

Mayor outlines expansion

Hydro strikes \$37,929.29 budget

Acton hydro electric commission struck a capital expenditure budget of \$37,929.29 at their regular bi-monthly meeting Thursday although some commissioners felt they might be under-budgeting.

Chairman Ted Tyler told the meeting they can always go back for more money in the event it's needed.

The possibility more capital might be needed was broached when superintendent Doug Mason said maintenance was needed on present equipment. He explained he didn't include estimates in his budget because he was waiting to see the direction council was taking on newly planned areas.

Mayor Dudy agreed. "I realized just since Tuesday, 43 building permits have been issued in this town."

"Every indication points to

considerably more residential development than we've had in recent years," he warned the commission.

Building has already started in Lakeview subdivision and the superintendent has had requests from contractors for poles for temporary services. An arrangement with the Bell Telephone Co. was pending to use their poles.

Earlier in the meeting, commissioner Doug Dawkins questioned who gave contractors permission to install one set of stop lights on a dead end pole owned by Acton Hydro at the corner of Mill and Main. The question met with a round-the-table shrug. Mr. Dawkins said it was bad enough installation was done without permission, but the lights were hanging cockeyed, too!

"It's stupid to think people

can move into town and do stuff like this. It's a town problem. The problem for us is who gave them permission to hang lights on the pole," said the chairman.

"As an electrician I can foresee a trouble," continued Mr. Dawkins.

We've got superintendents and other people to look after this sort of thing. Let's find out — see what caused it before we go into a flap, replied the mayor.

An investigation was ordered.

Inside repairs on the large new garage doors had been done satisfactorily by the contractors, so the commission released \$1,100 of a \$1,700 hold-back to them. The remainder is being held back until grading and repairs and catches on doors and windows are fixed.

Identification cards worth \$2 apiece were ordered for the works staff.

The commission and the press sat on comfortable new chairs, the cognac color complimenting the board room's decor. A spacious new press and utility table also graced the room.

A 24 x 18 bronze plaque which incorporated the commissions names was ordered from James H. Matthews, Milton. It was also agreed trees and shrubs would be purchased to landscape the new building, accepting the advice of a local nursery on types and number.

Accounts amounting to \$24,210.95 were authorized paid.

The commission adjourned to meet later on wage schedules.



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Several candidates expected Halton West Liberal nomination

The Halton West Liberal nominations are to be held in the Nelson high school auditorium, New St., Burlington, on Friday, April 28.

Frank W. Herman, president of the riding's Liberal association, said several qualified candidates willing to represent Halton West, have signified they'll be in the running and he expects a lively, interesting contest.

Special guest speaker at the meeting will be the Hon. Lawrence T. Pennell, solicitor-general of Canada. Other prominent M.P.'s are also expected to be there.

All citizens from the new riding which comprises, Acton, Burlington, Nassagaweya township and the northern part of Esquering are invited to attend.

Further information can be obtained from Mrs. L. Redding, 1076 Maplehurst Ave., Burlington.

Elders receive rally pep talk

"The church may not have too long to witness," was the warning voice of George Fernie, 30 years an elder of a Toronto Presbyterian church and presently Assistant Director of Presbyterian Men, at a rally of elders from the Presbytery of Brampton of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Almost all congregations were represented at the enthusiastic meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, Brampton, on Sunday evening, April 9.

Mr. Fernie pointed out that Communism is 50 years old this year and already eight million subscribe to its beliefs. "The world will only be convinced when we as elders and a church present something to the world by which it will be attracted," he insisted. "Can we not show the joy and power of a life dedicated to the service of the Master?"

Speaking in the theme, "Help, I'm an Elder!" he outlined briefly the history of the eldership from the time of Moses and discussed the duties of elders, which include government and discipline in the church to maintain the "family" in a wholesome way, the admission of members, the conduct of worship and the training of the young.

Referring to the number of men relinquishing the ministry, he challenged his hearers that many were discouraged by the attitude of their sessions and some even dreaded bringing new members into the church, because they were afraid of bringing them into the arms of a corpse.

He pointed out that there is one minister to every 18 elders in Brampton Presbytery to show that the whole load cannot be borne by the minister. He added that elders can get to places and make contacts that the minister cannot.

"What is the gospel according to you?" Mr. Fernie asked. A panel discussion on practical questions of the eldership followed. Panelists included Rev. R. MacMillan, Knox Oakville; Rev. D. R. Nicholson, Campbellville; William Wright, an elder from Port Credit; and Mr. Fernie. The convener of the Presbytery's Evangelism and Social Action committee, Rev. D. Gibson, Orangeville, moderated. Song leader was Jim Laine of Hamilton. The Male Quartette of Knox, Milton, brought messages in song.

Amongst the elders was one lady, Miss Mary Whale, of Erindale Church, elected to the eldership since the General Assembly's historic approval of the ordination of women last June. She is director of Overseas Missions of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.).

Centennial project Suggest Spring clean-up to make home fire-safe

For those who don't have a 1967 centennial project underway right now, Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau has an idea:

"Make a spring clean-up your own personal centennial project for 1967." The Bureau suggests on 10,000 clean-up posters its member fire departments are distributing.

The new posters going out to home and business places in Oakville, Milton, Acton, Georgetown and the North Halton townships of Esquering and Nassagaweya should prompt homeowners to dig into the project with gusto, the Bureau hopes. Artwork on the posters includes a picture of a firefighter pointing to the heading, "Carelessness Costs Dollars" and a large replica of Canada's centennial symbol.

"Check your home — prevent fires," the posters urge. "Remember, every fire call is an expense to your community."

What's the value of a Spring clean-up at your home? The Bureau points out that many homes are filled with fire hazards every Spring, following

the winter's accumulation of rubbish. Go through your home from attic to basement (don't forget the garage) and get rid of anything you no longer need. Make your home more fire-safe with a Spring clean-up, members said, and there is a good chance your home will still be around when Canada celebrates her second centennial.

The Bureau cautions against open bonfires and grass fires. If incinerators are allowed under your community's by-laws, make sure yours is equipped with a lid and that someone is there to watch it, in case embers spread to grass or nearby buildings.

The Bureau does not recommend burning dead grass at this time of year. It's too dangerous when the grass is so dry.

After a heavy winter's use, your furnace should be cleaned and checked over by a reliable serviceman. Make sure no stovepipes touch walls or partitions. Store flammable liquids in safety-approved storage cans and check your fire extinguishers.

Urban board welfare

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ther it would be eligible for grants.

Although Nassagaweya and Esquering townships do not belong to the Urban Board, they are going to be reinvented to join and participate in the scheme.

Chairman Bob Drinkwater switched the topic to garbage disposal and incinerators with reference to the Acton dump, which is almost full, with no alternative site available. He outlined Acton's intention to purchase an incinerator.

Milton councillor Brian Best said it was possible the incinerator in mind might not pass new air pollution control laws. Regulation of the burner would be difficult because of the variety of garbage.

The chairman said the burner is being used in Quebec with some success. In the demonstration shown Acton councillors, the burner consumed three or four tons of garbage in 20 minutes, leaving only tin cans and ashes to be buried.

Georgetown representatives Reeve Hunter and Councillor Emmerson figured Georgetown still had four or five years left in their present dump, which uses the land fill method. Milton representatives wondered about the merits of the incinerator method which would require a new site. The present Milton dump is in a highly residential area.

Acton's problem is acute. "We've only got two or three months left," said the mayor. "Sooner or later," said Milton's Brian Best, "every service is going to be centralized." The northern municipalities are going to find it cheaper and more expedient to collect and dispose of garbage on a co-operatives basis he suggested.

Councillor Tony Cousens of Milton felt municipalities could co-operate on a more extensive scale and include Nassagaweya and Esquering in the discussions. He asked if there

would be any merit to renaming the board so the two townships would find it more attractive.

"There's no objection to the name," said Acton's mayor. "In fact, Nassagaweya is quite ready to participate now."

On Mr. Cousens' recommendation it was decided to extend an invitation to the townships to the next meeting which will be held in Georgetown on Wednesday, May 10.

Georgetown representatives left to attend another meeting and discussion continued on the high cost of education, rising tax rates and solutions to problems most municipalities share.

Chairman Bob Drinkwater presided at the meeting which had Brian Best, Tony Cousens, Charlie Johnson and Percy Barr attending from Milton; Reeve Hunter and W. Emmerson from Georgetown; and Acton mayor Dudy, Charlie Perry, Earl Masales, Bill Williams and secretary Jack McGeachie, as well as the chairman from Acton.

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Special centennial certificates, music festival medals awarded

Special centennial certificates awarded for music festival.

Centennial year certificates will be presented this year to all the boys and girls who take part in the North Halton Music Festival. The annual event is held this year April 25 and April 26, and includes inspectors of O. G. McDowell and W. L. McNeil in Milton, Acton and the townships of Esquering and Nassagaweya.

The competitions are at Acton's Robert Little school auditorium and the public is encouraged to attend any or all of the sessions.

This year's adjudicator is Mrs. Vera E. Russell who at one time spent 14 years teaching music in Halton County.

Festival officers are past president John Bell of Milton; president Mrs. J. Marcoux of Acton; vice-president Jack Reed, Norval; secretary-treasurer Mrs. Bert Benton, Acton. Trophy conveners are Mrs. Dick Appleyard and Mrs. Sam Brunelle.

On Tuesday, April 25, competitions include the triple duets and choir classes, scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m. and continue throughout the day until about 3:05 p.m.

On Wednesday morning, April 26 at 8:45 until 11:30 there are solo competitions — a centennial year special. Each school is permitted one entry.

The North Halton Music Festival Association is presenting medals to winners in these classes, gold for first, silver for second and bronze for third, each having a centennial pin attached to it with a chain.

Also the North Halton Music Festival Association is presenting

Grass fire

Sunday afternoon Acton Firefighters had a run to Ballinafad where a bon fire had burned out of control. The flames were soon confined.

BP expands

Building Products' Acton plant has facilities for producing pipe compound pellets from PVC resin and the various additives which are required.

The company does its own compounding because it believes its formulation is better than any of the "ready made" mixtures presently available.

Building Products of Canada Limited also has enlarged its die storage facilities, its finished stock storage area, and its shipping facilities at Acton to meet constantly growing demands for its products, especially in the construction industry.

Wire to marriage counsellor

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For one commercial Seven-year-old TV performer gets \$95 pay — minus pension

Ricky Holmes ate a melting ice cream cone with gusto — and got paid \$95 for it.

The seven-year-old Acton lad, who with his father had forgotten that his picture was taken back last summer at the C.N.E., this week concluded negotiations to have the picture used as a television commercial.

On Tuesday his dad, Robert Holmes, 219 Arthur St., received the cheque for the money Ricky is due for his few moments of unconscious pleasure — which turned out to be work.

But Ricky doesn't get all of his \$95. To satisfy union regulations, he has two per cent deducted for pension and welfare, and his total take-home pay is \$93.10.

The boy is going to have a new bicycle with the money, his dad says.

Last year at the Exhibition Mr. Holmes had his sons Terry and Ricky and daughter Judy with him when he saw a crew of photographers taking dozens of photographs of a wide variety of people — children and adults. While he watched, they drew Ricky in front of the cameras and gave him a big ice cream cone. The day was one of the hottest of the sum-

mer, and the cone melted down the appealing youngster's face. Someone asked Mr. Holmes for his name and town.

The family looked in the papers that week to see if the picture appeared. It didn't and the episode was forgotten.

Then in the middle of March a letter came asking permission to use the lad in a commercial. Consent was dispatched; this letter and cheque followed this week.

The letter comes from an advertising agency which has the account for Lever Brothers, the customer for the ad. The form implies young student Ricky is a member of the Association of Canadian Television and Radio Artists. He had acquired a work permit and standard pay. His category is "RE" — for "recognizable extra". The commercial name is "Bright World." But when it will appear the family doesn't yet know.

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