

## What Council did

At last night's regular meeting Acton council:

- Introduced a by-law to carry out the resurfacing of highway 25 from the Mill, Main Corner to the town limits in conjunction with the Department of Highways which is resurfacing the road from 401 to the town limits.

- Estimated cost of the work in Acton which includes widening the west side of Main St. is \$14,700 of which the town would pay 10 per cent.

- Introduced, read three times, and passed a by-law which would close Beverley Blvd. a road allowance on the old Beverley house property, which would enable projected apartments to be built. Reeve Hinton opposed.

- Accepted the recommendation of No. 1 Committee approving in principle setting up of a county welfare administration scheme as outlined by the clerk.

- Authorized assessor William Erskine to attend a convention at the Royal Connaught in Hamilton on May 29, 30 and 31 with expenses paid.

- Authorized the mayor, clerk and any councillor who wished to go to attend the Town and Village conference at Tilbury on June 9 and 10 with expenses paid. It was further agreed to pool transportation as much as possible.

- Agreed the town should host the Eston County Assessors' Association sometime in June, the assessor and clerk to proceed with necessary arrangements.

- Defeated a motion which only Councillor Tyler supported, outlining policy and guidelines for municipal business. The motion would have reduced much of the clerk-administrator's authority.

- Accepted the recommendation of No. 1 Committee and turned down a request for private parking on Mill St. for Depot taxi.

- Agreed to pay accounts to the engineering firm of R. V. Anderson of \$316.91 for work on Cobble Hill drainage and sewer for \$752.65 for work at Lakeview subdivision.

- Agreed to continue bearing the cost of programs for Decoration Day following a request from A. Irwin, representing the Decoration Day committee.

- Authorized some members to attend Y's Men's civic night on Thursday, May 11 at the Y.M.C.A.

- Agreed to make alterations to the curb and sidewalk at Canadian Tire store so access and egress to a parking lot on the former tennis courts. Proprietor Art Gordon is to bear 50 per cent of the cost.

### Locate car

A car, reported stolen from a downtown parking lot on Monday evening, was located by Acton police abandoned on Cook St. Corp. Ray Mason reported Wednesday morning. The car was owned by Ted Pope of Meadvale Rd.

## Third O.P.P. constable from Oakville D. Cernius

Replacing Const. Nick Farion, who is seriously injured in hospital, is Const. Dennis Cernius, 26, who comes to Acton after four years with the Oakville detachment. Const. Cernius is single and a native of Hamilton.

He studied civil technology at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute before joining the Ontario Provincial Police. Skiing is a hobby.

Another Oakville policeman who was just transferred here last week is Const. Pat Thwaites.



Constable Dennis Cernius

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## Recreation director H. Pearce leaves for new job in Kingston

Recreation director Howard Pearce will leave Acton on June 2 to take a new position as assistant director of recreation in the city of Kingston.

Mr. Pearce tendered his resignation to the recreation committee this week and it is expected they will be advertising for a replacement at the earliest possible date.

A full time director here since April, 1966, after graduation from the recreation course at the University of Guelph, Howard was hired after filling the position capably on a part time basis for three months. Prior to this he assisted part-time at the Y.M.C.A. here.

"I like Acton and the people here," he told The Free Press, "but the new position is a better opportunity, more money and won't have arena managers' duties tacked on it."

The recreation staff in Kingston has over 30 people in it and Howard will be third in line after a commissioner and a recreation director. There are



Howard Pearce

54 in the parks department and 14 employees in the arena.

The full summer program planned by Mr. Pearce will be able to run itself until a replacement can be found. The

playground is under the supervision of high school teacher Elizabeth Atkey and roller skating will be looked after by Murray Harrison.

A fresh flock of graduates from the University of Guelph's recreation course is looking for jobs and Mr. Pearce doesn't think the recreation committee will have much difficulty finding a replacement.

Mr. Pearce took part in many community activities since he resided here. He belonged to the Y's Men's Club and played softball during the summer with Herb's Delivery, helped organize the Acton Open golf tourney last year as well as a myriad of recreation and sports activity.

Mrs. Pearce, the former Diane Cowan of Hageraville, was a leader with the United Church Explorer group and assisted Howard at the community centre when help was needed. They have a son Jeffrey.

## Constable Nick Farion critically hurt in crash

Constable Nick Farion, 31, of the Acton O.P.P. detachment was reported to be in improved condition at St. Joseph's hospital, Hamilton, following a serious accident early Saturday morning when his car collided with a cement abutment.

The accident occurred on Highway 20 at Smithville at 4:20 a.m. as Constable Farion returned to his home in Weland after working the four to midnight shift.

Constable Farion is in the intensive care unit at the hospital

but if he continues to improve will be able to be moved. He was, in critical condition with a broken pelvic bone, fractured left arm, broken jaw and injuries to his left eye when brought into the hospital.

Corporal Ray Mason and Constable Bruce McArthur went to Hamilton Saturday morning to enquire about the popular policeman.

Prayers were said in Acton churches for his recovery Sunday morning.

## Seek support retarded week

Next week to Retarded Children's Week, and has especially been proclaimed as such by the mayor and council. The local association is mailing out its annual packet of seeds, as a gesture of thanks for expected donations. Local merchants who are concerned about community betterment have sponsored and advertisement in this week's Free Press to draw attention to the special need.

## 960 boxes Guide cookies sold Saturday

Saturday morning the Guides and Brownies held their Cookie Day. Rather than have the confusion of other years, when orders were taken in advance, it was decided to have a one day blitz.

Captain Ginger was in charge of the campaign. After a long day spent by Mrs. Ginger and Mrs. Lowrie planning the arca and pairing up Guides and Brownies, depots were set up in the homes of Mrs. Ginger, Mrs. Eiling, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Vander Kooy and Mrs. Charotte.

Each girl was assigned to an area depot, picked up her cookies and then went door knocking.

By mid-afternoon 960 boxes were sold and Guides and Brownies looking for more cookies to sell found the cupboard was bare.

A good day was had by all and the assistance and co-operation of everyone was gratefully appreciated.

## Horse show at Style Acres

Style Acres ranch and the Acton Rotary club are again this year joint sponsors of an English and western horse show. The events are scheduled for Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21.

The Style Acres Horse Show is a recognized member show of the Canadian Horse Show Association Inc., Equestrian Federation of Canada.

There are both junior and senior classes with prize money and ribbons awarded.

## Start made reconstruction Hwy. 25 Acton to Ospringle

The Department of Highways has made a start on the preparatory work for the reconstruction of Highway 25 from Acton to Ospringle. Two buildings at Ospringle, a store and a house, presently are being demolished to make way for an improved intersection.

Property negotiations for the balance of the land requirements will be underway this summer. Once this has been completed, tree removal and the relocation of utilities and fences will be commenced.

Upon completion of this preparatory work, a contract will be called for repaving this Section of Highway 25 to modern standards.

MAYOR LES DUBY explains the significance of Acton's town crest to Wolf Cubs, below, most of whom were born in other countries than Canada. Akela Mrs. Earl Jordan and Baloo Mrs. Robert Grant look on. The Cubs visited the council chambers last night where they were addressed by the mayor on council proceedings and the relationships between Acton and Acton, England, where the crest originated. The cubs listened attentively to the address in the opposite photo. (Staff Photos)



## Land for sewage plant

## Reeve objects to methods used feels negotiations necessary

Progress on acquiring land from Beardmore and Co. for a proposed addition to the sewage disposal plant has been limited to preliminary negotiations with the company but Reeve Hinton felt number two committee should be making more effort towards land possession.

At last night's regular meeting of council he told members he couldn't understand why some negotiations to possess land weren't being furthered. He said it shouldn't be the policy of council to make a purchase until they know what they are faced with.

Councillor Bob Drinkwater told the reeve the company had only tentatively agreed to make the land available to the town if necessary. Soil tests are being made to see if the land is suitable for an addition to the plant.

The reeve said some agreement should be made for the purchase. He saw no problems involved. He said as a member of the finance committee he would like to know the progress of negotiations.

Clerk J. McGeachie said the land was a capital asset and the local company could not deal with it directly. They must deal with the parent company first. He expected

soil tests would be completed next week.

Mayor Les Duby said the committee was proceeding on recommendation from the engineer. Investigation may prove the land is useless for present expansion. It could require an entire new develop-

ment. He asked the reeve for a valid reason for his objections. The reeve still did not go along with the procedure and cited his experience on the county jail. "We knew the cost of the land first — then soil tests were taken."

Councillor E. Masales interjected "Yes, but the land in this case is valuable to no one but us. The land you're referring to was valuable."

The reeve said he wouldn't continue the discussion but felt it was a poor way to do business.

## But mayor "exasperated"

## Will install sidewalk to new hydro building

Despite opposition from the reeve, council passed a motion at their regular meeting Tuesday night agreeing they should proceed with installation of a sidewalk on Alice St. from Bower Ave. to the new hydro building as per agreement with the Hydro Commission regarding sharing cost.

Reeve Hinton objected to the walk, saying he thought surplus money should be turned back to the consumer rather than used to make improvements.

Mayor Duby pointed out the hydro commission had no choice. Rates were set for them by Ontario Hydro. Earlier he said the reeve probably was not aware the costs would be shared and since this was a new area, the project would improve appearances.

The reeve said he was against aiding and abetting spending of this sort and felt surpluses should go back to the consumer.

"I'm exasperated," Mayor Duby exploded. "If we listened to the reeve, we wouldn't have anything — a library, hydro building, a dump or anything

at all. When's he going to start thinking constructively instead of objectively?"

"We spend long hours in committee meetings thrashing these things out. This council is most reasonable. I defend his right to do it but a lot of hours are wasted with him trying to sway the thinking of others."

Reeve Hinton replied he was not against new library or other improvements but felt the town could manage them more economically. "I'm not against anything but I am for controlled expenditures," he said.

Councillor Charlie Perry questioned how long the roads in Lakeview subdivision would be "busted up" with construction during question period.

The mayor said repairs would be made when construction was done; it was merely a temporary inconvenience.

The clerk told Councillor McKenzie services would be started on the unopened portion of Elmore Drive next week when questioned. The roadwork would start. Builders have been clearing the site for residential construction.

## Liquidate Beverley Blvd. clear way for apartments

Council passed a by-law at their regular meeting Tuesday night liquidating the road allowance known as Beverley Blvd. on the Beverley home property at the corner of Church and Maria Sts.

The property has been sold to a developer who intends to build apartments. Passage of

the by-law will expedite construction which was held up until the by-law was prepared by solicitors.

Clerk J. McGeachie, asked if the developer intended to go ahead with the apartments, said there was no further word.

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