

Mayor Gives Council Report

Following is the report from Acton Council which was presented to ratepayers Thursday night of last week following nominations in the Robert Little public school auditorium.

The report was given by Mayor Les Daby and covers council's business activities throughout the year.

Once again, it is a pleasure to report to you on behalf of your 1964 council with regard to what we have been able to accomplish in your interests during the past year.

First of all, I want to take a moment to express my personal appreciation to all members of council for their co-operation throughout the year and more especially for their tolerance in the face of the extra meetings called in order to keep up with the processing of certain items that involved deadline dates. All on behalf of council, I want to thank all of the appointed board members for the manner in which they have carried out their various responsibilities. While I do not wish to intrude on other reports that will be heard later, I would like to mention that we had several resignations which were accepted for very pertinent reasons.

Mr. Jack Bullock, who served on recreation commission, Mr. J. T. Hurst, our county industrial representative and secretary of the parks board and recreation commission, Mr. Charles Kirkness on library board.

And last but not least, Mr. W. Sproston, from library board, and whose untimely passing shortly after was a shock to the community. The sympathy and understanding of the whole of council is extended to Mr. Sproston, who herself served most helpfully on our centennial committee.

Reduce Mill Rate
To begin with, the year 1964 saw us manage to reduce our mill rate by 2 mills, to 62.7 and 69.6. This did not come easy as the demands on the town coffers were just as great, if not greater, than before.

Last winter, we had many complimentary references to our stepped-up snow removal program, which we were most happy to pass on to our work staff, who deserved the credit of this job of work well done. Throughout the year, a great variety of things were accomplished, some of great importance, and many lesser projects. Early in the year, we carried out a stump removal program in Fairy Lake, with the assistance of the Credit Valley Conservation Authorities, at the reasonable cost to the town of \$445. It was also our hope to eliminate the weed condition which has greatly restricted our swimming area, but the cost at this time was prohibitive.

Next, we took steps to eliminate the annual deficit in our water account and while this necessitated an increase in rates of 10¢/1000 in all categories, the new rates are still in keeping with those of many other municipalities of our size. While the annual cost of this operation is now up to \$51,000, we estimate we will show a small surplus this year.

Consider Garbage
We gave serious consideration to contracting our garbage pickup, but although we found the cost of contracting beyond our budget, we did increase our regular budget for this work and greatly improved our conditions at the town dump. The burning problem was vastly reduced and some ratepayers in this area expressed their appreciation for our effort in reducing the smoke nuisance.

We have improved the staping of some of our streets and hazardous areas with Slow and No Parking signs. We again called for a survey of the Main and Mill intersection with regard to traffic but were granted no additional consideration by the Department of Transport.

We maintained our dog control services this year and complaints in this area were at a minimum. We continued the development of our new cemetery by budgeting for a half ton of seed and ton of fertilizer. This is now a most presentable area and plots will no doubt be available within another year.

Steps were taken to improve the pension plan of our town employees and at the close of this year, we will be switching to the Ontario Municipal Employees' Retirement System, better known as the OMERS Plan, which has become very popular with many municipalities. Our ambulance contract was renewed at an increase of \$200, the additional cost being offset by an increase in rates to the user.

Support Applications
We did support two applications for an A transport licence which could have produced an additional service to this area in keeping with our being a port of entry. A possible terminal waste house would have produced additional assessment. However, the department did not see fit to grant an award in either case.

We eliminated the annual cost of maintaining the south spring for 1964 and the sale of unpotable water for industrial use should net the town a profit in the next year.

Our efforts to acquire new culverts on Brook and Church Sts. were realized this year, with the awarding of the contract to Inverleigh Construction, the low bidder, at a cost of \$19,524, with a separate contract on steel for \$2,995 and total cost of \$22,519. The town's portion of 20% will be \$4,500 including engineer's fee. Although not fully completed this year, after required set-tings over the winter, these culverts will be hard surfaced when weather permits.

High School Addition
Our new high school addition is almost completed and in a race against time, some space was ready for use in time for school opening. We applied to the Municipal Works Assistance Fund to help in financing this project and received the necessary approvals and at a total cost of \$253,338, the assistance of \$85,000, of which 20% is forgiven, leaves us with \$168,000 to debenture. Ontario Hydro Plans are now underway for a centennial library. As a centennial program for Acton, we entertained a total of five proposals: a band hall and band shell; a public library; an indoor swimming

pool in our Y.M.C.A.; park development through our school creek to Fairy Lake; a cemetery chapel or mausoleum.

A centennial library was accepted on the basis that it would serve the most people in our town and in our schools. Upon completion of this project, we will qualify for a grant of \$100,000 from both our senior levels of government, providing the municipality produces the same. Based on the census of 1961, a population of 4,144, this would mean a grant of \$2,284 with the town to provide, out of current revenue, \$4,144. The centennial committee greatly appreciates the cooperation and understanding of our public school board in providing the ideal and necessary site which should make this project a credit to the community.

Street Widening
Next, I would like to bring you up to date on the Queen and Young St. widening, which would give us a 42 ft paved travel portion for our approach to town from the east. This will also produce new and improved lighting, new complete curbs and gutters, and new sidewalks from Churchill Rd. to Young St. This will also create new and improved grades on some of our service streets, as well as at the Mill St. C.N.R. crossing, which will be wide enough to allow a passing or by-passing lane for traffic to Wallace St. going east and East Main Ave. going west.

Tenders have been called and the contract let to the low bidder, Len Atter, Construction, who are now ready to commence work on the ditching portion of the contract, which will be carried on during the winter. This will include new storm sewer lines on Queen St. and a 24" line on Wallace St. Total costs will be connecting link, Ajax corner into town over the tracks, \$79,117.10, town's share 10% \$7,912, municipal roads, which is our service street grading \$12,791, town's share 50% \$6,395, new sidewalk \$4,459, town's share 100% \$4,459, Queen St. portion \$70,730.55, town's share nil, total unforgone costs.

Development Commission
This year saw the formation of the economic development commission to carry on the good work of our former industrial commission. We feel the new title is an embracing term, which leaves the new commission free to deal with all economic development in our town and does not restrict them to dealing with industrial development alone.

Their first recommendation to council has been carried out and that is the acquisition of surely needed industrial land, an area that can be developed as required once it is made presentable to any inquiring new industries and readily serviced for any of our existing industries who wish to expand, should the need arise. This has been processed and the necessary approvals received.

Another matter that might be of interest to the ratepayers of Acton is that the heavy assessment of Acton Quarters in the Township of Esguiseing should greatly contribute in reducing the amount that our percentage will be next year.

al cost \$167,197.65, town's total share \$18,750.

We are also carrying on our street lighting program that was started four years ago and this year will see new and improved lighting on Church St. And while the weather has not been ideal this past summer, we still were able to carry out our continuous sidewalk repair program.

We have also purchased a new heavy duty truck to better handle our snow plowing chores.

Negotiate Agreement
We recently negotiated an agreement with Long Term Investments, who held an option on the uncompleted portion of Lakeview Subdivision. This program is to provide a staged development of housing to meet the needs of our community. This will involve the construction of 112 homes in three to four years. A serious need for additional housing has been quite obvious in Acton for the past two years.

Several of our citizens, even some in business, have left our town due to the lack of adequate housing. The town is to receive \$400 lot, which will adequately take care of the cost of servicing. This will net the town \$27,200 plus \$6,125 already in this account, making a total of \$33,325. It is estimated that the cost of all services required will amount to \$58,555. This of course is based on standard soil conditions and therefore, the difference allows us a contingency surplus to offset unforeseen costs.

Two-Truck Accident
No Injury Reported
An Acton truck was involved in a two-truck accident on the Erin-Esguiseing Town Line Monday, Nov. 23, that caused \$2,500 damage. Milton O.P.P. said a dump truck driven by Wayne Dixon, 12 Mill St., Acton, received \$600. Also involved in the crash was an Ontario Hydro truck and a wood chipping machine, driven by Donald Dixon of Brampton. The Hydro truck had \$400 damage and the machine received \$1,500 damage. There were no injuries.

Fire Prevention Contest Winners Honored by Bureau at Banquet

Eva Anisimowicz of Oakville and Gary Ross of Burlington, winners of 1964 Halton Fire Prevention poster competition, were honored by the Bureau Tuesday evening of last week at a banquet in Milton Fire Hall.

The two winners, grade five students at St. Mary's Separate School and Lawrie Smith Public School, defeated hundreds of other entries in the county-wide contest. They were presented with desk pen sets, gifts from the Fire Prevention Bureau, and with larger trophies to be retained by their schools for one year, presented by Halton Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Guest Speaker
Lt. Wes Miller of Oakville Fire Department, chairman of the Bureau, chaired the banquet. Jim Arnold of Wilson and Coopers Fire Equipment, Toronto, general manager of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, was guest speaker and presented a challenging message for both winners and the over 80 guests.

Others who spoke included John Turnbull, Deputy Fire Marshal of Ontario, Fire Chiefs' Chief Cecil Upper of Midland, acting president of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, and V. H. Douglas Wilson of Oakville, a director of the Canadian Association and secretary-treasurer of the Ontario Fire Chiefs' Association.

Honorable Mentions
For the first time in the eighty-year history of the contest, the Bureau awarded four additional "honorable mention" prizes in addition to the two main winners. Terry Rowley of Milton's Bruce St. School, Marlene Porter of Holy Rosary School, Milton, Karen Leonard of Georgetown's Holy Cross School, and Douglas (quest of John Williams school, Esquiseing, all received an "honorable mention" certificate and a shiny new silver dollar. These awards were presented to Chiefs' Edwin Lewis of Georgetown and A. J. Clement of Milton, to be passed on to the winners.

president Ivan Clarridge of Milton spoke on behalf of the Halton Mutual Aid Firefighting Service. Others from the Fire Marshal's office who attended were George Alexander, Chief of Fire Services, and William O'Sullivan, an instructor from the F.M.O.

President R. M. Burden and vice-president Norman Canteloni represented the insurance company during the presentation of school trophies. Lawrie Smith principal N. R. Dalgleish accepted the award on behalf of Gary's school, and Eva Anisimowicz accepted St. Mary's School trophy in the absence of her principal. The children's parents, teachers and principals were all invited guests at the dinner.

A telegram was received from Halton M.P. Harry C. Harley at Ottawa, expressing his regrets at being unable to attend, and congratulating the winners.

The 1964 county entries in the contest were judged by members of the Kitchener Fire Prevention Bureau.

Gary's and Eva's winning posters will be entered in an Ontario-wide competition, sponsored by the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs. Chief A. E. Clement of Milton is chairman of the all-Ontario contest, and the prizes are \$100 bonds for the best boy and girl.

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Your Local Government is a vital part of your every day life. On Tuesday, December 8, I urge you to exercise your right to Vote. That is the day on which you select the men who will look after Your Municipal affairs for the coming year. I ask for your support so that I may continue to serve you on your council for 1965. My platform — Honesty, Hard work and Common Sense.

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