Deaf at Milton came after Easter.

An NDP cavalcade went through town Saturday morning, headed by an Indian in native dress and the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band.

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