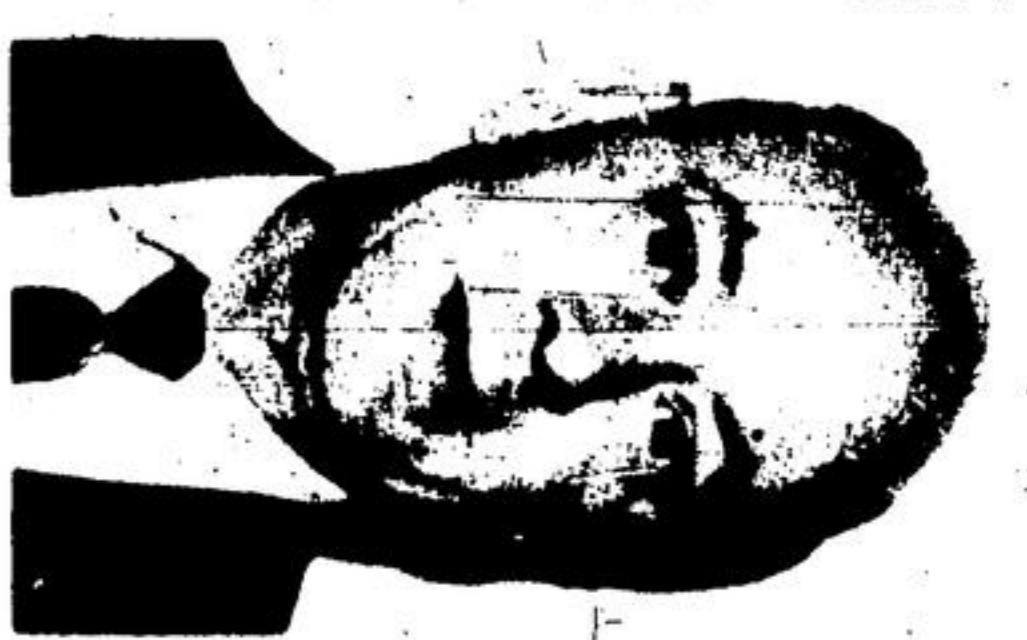


# Clerk explains system of government control



**JACK MARDLE**  
Clerk-Administrator

Clerk-Administrator Jack McArdle reports on some developments from the Acton Free Press regarding the municipal government system.

This year I thought I would try to outline the system of our local government and the control that is placed on it by the Provincial Act of 1960 and although many changes have taken place, this old Act is still the basis for Municipal Government.

We still operate under a one tier government with the County Council operating certain facets of our government such as the County Jail, Health Unit, Home for the Aged, etc. Several other functions can be handled by the County Council if the municipal representatives concerned wish to pass the relevant legislation.

To be a representative on County Council you must be elected as Reeve or Deputy-Reeve of your local municipality and County Council is a member of County Council as you vote as you see fit on all matters pertaining to its operation.

Many of the decisions made at County level seriously affect the local municipalities, yet the Council that is elected to serve the municipality has no say in the decisions made at County level. In fact, it quite often happens that the local municipalities are not even aware of what is happening at the County level. This point has been argued many times, whether the County representatives should act at County level on the major decisions of the local municipalities or whether they are entitled to their own vote as they see fit, even though it is in direct conflict with the opinion of the Council of the municipality.

Recently a report was presented to County Council on whether the County with its largest assessment and the second largest population of any County. We are rather unique in that we only have seven municipalities with two of these having approximately 65 per cent of the total assessment in the County so that they pretty well control the operation.

A special Act of Parliament was obtained so that these two municipalities have an equality of votes on County Council with the other five and any question before the Council must have a majority of three votes before it is passed.

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All road work in the municipality is under the same strict supervision, except ordinary maintenance. Another major item is the water and sewer operation which has to have the approval of the Ontario Water Resources Commission. Representatives of the Commission visit Acton at least monthly to check our operations and we are continually changing our methods of operation to suit the Commission requirements.

On capital projects first tentative approval of the scheme has to be obtained and then final approval of the detailed plans has to be obtained. This last phase goes through about four or five departments of the Commission and usually takes months before it is finalized. In addition to this approval has to be obtained from the Ontario Municipal Board to make the expenditure and raise the money by the issue of debentures.

Other areas of government control are education, planning, recreation, library, welfare, etc. There is just simply no operation of the municipality that is not subject to their control. It is quite possible that this control is good, however, you might consider that we operate with an elected council and school board who are people that know their town and are familiar with its idiosyncrasies. Do you not think they are capable of operating properly and economically?

If the people are not satisfied with their operation, it is a simple matter not to elect them for a further term of office.



SWIMMING IS POPULAR AT ACTON'S FAIRY LAKE

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