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Drop Mill Rate Two Years in Succession

Bringing in his 1965 budget at Council meeting Tuesday, budget chairman F. G. Oakes recommended that the mill rate be 62.2 for residential and farm and 68.6 for industrial and commercial taxpayers. These rates represent a half mill decrease on the residential rates and a full mill on the industrial and commercial rates. One of the main factors in not only holding the mill rate but reducing it was the healthy surplus created by the municipality in 1964 by both public and high school boards. The surplus was created by an increase in the anticipated grants received last year. Actual operating costs of the schools for this year are higher than last year but the surpluses reduce these amounts to be raised by taxation this year.

The council this year is embarking on an increased program of updating municipal services, roads and equipment. Commenting on the budget, Councilor Drinkwater said it was good they were able to hold the budget, let alone reduce it. "We have acted wisely in taking on an expanded program this year. I am sure it was a wise decision to increase the anticipated grants received last year. Actual operating costs of the schools for this year are higher than last year but the surpluses reduce these amounts to be raised by taxation this year. I think the money is going to be properly and well spent. However, I would have liked to see a larger reduction in the mill rate rather than the accelerated program," said Rev. Horton. Also assisting in the mill rate reduction was the \$10,000 surplus the municipality carried over from its 1964 operations. Last year, the surplus carried forward was \$9,200. High school operating costs rose from \$2,200,000 in 1964 to \$2,200,000 while the public schools go from \$184,000 to \$220,000.

1965 MILL RATE COMPILATION

General Rate

	1965	1964
Commercial Assessment	3,524,872	31.8
Residential Assessment	3,700,465	30.3
Public School		
Commercial Assessment	3,538,647	17.6
Residential Assessment	3,700,465	15.8
High School		
Commercial Assessment	3,538,647	11.4
Residential Assessment	3,700,465	10.3
County		
Commercial Assessment	3,524,872	5.8
Residential Assessment	3,700,465	5.7
TAX RATE COMMERCIAL		
	68.6	69.6
TAX RATE RESIDENTIAL		
	62.2	62.7



LINDA LAWSON was chosen top orator Friday morning during the local public school speaking contest. The young winner received the Acton Hydro trophy presented by Hydro chairman Ted Tyler Sr. and also accepted the B. D. Rachlin trophy for the Robert Little school. Back row left to right are Mr. Tyler, assistant principal Doug Copeland and school board chairman William Benson who presented each of the seven contestants with a ball point pen from the board.

Grade 8 Pupil

Linda Lawson Named Top Orator In Public Speaking Competition

A grade eight pupil from the Robert Little public school, top orator in the public speaking contest held Friday morning when she won the local public speaking contest between the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett schools. Linda Lawson, 12, of the Robert Little school, was chosen top orator in the public speaking contest held Friday morning. She was presented with a trophy and a ball point pen by school board chairman William Benson. The young winner received the Acton Hydro Commission trophy from chairman F. G. Tyler Sr. and also accepted the B. D. Rachlin trophy for her home school. She now enters the Halton County finals and Friday night competes against speakers from other schools throughout Halton. All seven speakers received a ball point pen presented on behalf of the public school board by chairman William Benson.

Another highlight of the morning was the presentation of the Branch 197 Royal Canadian Legion plaque and individual prizes to winners in the Legion local essay contest, which was open to pupils from both Acton public schools, as well as pupils from Brookville and Spencerville schools. The Legion plaque was presented by president James Gunn to first place winner Katherine Knuppberg and will remain in the possession of the Robert Little school for one year. She also received a ring donated by the Legion from Edwain Pratt. Second place winner Marion Reinhardt from Brookville public school was presented with a ring by Mrs. W. F. Rogers on behalf of the Legion, and third place winner Linda Lawson of the Robert Little school received a maple leaf pin presented by Rev. A. H. McKenzie on behalf of the Legion. The three who presented individual prizes were judges for the essay contest.

Recommends Flashing Signals Following Train-Truck Fatal

A five man coroner's jury Monday night at Acton recommended a flashing warning signal be installed at the C.N.R. crossing at the first line west of town following the accidental death of Jack Brinklow.

Mr. Brinklow, age 25 of 86 Hearn Avenue, Guelph, driver of an Acton Jersey Dairy truck, died following the crash of his vehicle and a westbound C.N.R. train February 27.

The inquest, conducted by Dr. R. D. Buckner, was held at court chambers to determine when and by what means the deceased met his death. Assistant coroner Gordon O'Reilly interviewed the witnesses and instructed the jury.

In bringing in the jury findings, foreman Lonnie Dolbertham speaking on behalf of members Alvin Messie, Johnny Watkins, Roy Johnston and Robert Coffey, said death was determined at 10:30 a.m. on the morning of the accident at Guelph General Hospital as the result of injuries received in a train-truck accident.

Three recommendations were made by the jury including: (1) Snow, being plowed back further by a snow plow and sanding of the road at the crossing; (2) Because of the increased amount of traffic and the angle of the crossing, flashing warning signals should be installed; (3) There are certain times when the train whistle is not blown and more emphasis by trammens should be placed on this.

After hearing evidence from nine witnesses the jury deliberated for about three quarters of an hour before bringing in the verdict and recommendations. Dr. Walter Scott of Guelph told the court the results of the post mortem conducted by Dr. Barton of Guelph, listing the various injuries sustained. In his summary from the doctor, said cause of death was determined as shock, a fractured skull and lacerated brain.

Blood Donors Urgently Needed

Donors for the Friday blood clinic are needed urgently. Word went out this week to everyone of age to donate blood - between 18 and 65 - to attend the day clinic at the Legion Hall in order to replace much needed blood in the supply of the Halton Branch of the Red Cross. What began as an industrial clinic has now opened up into a general blood clinic and anyone able to attend between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon or from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., is asked to do so. There will be no evening hours this time as the legion hall has already been booked up by an organization some time ago. Legion president James Gunn reported Wednesday he had received full cooperation from local industries in allowing workers to attend the clinic during the day.

Where Your Tax Dollars Are Spent

5.8 MILLS COUNTY RATE \$41,093.84	10.3 MILLS HIGH SCHOOL Operation and Debentures \$78,033.19	15.8 MILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS Operation and Debentures \$120,645.75	30.3 MILLS GENERAL PURPOSES Administration, Salaries, Bldg Maint., Cemetery, Insurance, Dog Control \$57,119.00 PLUS
5.8 MILLS SANITATION, HEALTH, WELFARE Garbage, Insulin, Ambulance, Relief \$23,950	10.3 MILLS PROTECTION Fire, Police, Division Court, Street Lights \$58,583.00	15.8 MILLS PUBLIC WORKS Roads, Equip. Maint., Sidewalks, Road Widening \$66,250.00	30.3 MILLS RECREATION AND COMMUNITY Library, Parks, Community Centre, Fair, Planning Board, Band \$22,770.55
5.8 MILLS DEBENTURES \$115,454.59 Sewer Deficit, Taxes Written Off, Grants, Deprec. Reserve, Credit Valley \$34,191.75	10.3 MILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL LEVY 1965 Residential Assessment 3,524,872 Commercial Assessment 3,700,465 Add Legion 13,775 Total 7,239,112	15.8 MILLS RECEIPTS GENERAL ADMINISTRATION Actual 1964 Budget 1965 TAXATION - Local Improvement, Supplementary DEBENTURE DEBT REC - Hydro, Water, Sewers 58,641.90 58,750.51 GRANTS & SUBSIDIES - Relief, Fire and Police, Highways, I.C.H.O., County 21,057.80 30,838.69 GENERAL - Licenses, Dog Tax, Tax Penalties, OTHER REVENUES - Town Hall Rent, Fines, Warren Grove Sidewalk 4,618.07 3,900.00 RECREATION & COMMUNITY - Ambulance, Cemetery 3,670.36 2,740.00 MISC. ITEMS - Sundry, Poll Tax, Twp. Fire 5,471.00 5,250.00 CASH IN HAND - Post Office, I.C.H.O. 2,997.96 8,200.00 Surplus from previous year 4,154.22 4,150.00 UNCONDITIONAL GRANT 9,202.92 11,620.00 TOTAL RECEIPTS 131,550.47 144,803.94	30.3 MILLS DISBURSEMENTS GENERAL ADMINISTRATION Actual 1964 Budget 1965 Council salaries, administration salaries, pension, audit fees, unemp. insurance, health insurance, cemetery, insurance, printing and postage, maintenance public buildings, office administration, legal and court costs, election expense, workmen's compensation, dog control 54,168.28 57,110.00 Protection to persons and property - fire, police, division court, street lighting 49,803.60 58,583.00 Public Works - roads, misc. roads, equipment maintenance, sidewalks, road widening, bridges 31,123.57 66,250.00 Sanitation and Waste - Garbage (labor only), covering dump 10,100.65 10,500.00 Conservation of Health - Insulin, ambulance 2,420.17 2,450.00 Social Welfare - Relief 9,702.14 11,000.00 Recreation and Community - Library, community centre operation, capital, deficit, parks board, fall fair board, planning board, urban board, citizens band 25,520.61 22,770.55 Debentures - Water, sewer, general, hydro, O.W.R.C. contract 108,929.15 115,454.59 Interest charges, water deficit, sewer deficit, taxes written off 5,432.50 9,200.00 Misc. Items, Credit Valley, hydrant rental, St. John's Ambulance, Retarded Children, Industrial Commission, reserve for depreciation 25,899.71 24,991.75 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 325,868.38 378,318.89
5.8 MILLS MAINTENANCE LEVY Debtore Levy 68,500 Esquising Debtore 600.00 Total 69,100	10.3 MILLS COMMERCIAL RATE 17.6 x 3,538,647 = 62,280.19 15.8 x 3,700,465 = 58,467.35 Total 120,747.54 Over Levy* 101.79	15.8 MILLS HIGH SCHOOL 1965 BUDGET Debtore Levy Assumed 20,214.00 Georgetown 4,211.85 Milton 195.44 County 15,416.65 Total 20,214.94	30.3 MILLS RECOVERABLE Georgetown 6,911.17 Milton 3,909.19 Esquising 4,172.29 Nassagaweya 1,861.71 Total 17,054.36
5.8 MILLS COUNTY OF HALTON LEVY 1965 Equalized Assessment By-law 1964-17 7,178,156 Crown Properties (Ontario) 27,520 (Canada) 45,375 Total 72,851	10.3 MILLS GENERAL RATE 4.1 29,729.31 1.65 11,964.23 Total 41,693.54	15.8 MILLS ROAD RATE 4.1 29,729.31 1.65 11,964.23 Total 41,693.54	30.3 MILLS ROAD RATE 4.1 29,729.31 1.65 11,964.23 Total 41,693.54

TOTAL ANNESEMENT FOR 1965

Residential and Farm Section 54	3,691,965	8,500	3,700,465
Commercial and Industrial	3,411,522	91,940	3,524,872
Legion for School Purposes Only			13,775
TOTAL ANNESEMENT			7,239,112

RECEIPTS GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

	Actual 1964	Budget 1965
TAXATION - Local Improvement, Supplementary DEBENTURE DEBT REC - Hydro, Water, Sewers	6,955.84	6,528.36
GRANTS & SUBSIDIES - Relief, Fire and Police, Highways, I.C.H.O., County	21,057.80	30,838.69
GENERAL - Licenses, Dog Tax, Tax Penalties, OTHER REVENUES - Town Hall Rent, Fines, Warren Grove Sidewalk	4,618.07	3,900.00
RECREATION & COMMUNITY - Ambulance, Cemetery	3,670.36	2,740.00
MISC. ITEMS - Sundry, Poll Tax, Twp. Fire	5,471.00	5,250.00
CASH IN HAND - Post Office, I.C.H.O.	2,997.96	8,200.00
Surplus from previous year	4,154.22	4,150.00
UNCONDITIONAL GRANT	9,202.92	11,620.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	131,550.47	144,803.94

DISBURSEMENTS GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

	Actual 1964	Budget 1965
Council salaries, administration salaries, pension, audit fees, unemp. insurance, health insurance, cemetery, insurance, printing and postage, maintenance public buildings, office administration, legal and court costs, election expense, workmen's compensation, dog control	54,168.28	57,110.00
Protection to persons and property - fire, police, division court, street lighting	49,803.60	58,583.00
Public Works - roads, misc. roads, equipment maintenance, sidewalks, road widening, bridges	31,123.57	66,250.00
Sanitation and Waste - Garbage (labor only), covering dump	10,100.65	10,500.00
Conservation of Health - Insulin, ambulance	2,420.17	2,450.00
Social Welfare - Relief	9,702.14	11,000.00
Recreation and Community - Library, community centre operation, capital, deficit, parks board, fall fair board, planning board, urban board, citizens band	25,520.61	22,770.55
Debentures - Water, sewer, general, hydro, O.W.R.C. contract	108,929.15	115,454.59
Interest charges, water deficit, sewer deficit, taxes written off	5,432.50	9,200.00
Misc. Items, Credit Valley, hydrant rental, St. John's Ambulance, Retarded Children, Industrial Commission, reserve for depreciation	25,899.71	24,991.75
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	325,868.38	378,318.89

COUNTY OF HALTON LEVY 1965

Equalized Assessment By-law 1964-17	7,178,156
Crown Properties (Ontario)	27,520
(Canada)	45,375
Total	72,851
General Rate	4.1 29,729.31
Road Rate	1.65 11,964.23
Total	41,693.54
County Rate	5.75
Road Rebate - 40% of 11,964.23	4,785.69

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