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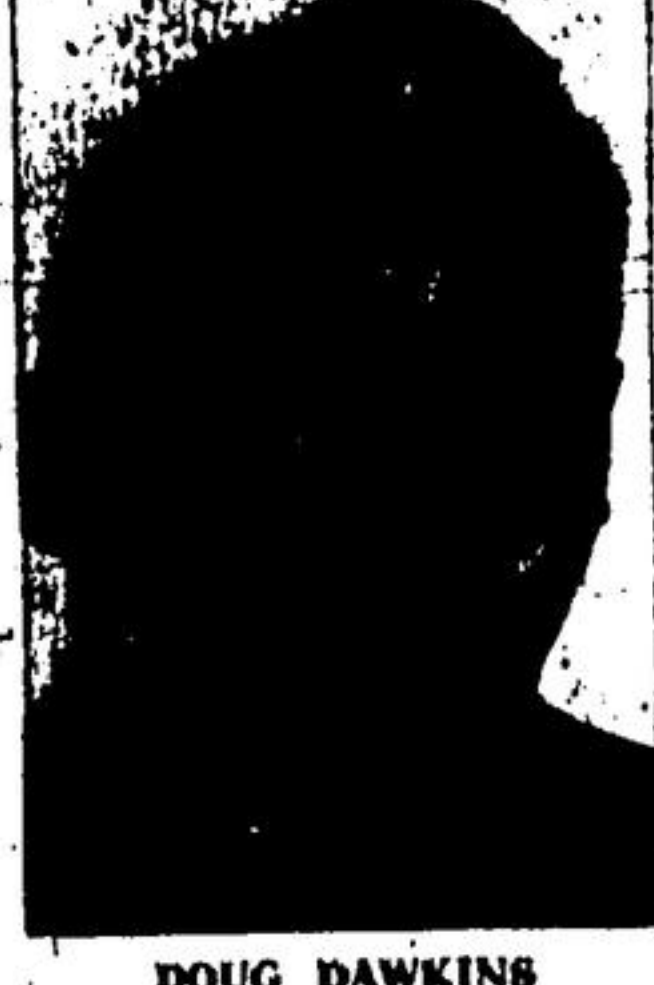


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Second Section

Mayor Gives 1963 Council Report

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In recent years, it has been the custom of council to have the mayor give a brief resume of the programs that have been carried out by the various committees of council over the preceding year. While this is not a mandatory procedure, your council welcomes the opportunity to do so. We trust that you, who are present this evening because of an interest in the nominations for the 1964 Council, will also be interested in what we have, or have not been able to accomplish in the past year.

Before reviewing the year's administration, I would like to express to the members of council my sincere appreciation for their support and confidence, and to commend them for the efficient manner in which they tackled their respective duties. I have enjoyed working with them—thrashing out our municipal problems, and despite strong and healthy differences of opinion, your 1963 Council is ending this year as a more or less friendly group.

Thanks Staff

I must make mention of the great assistance which Mr. McEachern and his staff have been to me personally, and to simply say "Thank You" to the town superintendent and his work force for their constant co-operation.

The duties of mayor are varied and many, and without the co-operation of my employees, I would not have been able to assume the responsibility and privilege that was accorded to me last March by my fellow members of council, when they appointed me to the mayor's chair following the unexpected resignation of Mr. G. Buchanan.

Without going into great detail, I will now endeavour to give you a run down on the highlights (in our estimation) of the work done by your 1963 Council.

You have been provided with the auditors' interim report up to October 31, and after studying it, you may find some points you would like to question. During the time the chairman may allow, our various committee chairmen, clerk-administrator, myself will try to clarify any points for you.

First, let us deal with the works committee of council, better known as No. 2 committee, with Councillor Hamilton Peal as chairman. This committee consists of the following sub-committees—Road, H. Peal, Sewer and Water, A. Johnson, Assessment, A. Irwin and Property, H. Towse.

One Disappointment
Our one disappointment of the year was the decision we had to make regarding the construction of the Brock and Church St. bridges. In spite of our advanced planning and preparations in 1962, the processing of plans and specifications at the engineering level was delayed to the point where we had to accept the fact that by the time the plans were forwarded to the Dept. of Highways for approval, the steel putters by the municipality, and tenders called it would have brought the construction into the winter months and this of course would have been undesirable.

Winter construction would have been more costly, and the residents in this area would have been hampered by a detour

condition until spring. Therefore, our decision to finalize arrangements to the satisfaction of the Dept. of Highways, and call tenders early in the spring of 1964.

Reservoir Problems
The early part of this year saw the completion of the new water reservoir site with ditching and landscaping carried out. Here again, we had our problems; spring rains washed out the newly-laid road, which of course was replaced.

On Wednesday, January 16, we saw our new water supply brought into the town system at a controlled pressure of 40 lbs. for the duration of the winter. Later in the year it was stepped up to maximum pressure with no breaks of too serious a nature. Pressures of from 65-100 lbs. were reached. Pressures at present are now reduced again to a maximum of 50 lbs. At the highest elevated hydrant.

Obvious Lack Hydrant
One of the more significant accomplishments of the year was the establishment of a set of rules and regulations to govern our town work force, the lack of which, had made itself very obvious in the past. Standards of conduct, rules of procedure, and all other conditions of employment including grievance procedures were set out. This, combined with a new, and improved wage schedule was regulated by council as a whole, and readily accepted by our town workmen. Two new men were added to our work staff—the younger of whom was hired to be trained as a sewer line water operator, and who has completed his first course in this field at the O.W.R.C. school.

Mr. Lambert, who was officially retired October 31, 1961, has now been rehired on a new basis to assist in sewer-water installation of new personnel according to the program laid out by this year in our work program due to considerable lost time from sickness. The work we failed to accomplish is reflected in the unexpended portion of our road budget to October 31.

New Equipment
Several items of equipment were added to our works dept. in an all weather cab for the front end loader, spare tires for all trucks, self propelled asphalt roller at a cost of \$1,600 which enables us to do our own side walk repair rather than contract. Thus effecting a considerable saving each year, a new chain saw and a dehumidifier to protect our control station installation at the reservoir against corrosion by dampness.

A major drainage problem was rectified by the repaving of the intersection at Peel and Wellington Streets, establishing new grades, and the yearly problem of drainage on Victoria Ave was corrected by tar and gravel, and culverts.

Drainage was also improved on Mill St. west in conjunction with the new sidewalk which is 1 1/2 mile of sidewalk was repaired this year. All of Yung St. Mill West, portion of Elgin and Frederick, new concrete sidewalk at the new federal building.

ing, and the road to curb portion unphalped.

Study Traffic

This past year we carried out additional traffic studies on the town approaches and when parking signs failed in the downtown area, we investigated the possibility of parking meters, but deferred action until deemed necessary. We had our various speed limits checked in danger areas, and despite our attempt to have them reduced, we were advised by the department to leave them as they are.

Once again, we carried out a street lighting program for the year, but we veered from the intended plan to do a new street each year, and took care of many hazard areas throughout the town. Much of this was prompted by request from ratepayers and due to our own knowledge of inadequate lighting in outlying areas.

Dump Problem

We did everything possible to deal with the dump problem, and the nuisance of burning, tried to find areas for relocation of the dump, and investigated the sanitary fill method by contract.

Numerous other small work projects were carried out, not the least of which was the continuation of the tree planting program, in which the sound advice of Mr. Bruce Pargeter proved of great assistance.

Deputy Reeve William Denny was the chairman of the Administration Committee of Council, with Chairman Wm. Denny, Engineer, J. Bert Wood, Fire and Police, H. H. Hinton and Industrial and Welfare, Eric Johnson.

Budget Controlled
You will notice that there is some indication that we will end the year with a \$200.00 to \$300

00 surplus... plus a build over of the \$1,000.00 for bridges. This was the original cost of our portion.

Although the mill rate took a still rise, you will understand this when you consider the increase from \$42,700.00 to \$86,000.00 in the high school maintenance levy. We did see an improvement in the new system of paying education and high way and road grants. This helped to offset borrowing from the bank. Insurance on our arena was increased by \$17,700.00.

The new book keeping machine purchased for the town office was a timely purchase, due to the fact the cost of the machine increased shortly after purchase, and a very creditable trade in was realized on the old machine. By waiting a year this would have been lost. Since going into operation, its usefulness has more than justified the expenditure. New washroom facilities were provided at the town office, which were long overdue.

Auditors' fees were increased from \$900.00 to \$1,250.00 for 1963. As of June 31, we were over-expended by \$1,450.00 and as of October 31 we were under-expended by \$1,860.00. This indicates a rather firm control of budget.

Improve Cemetery

A definite move was made this year to improve the cemetery

of making application to the municipal assistance fund. It is hoped to obtain forgiveness of 25% of 2/3 of our cost.

A new dog control agreement came into effect, the early closing by law was voted down, as was the two year term for council, no action was taken on the Bell telephone extension service, and a new approach to obtaining industry is under study.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the police department for their efforts, and cooperation. Our fire department continues to be the same efficient group it has been in the past, and the parks board and recreation committee carried out a very impressive program during the past year.

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An area of approx five acres was graded and landscaped and following spring seeding and sodding should show quite an improvement.

The new federal building was officially opened on April 1. Council made an initial bid on the old post office in an attempt to acquire new space for town offices, but declined to meet the highest bid of \$16,000.00.

Under a new arrangement local prisoners are now lodged in the Milton jail instead of Acton, where the facilities are something less than adequate.

Approve School

Council gave final approval of the proposed high school addition at an approximate figure of \$285,000.00. It is intended for completion by September 1964, and this council is in the process

of making application to the municipal assistance fund. It is hoped to obtain forgiveness of 25% of 2/3 of our cost.

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YOUR SUPPORT AND VOTE
WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 1963

VOTE
J. BERT WOOD
AS
DEPUTY - REEVE

WITH TWO YEAR'S EXPERIENCE ON ACTON COUNCIL - ONE AS CHAIRMAN OF WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE AND ONE AS FINANCE CHAIRMAN.
I FEEL CAPABLE OF REPRESENTING THE TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF ACTON IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF EVERYONE AT COUNTY COUNCIL LEVEL.

VOTE
RAY ARBIC
FOR
TOWN COUNCILLOR
ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 1963
YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE WILL BE APPRECIATED

Your Vote and Influence for
PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE
Will be very much appreciated
MURRAY C. SMITH

VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE!
RE-ELECT
H. PEAL
ON TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 1963
3 YEAR'S EXPERIENCE

VOTE
JOHN LAST
FOR
COUNCIL
AS A MEMBER OF SEVERAL COMMUNITY INTERESTS INCLUDING Y.M.C.A., HOME AND SCHOOL AND CREDIT UNION, I AM VERY SYMPATHETIC TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.
MY WISH IS TO SERVE YOU

A. LLOYD FISHER
SOLICITS YOUR VOTE TO ELECT HIM AS A MEMBER OF
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