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Education Costs Soar

Residential Rate 69.8 Mills Commercial Rate 77 Mills

Bringing in his 1966 budget at council meeting Tuesday, budget chairman F. G. Oakes recommended that the mill rate be 69.8 for residential and farm and 77 for industrial and commercial taxpayers. These rates represent a 7.6 mill increase on the residential rates and an 8.4 mill increase on industrial-commercial taxes.

One of the main factors for the increased rates is the increased cost for school operation. Of the total increase the public school accounts for 5.7 mills on industrial-commercial and 5.2 mills on residential, totalling \$39,798.62, while the high school accounts for increases amounting to 2.8 industrial-commercial and 2.5 residential totalling \$19,081.53.

In presenting his 1966 budget, councillor Oakes read the following submission from his budget committee to council. The submission is published below to acquaint ratepayers with details of the school budgets. A complete outline of the 1966 general budget appears on page 2 of this issue.

To the Ratepayers of Acton:

Council have now struck the mill rate for the year 1966 and it shows an increase for Commercial and Industrial Assessment of 8.4 mills and an increase on Residential and Farm Assessment of 7.6 mills.

We would like to explain this increase to the ratepayers in simple terms so that everyone will understand the reasons for the increase.

The yearly-mill rate is set in four parts, 1 for Town General Purposes including debentures and Nasagaweya contributing to the cost. The percentage breakdown is as follows: Acton - 66.14%; Esqueving - 23.42%; Nasagaweya - 10.44%. This percentage is based on the equalized assessment of each municipality that is in the district.

This year's expenditure in comparison with 1965 for all four units is shown in the following table and we trust you, as ratepayers will have a better understanding of the increase and the reasons for same.

TOWN GENERAL PURPOSES

1965 Expenditures	\$378,318.89
1965 Receipts	133,957.56
To be raised by Taxes	\$244,361.33
1966 Expenditures	\$371,836.52
1966 Receipts	129,573.80
To be raised by Taxes	\$242,262.72

1965 Mill Rate	1966 Mill Rate
Commercial 33.8 mills	Commercial 33.5 mills
Residential 30.3 mills	Residential 30.0 mills
A decrease of \$2,098.61; A decrease of Commercial rate .3 mills; Residential rate .3 mills.	

PUBLIC SCHOOL PURPOSES

1965 Total Costs Including Debentures	\$277,925.00
Less Grants and Other Revenue	157,179.00
Total raised by Taxes	\$120,746.00
Mill Rate - Commercial 17.6 - Residential 15.8	
1966 Total Costs Including Debentures	\$318,993.00
Less Grants and Other Revenue	159,149.00
Total raised by Taxes	\$159,844.00
Mill Rate - Commercial 23.3 - Residential 21.0	
Increased Cost of Operation - \$39,098.00	
Increased Mill Rate - Commercial 5.7; Residential 5.2	

HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

1965 Total Expenditures including Debentures	\$321,872.00
Less Grants and Other Revenues	209,919.00
Total raised by Taxes	\$111,953.00
Acton's Share	\$78,456.00
Mill Rate - Commercial 11.4 mills - Residential 10.3 mills	

1966 Total Expenditures including Debentures	\$361,330.00
Less Grants and Other Revenue	221,178.00
Total raised by Taxes	\$140,152.00
Acton's Share	\$97,632.68
Mill Rate - Commercial 14.2 mills - Residential 12.8 mills	
Increased Cost of Operation, Acton's Share - \$19,176.68	
Acton Mill Rate Increase - Commercial 2.8 mills; Residential 2.5 mills	

1965 - \$41,693.54	1966 - \$43,365.24
1965 Mill Rate - 5.8 mills	1966 Mill Rate - 6.0 mills
An increase of \$1,671.70	

An increase in both Commercial and Residential of .2 mills

Public School Increase	\$39,798.62	5.7 and 5.2 mills
High School Increase	19,081.53	2.8 and 2.5 mills
County of Halton Increase	1,671.70	.2 and .2 mills
Total Increase	\$60,551.85	8.7 and 7.9 mills

Less Town General Purposes	2,098.61	.3 and .3 mills
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Chairman Reports

"Modest, Conservative Budget"

In presenting his 1966 budget to council Tuesday evening, budget chairman F. G. Oakes noted the levy for the town general purposes had been reduced the past two years and again this year.

He said expenditures over which the town has no control included the public school board total costs including debentures amounting to \$318,993; high school board total costs including debentures amounting to \$361,330 and the County of Halton levy amounting to \$43,365.24. The three combined total \$723,688.24 or 66 per cent of the total municipal expenditures in Acton for 1966.

General Rate Down
Council controls only the town general rate which has been reduced from last year and amounts to \$371,836.52 or 34 per cent of all municipal spending. This includes the band grant, Credit-Valley Conservation Authority levy; library, parks, recreation and planning budgets and debentures.

In his recap to council, the chairman explained, "This is a modest, conservative budget. Every department has been given some consideration.

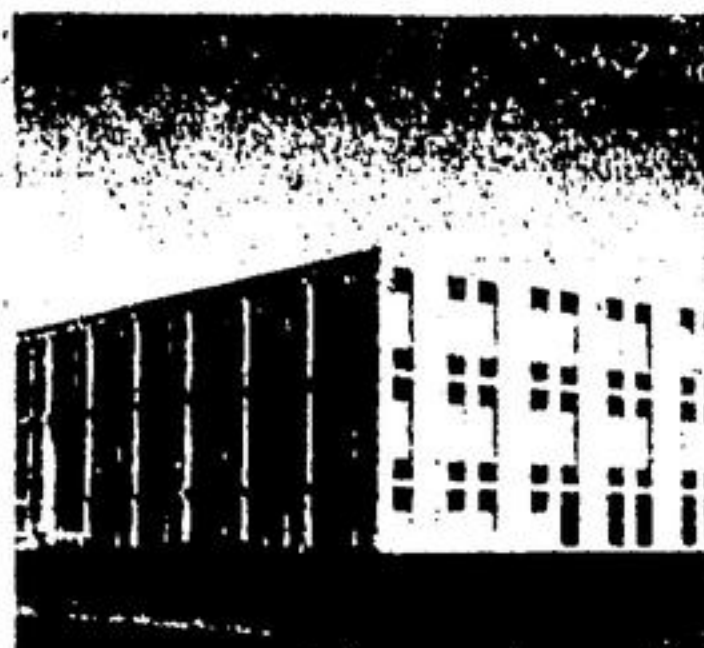
None have been overlooked or cut off. Just because we have a couple of (school) budgets presented to us of enormous proportions, we cannot throw in the sponge and let the town decay and stagnate and this budget would indicate this."

He also noted the new budget:

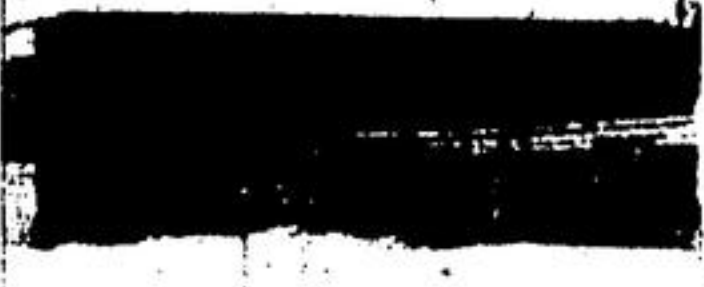
- Allows for an extra O.P.P. officer to be engaged.
- Allows for the purchase of a new garbage paker.
- Takes care of the cost of living raises for the office staff and the outside work staff, not large but some.
- Allows for a little more cemetery work.
- Makes provisions for more road work to be done although not as extensive as last year.
- Provides a budget for the Development Committee to use if necessary.

Council members scanned their copies of the budget as the budget chairman reviewed page after page of detailed accounts. Councillor Oakes commended members of his budget committee, other municipal boards and committees and the town clerk-administrator for their assistance in preparing the 1966 budget.

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6 COUNTY RATE MILLS
\$43,365.24



12.8 HIGH SCHOOL MILLS
Operation - Debentures \$97,632.68



21 PUBLIC SCHOOL MILLS
Operation - Debentures \$159,844.



30 GENERAL PURPOSES MILLS
Administration, Salaries, Bldg. Maint., Cemetery, Insurance, Dog Control, \$60,156.

First Regular Session in Weeks Council Resumes Regular Business

For the past five or six weeks, Acton Council members have been preparing the 1966 budget and regular sessions have been postponed or held to a minimum during this time. Tuesday evening, council approved the budget and delayed into regular business until long after the 11 p.m. curfew.

D.S.T. Soon

Daylight Saving Time was approved and residents will be asked to advance clocks an hour Sunday, April 24, at 12:01 a.m. until October 30, when clocks will be turned back an hour at 2 a.m.

Council also:

- Approved a by-law, rules and regulations and the schedule of rates for Fairview cemetery.
- Adjusted the salary of assessor William Eskine to \$4,800 per annum with a car allowance totalling \$400.
- Delegated Mayor Les Duby and clerk - administrator Jack McGeachie to attend the Town

Engage Stars

The Rhythm Pals, well-known entertainers from the Tommy Hunter show, have been engaged to headline the Lions Western show this spring. More plans for the popular show were made at the club's meeting this week.

Report Breakins At Two Homes

Constable Peter Campbell of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment is investigating a breakin and an attempted breakin which occurred Saturday night.

The home of Murray Swayne, Elizabeth Drive, was broken into and entry made in a downstairs room when a west window was forced open. At the home of a neighbor, Vic Morris, a futile attempt to gain entry was made through a back window. Nothing was reported missing.

Building Products In New Head Office

Building Products of Canada Limited, the parent company of Micro Plastics, will move into a new head office in downtown Montreal on or about June 1. The location is the IBM building at the southwest corner of the Place Ville Marie complex.

Involved in the move are senior officers and management people who have been located in the Royal Bank Building in Place Ville Marie and managers and their staffs who have been occupying offices at the Ville LaSalle plant site.

Divisions concerned are building materials, pipe and microplastics, flooring and executive sales. The other departments involved are financial and accounting, employee relations, purchasing, central engineering and co-ordination and planning.

The move will provide a more efficient base of all head office functions with quick access to business contacts, adequate service facilities and scope for further expansion.

and Village section, Ontario Municipal Association conference at Lindsay on May 13 and 14. Other councillors wishing to attend on Saturday may do so.

• Approved installation of complete underground wiring in the presently being developed section of Lakeview subdivision and requested Acton Hydro to present an itemized statement of the \$4,527.30 cost to the town which will be amortized over a period of 20 years.

• Agreed to have the town engineer co-operate with Tony Seynuck and his engineer in laying

out a plan of subdivision for 5.8 acres of his land which is proposed for sale to Cranston Griese for development. Application for a land separation from T. Seynuck to C. Griese is now before the Committee of Adjustment.

• Credited consumer deposits totalling \$32 to four residents who have moved.

Library Meeting

Mayor Duby reminded council members the Centennial library project had not been forgotten and a meeting will be held April 21 with the architect to discuss further plans.



SCOTTISH COUSIN Irene Campbell (in the tartan) visited the McGeachie family last week while she entertained full houses at the Royal Alex Theatre, Toronto, with a touring company from Scotland. On Easter Sunday she joined her Canadian relatives, Mrs. E. W. Toms of North Bay (Mona McGeachie), Jack and Jim McGeachie and their mother, Mrs. Joe McGeachie. Full story page B4.

Beardmore's Big Ben

Tannery Toots Summer Hours

Beginning Monday morning, the tannery whistle will sound at 7:25 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. for the spring and summer months to indicate the start of the work day. Previously, the whistle sounded at 7:55 and 8 a.m.

Tannery employees will begin their work day at 7:30 a.m. and finish at 4:30, when the whistle

will sound again, preceded by the usual five minute warning whistle.

The familiar whistle will blow as usual at 11:55, 12 noon, 12:55 and 1 o'clock.

Presently the working day is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. so the hours remain the same.



PROTECTION
Fire, Police, Division Court, Street Lights, \$64,598.



PUBLIC WORKS
Roads, Equip. Maint., Sidewalks, \$51,850.65



SANITATION, HEALTH, WELFARE, Garbage, Insulin, Ambulance, Relief, \$21,550.



RECREATION, COMMUNITY Library, Parks, Community Centre, Fair, Planning Board, Band, \$27,299.54



DEBENTURES - \$115,026.23
Sewer Deficit, Tax Write-off, Interest Charges, \$5,500.

Drenters Sculpture In Kitchener Show

The sculpture of Andrew Drenters, R.R. 4 Acton, is on display in a special two-man exhibition at the Gaslight Gallery, 479 Queen St. S., Kitchener.

Mr. Drenters, who exhibits under the name Andreas, has pieces of his work on display in the gallery. Featured with his work are the prints of Katja Jacobs of Toronto.

The setting of the Gaslight Gallery is ideally suited for Mr. Drenters' work. Opened only six months ago it is located in a converted coach house at the rear of what used to be a stately mansion

of a prominent Kitchener business man.

National Fame

Mr. Drenters has achieved national fame with his amusing sculpture made of pieces of farm machinery and other scrap iron. One of his pieces, The Moose, has been positioned on the grassy verge of the winding driveway leading from the street to the Gaslight Gallery.

The show will continue until the end of April. Andrew Drenters' brother Yoset has been commissioned to do a sculpture for Expo '67, and this

Modest Worm

Early birds get the worm this time of year — and early papers have the budget. Concentrated cut-down of expenses in all areas but schools provide a fairly juicy worm today for tax-ridden Actonians. The papers bearing the financial figures of the "modest" budget are out on the streets and in the mall Wednesday afternoon instead of Thursday morning.

It was the committee's decision to have the development committee of council discuss the proposed project with all parties involved. The hearing will proceed April 21 when a decision will be handed down.

Andrew's sculpture has been photographed for the Free Press previously. He is also a former Acton Figure Skating Club instructor.

Six Acre Sale Brings Hearing

Acton's committee of adjustment Thursday of last week approved a minor variance on lots 10-11 and 12 bordering on Longfield Road to allow Joe Gitto to erect three homes.

The same night, committee members postponed a decision on an application from Tony Seynuck for sale of approximately six acres of land bordering on Acton Boulevard to Cranston Griese. A plan of subdivision is proposed for the site by Mr. Griese.

Present for the meeting were members G. W. McKenzie and Murray Smith, and secretary Jack McGeachie with Mr. Seynuck, Mr. Griese, Mr. Gitto and his solicitor.

Another Accident Mill-Main Corner

Estimated damage totalled \$85 in a two-car crash Saturday, April 9, at the intersection of Mill and Main Streets.

Constable Peter Campbell of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment investigated and reported a car driven by Patrick Nolan, Georgetown, proceeding north on Main St. S., and one driven by Charles Griese, R.R. 2 Acton which was proceeding south on Main St. N. collided at the intersection when each driver attempted to turn east on Mill.



DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER of Wellington District, Right Worshipful Brother F. G. Daniells paid a fraternal visit to Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M. Monday night. Left to right are Very Worshipful Brother Herb Ritchie, Worshipful Master T. S. Newton, Worshipful Brother Myron Tyler of Lakeland Lodge, Buffalo, D.D.G.M. F. G. Daniells, Past D.D.G.M. Dean Leslie and Right Worshipful Brother Dr. A. J. Buchanan.