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## John Goy chairs new amalgamated board

John Goy, an ex-chairman of the recreation committee, was chosen chairman of the amalgamated Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee at the first business meeting Thursday in the town hall. Separate boards with the same personnel, the dual role will be combined into one meeting each month.

Vice-chairman selected for the new board was Brendan Aherne, the lone member from the previous Parks Board. Other committees chosen by the seven member board are as follows, with the first named chairman:

- Property—Harold Townsley, B. Aherne.
- Finance—Hugh Patterson, E. Masales.
- Program—Helen Otterbein, H. Townsley and recreation director Howard Pearce.
- Planning and development—B. Aherne, John Goy, E. Masales, Ted Tyler Jr.
- Administration—Chairman and the chairmen of the property, finance and program committees.

Duties of the various committees were discussed and mechanics of the meeting so the dual duties of the board could be handled with the most dispatch. Hugh Patterson acted as secretary in the absence of secretary Art Cooper.

First item of business authorized the recreation director to secure an extra night deposit bag from the bank so deposits could be made on a regular basis.

The property committee was authorized to make necessary emergency operating purchases for an amount not exceeding \$10 providing proper purchase orders accompanied the order. A petty cash fund of \$25 for the use of recreation director Howard Pearce was also established.

Mr. Pearce and arena manager Herb Ritchie were delegated to attend a training seminar on arena management at Burlington, February 15 and 16, at the expense of the board. Registration is \$10 with an additional \$3 to cover membership fees. The course is sponsored by the Recreation Directors' Association and the Arena Management Association.

Separate contracts for the summer and winter seasons are to be negotiated for the booth concession at the community centre with Roy Goodwin. Praise for Mr. Goodwin's operation of the concession was tempered with caution as the prickly issue of booth access by curlers has not yet been settled.



—Staff Photo  
**GOVERNMENT PROBLEMS** on both county and municipal levels were forgotten Saturday during the Legion annual veterans' dinner. Left to right Corporal Ray Mason of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment, Mayor Les Dubsy and county warden Bill Coulter enjoy an after-dinner chat.

## Dump site, rezoning on lengthy agenda at council Tuesday

Hopes of acquiring a new dump site for the town met with disapproval of 49 people who signed a petition and submitted it to Esquing council recently. No decision was reached at the township meeting.

A new site has been sought for a number of years and late in 1966, the possibility of locating a dump site on the western border of town on a piece of land owned by the town, but located in Esquing Township seemed to be the logical solution to the dump problem.

Permission to establish a dump site on this property was requested from Esquing on Monday, January 16, 49 ratepayers attended Esquing council meeting and presented a petition objecting to the proposed dump site. Councillor Drinkwater and members of his committee attended the Esquing council meeting when the petition was received. It was noted several of the names listed were residents of Acton, while others lived quite a distance west of the proposed dump site.

Mr. Drinkwater said he was not aware a delegation would be attending the meeting and said the 49 people were basically concerned with a smoke problem. He said they weren't aware of the town's intentions to provide sanitary land fill with an alternative of purchasing an incinerator to burn garbage.

"I am amazed to find residents of town opposing a new dump site," stated Mayor Les Dubsy.

Councillor G. W. McKenzie enquired how much longer the existing dump could be used and learned about one more year, from councillor Drinkwater. Mayor Dubsy noted council had been seeking a dump site for three years as he remarked "we are now reaching the saturation point." It was agreed to wait for an answer from Esquing council.

A year-long struggle by Jake van der Kooy to establish an electrical business at his home at the corner of Main and River Sts. is continuing after his first application to have his property rezoned from residential to commercial was turned down by the Ontario Municipal Board.

The refusal was based on lack of information regarding reasons why the property should be rezoned. Mr. van der Kooy recently made another application to Acton Planning Board and it was upheld by the board which recommended to council the second application be processed to the O.M.B.

Tuesday night the request was presented and a resolution to proceed with the application was approved with reeve H. H. Hinton and councillor Ted Tyler Jr. opposing.

Councillor Earl Masales enquired if the renovations made at the van der Kooy home complied with the building permit and learned they had from the clerk. Mr. Drinkwater said Planning Board had agreed with the application but he was of the opinion the application should be studied further by No. 1 committee in order to discuss possible charges for applicants requesting changes to the zoning by-law.

Councillor Masales stated all points had been discussed last year and council should come up with a sound solution and set a policy immediately. Councillor Charles Perry remarked "the man has been dragged through this for a whole year now."

Clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie informed council the usual procedure he follows in such applications is to make a draft plan of the actual use of the area involved and submit this plan with the application to the O.M.B. "This was not done in this case," he stated. Reeve Hinton asked "why?"

## Size of sewage plant extension produces close vote at council

A proposed extension to Acton's disposal plant sparked a lengthy debate Tuesday night when council members were split on a decision as to what capacity addition to build. A vote to accept the engineer's supplemental report for an extension to serve an additional 4,500 persons and to proceed with preliminary application to the Ontario Water Resources Commission and other contingencies squeaked through on a 5-4 count.

The motion was supported by deputy-reeve F. G. Oakes and councillors Earl Masales, Ted Tyler Jr., G. W. McKenzie and Charles Perry. An amendment to this motion to have engineers submit plans to the O.W.R.C. for an increase to the sewage disposal plant to serve either 3,000 or 4,500 additional population went down to defeat. It was supported by Mayor Les Dubsy, Reeve H. H. Hinton and councillors Robert Drinkwater and William Williams.

As a result of an extensive survey of the Black Creek during the past three years, the O.W.R.C. prepared a comprehensive report which showed the final effluent from Acton's disposal plant must be improved.

It was also pointed out the present disposal plant, which was built in 1950 for a population of 3,000 people, has a capacity of 300,000 U.S. gallons per day. In the survey's report it was noted during that last year the average overload was 30 per cent so the plant had been processing approximately 400,000 U.S. gallons daily.

During a meeting January 17 of No. 2 committee of council, town superintendent Alf Dubsy and engineer Glen Henry from R. V. Anderson Associates, the engineer presented plans for a sewage plant extension the same size as the existing plant and updating existing equipment to serve both plants.

It was learned at the committee meeting the present estimates of cost are \$24,000 for the plant and equipment, plus \$72,000 for the tertiary treatment. It was also estimated that \$40,000 of this cost was for extending and updating present equipment.

Since the January 17 committee meeting, Mr. Henry submitted a supplement to his original report which outlined costs for an extension to the plant to serve an additional 4,500 people. The engineer noted that if finances permitted, the extension to serve an additional 4,500 people would be preferable as it would give the town a larger reserve for potential industrial development and would also make duplication of the original plant at some future date less critical.

He requested council to make a decision as to the size required and then a preliminary application would be made to the O.W.R.C. for approval of the project.

During the discussion Tuesday night Dr. Oakes said the present plant had been built as a domestic sewage plant and wondered if it is still being used only for this purpose. Clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie replied it was.

Dr. Oakes wondered if any consideration had been given,

in the event the new plant was built, to taking Beardmore tannery sewage and sharing the cost jointly. Mr. Drinkwater noted this had not been considered at present. "Then the new plant would still be 100 per cent domestic?" enquired Dr. Oakes and was told "yes" by Mr. Drinkwater.

Mayor Dubsy said "what might happen if we build the plant is hope to acquire land from Beardmore to build and perhaps in the future we might be approached by the company to discuss tannery effluent. At present we have to consider what is needed at present."

Council was informed by Mr. McGeachie that if the decision to build a new plant was made, it wouldn't possibly be completed before June, 1969.

Reeve Hinton was of the opinion council should consider a smaller addition which he felt would be adequate in comparison with growing population. He compared a larger disposal plant to building a school for the future and hav-

ing a number of empty classrooms not filled for a number of years.

Mr. Drinkwater said "If I thought the schools were just building for today, I would be very upset." It was pointed out to Mr. Hinton the advantage of having a larger disposal plant would be the ability to handle not only domestic sewage but possible industrial growth sewage.

Councillor Ted Tyler remarked "We desperately need a sewage plant. The facts are there and we can't fence them or heat around the bush. We can not afford to dilly dally around." Mr. McGeachie noted the present population is 4,353 people and said it was reasonable to assume that in two years time this would increase to 4,500 people based on the increase in housing during 1966 when 27 families moved to town.

The next step toward an addition is to submit preliminary plans to the O.W.R.C. for approval.

## Over 150 vets attend annual dinner at Legion

Over 150 veterans enjoyed a hot roast beef dinner as they recalled memories of past wars during the annual Acton Legion veterans' dinner Saturday in the Legion Hall.

Chairman for the dinner, H. H. Hinton introduced head table guests first vice-president Gord James, fire chief Mick Holmes, Corporal Ray Mason of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment, Mayor Les Dubsy, Legion president Max Storey, Rev. Dwight Engel from Trinity United Church, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Legion padre and minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, Rev. Ritchie McMurray from St. Alban's Anglican church, second vice-president Barney Ernest, deputy zone commander Bill Shields from Oakville and Halton county warden Bill Coulter.

Each head table guest spoke briefly, congratulated the Legion members on their excellent record and wished the branch every success in the future.

Mr. McMurray said he enjoyed the companionship and admired the vitality and enthusiasm Legion members displayed. Mr. Engel congratulated the Legion Choralists on their excellent singing abilities and wished them success at Expo.

Corp. Ray Mason said he had enjoyed attending the annual gathering for the past 24 years and reminded members without the ladies to provide a wonderful meal, the event would not be possible. Mr. McKenzie said he had enjoyed the past eight years as Legion Padre and hoped to continue in this capacity.

Mayor Dubsy congratulated the Legion for having the first Centennial flag flying in town.

Warden Bill Coulter thanked the executive for the invitation and took the opportunity of thanking everyone throughout the Acton area for their assistance in his election as warden.

He told members he had been pleased to see the fine service and dinner extended the past warden during the warden's dinner held in the Legion Hall last year.

Legion president Max Storey thanked members for their splendid co-operation as he remarked "I have never had anyone refuse to help when asked." He had a special vote of thanks for the poppy committee of last year which comprised Sam Brunelle, Jim Higgins and Pat Waldie, and extended thanks to veteran Legionnaire Sam Snow for building the new membership board.

and Legionnaire Bob Angell for attaching names to the board.

The president reviewed possible projects for Centennial year in Acton and noted the Fall Fair Board is instituting plans. "We might even have a special night of our own," he remarked as he noted suggestions are being discussed.

World War I vets-in-attendance, as well as the only two lady members, Mrs. Jim McKnight and Mrs. Harvey Lambert, received a round of applause as they stood to be recognized.

At the conclusion of the dinner, veterans gathered in downstairs rooms to enjoy entertainment and singing.

Later in the evening, many returned with their wives to enjoy the Saturday night dance in the Legion Hall.

## Marching mothers will call for contributions next Monday

Marching Mothers will be collecting door-to-door for the March of Dimes next Monday evening, January 30, and householders are asked to leave their porch lights on to welcome them. They will canvass the

one evening only in the annual drive for funds for the Rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled.

Television and radio star Betty Kennedy is Ontario's chief marching mother, and

## Fifth candidate W. Gillies joins Halton East campaign

William D. Gillies, an unsuccessful candidate in the 1963 provincial election has announced his intention to seek the New Democratic Party's nomination in the new riding of Halton East.

Mr. Gillies, 46 years old, is currently serving a second year of a two year term on Oakville council. He became the fifth political hopeful in the riding to announce his intention to seek a major party nomination.

Liberals Robin Skuce and Murray Haesler, both of Oakville and Progressive Conservatives Bill Bateman and William B. Saigant also of Oakville have said they would seek their party's nomination for the next provincial election. Persistent rumors indicate the election might be held in late May or early June.

Mr. Gillies, a native of Niagara Falls, served in the Canadian Armed Forces in the Second World War and in Korea. He and his wife Mildred and daughter Bonnie Lyn moved to Oakville in 1958 where he is employed by the BP refinery.

He has been active in politics for many years. John Gilbert, NDP M.P. from Toronto Broadway will be the guest speaker at the NDP nomination meeting to be held in the Club Galaxy on Tuesday, Jan. 31. So far no other candidates have come forward.

the head of the Acton drive is Mrs. Don Van Fleet.

Local captains are Mrs. Stan Cripps, Mrs. Lloyd Robinson, Mrs. Doug Mason, Mrs. Don Lindsay, Mrs. Bern Van Fleet, Mrs. Len Lovell, Mrs. A. Waldie, Mrs. B. Veldhuis, Mrs. A. Orr, Mrs. Art Ford, Mrs. Gordon McKeown and Mrs. Gorry Fargeter. They are assembling their own canvassers.

Appeal letters have been sent by Mrs. Van Fleet to 27 business places, and she has distributed dime cards to stores for donations. These brightly colored cards, with slots for dimes, have been attracting the attention of shoppers who contribute a dime of change.

If the callers find no one at home, they will leave envelopes so donations may be sent later.

A force of 40,000 women is expected to be out in Canada next week, and all the money raised is spent in Canada on rehabilitation of handicapped persons.

## Centennial flag first in Acton

The first centennial flag to fly in Acton was raised last Thursday afternoon in a ceremony as unpretentious as it could be. Legion treasurer Gord McCutcheon hoisted the blue and white flag below the Canadian flag at the Legion flagpole with an audience of none.

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## Ernie Marks heads committee

Ernie Marks was named the 1967 chairman for the Acton Committee of Adjustment on Monday evening during the inaugural meeting in the council chamber.

Engaged as secretary-treasurer for the year was Iain Williams who replaces former secretary Jack McGeachie.

During the business session an application for a side-yard variance was received from Jack McMullon. It was agreed to hold a public hearing February 13 at which time a decision will be made.



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**LITTLE WONDER** high school basketball teams are in top place with a beautiful group of girls like this to cheer them on to victory. Kneeling in front with their mascot left to right are Nancy Morris, Gail Dunne, Marie Timbers and Marianne Coles. Back row left to right are Cathy Clark, Linda Lawson, Jackie Leo, Bev Brunelle, Pat Wheeler, Sharon White and Irene Severinski. Missing when photo was taken was Judy Connell.

## Crossing guards, 200 children hear safety lectures by O.P.P.

Quiet, they are happy to say, aptly describes the week of "business" experienced by the Acton O.P.P. from January 15 to 21.

Two hundred and thirty work hours and eight hundred and twenty-two miles patrolled saw four traffic charges and 16 warnings issued, while one minor accident, resulting in \$55 damage, was investigated.

Only three minor occurrences of a sundry nature, were reported, while criminal activity was apparently non-existent.

Magistrate's Court in Milton saw three men pay a total of \$140.50 in fines and \$18.50 in court costs, for offences varying from impaired driving to speeding.

Public school crossing guards, as well as grades four, five and six at Robert Little School listened to safety lectures from Police personnel throughout the week. Approximately 200 children were lectured.

A warning, issued by a Police Constable is done so at his own discretion. In issuing a warning, the officer has deduced that the person so warned understands the situation and possesses sufficient intelligence to correct his mistake. Failure to do so can only result in stronger disciplinary action being taken, warns Cpl. Ray Mason.

## Two accidents cause damage

Damage was estimated at around \$300 by constable Bruce McArthur of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment when he investigated a two car crash Sunday afternoon.

A car driven by Ann Symon, Willow Street, was reported to have stopped on Mill St. E., waiting to turn onto Bower Avenue when another east-bound car driven by Stuart Johnson, Elizabeth Drive, crashed into the rear of the Symon vehicle.

Damage to the Symon car was estimated around \$175 and to the Johnson car about \$125.

On Monday morning, constable Peter Campbell investigated an accident on Mill St. E. when a car driven by William Near, reported to be backing out of a driveway, backed into a parked car owned by Phillip Drysdale, also of town. Damage to the Drysdale car was estimated around \$100 to the left door.