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## Shopping mall on Mill?

Councillor Ted Tyler told council last night he intended to make a motion at the next meeting of council asking a by-law be drafted up to close Mill St. from Main St. to John St. so a shopping mall could be made on the two Mill St. blocks.

He will also ask traffic be diverted from these two blocks so the mall can be constructed. Copies of the Notice of Motion are to be sent to the Development Commission and the Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Tyler said he thought a mall in these two blocks would give the downtown merchants "a shot in the arm" but realized it was not a new suggestion. Students from the University of Toronto made a study of the town a few years ago and recommended this be done.

Mr. Tyler asked that more copies of the report made by the students be printed so they would be available. Only two exist to his knowledge, one at the town office and the other at the library.

## Two-car collision Sunday afternoon

A car driven by Jack C. Deny of R.R. 2 Acton received \$150 damage Sunday afternoon in a two-car collision on the Chinguacousy-Esqueving Town Line.

The second car, driven by Robert M. Sailes of Burlington, received \$250 damage, Milton O.P.P. said. The accident happened just south of the Erin-Esqueving Line when Mr. Deny swerved to miss an oncoming car and the Sailes vehicle struck the rear end of the Deny vehicle.



"PARDON ME, LADY, could you direct me to the community centre? It's spook night and I've got loads of kids to scare before I climb back under the sod." This facsimile of Frank-

enstein turned out to be Don Price, dressed to kill you might say. Story and pic of the playground Spook Night inside.

(Staff Photo)

## Land at sewage plant suitable for addition

### What Council did

Acton council, meeting only once a month during the summer, had a lengthy agenda last night which didn't finish up until nearly midnight. Deputy-reeve F. Oakes and Councillor Bill Williams, both on vacation, were missing but the rest of council plowed through the many items of business.

Among other things Council: Passed a motion which would cancel building permits immediately if a builder or builders is found violating the building code regarding sanitary sewers and does not make the necessary alterations within a week to the satisfaction of the building inspector.

Clerk J. McGeachie reported five violations of the code in Lakeview subdivision but after informing the company of the illegality four were fixed and the fifth is soon to be done.

Proclaimed Monday, August 7 as Civic Holiday and instructed the clerk to issue proclamations to the effect.

Appointed Brendan Morris, J. Frank Winters and J. Van Fleet as fence viewers for the town.

Listened approvingly as Mayor Les Duby told of accepting an invitation from Barrie Mayor Les Cook to attend and participate in the International Ploving Match on October 14. The mayor told council he was also open to any other invitations from neighboring contests for mayors.

Passed a motion sponsored by Councillors Drinkwater and Tyler requesting Acton county council representatives to bring pressure on the county to settle the dispute with the nurses as soon as possible since it was affecting the entire county. Councillor McKeachie and Reeve Hinton opposed.

Mr. Hinton objected to a phrase in the motion which said the dispute had been going on for almost two years. He said one year would be a generous figure. He told council the dispute had been to competition and was now in arbitration. He said the resolution served no purpose since the county committee was always ready to negotiate.

Councillor Drinkwater said the motion was an attempt to get the dispute settled because it was leaving residents of Halton in an unfortunate position. "It could drag on for another couple of years if something isn't done," he replied.

Passed a by-law authorizing the mayor and clerk to sign a quit claim deed releasing lots in Lakeview subdivision to Long Term Investments.

Authorized the clerk to pay financial statement number 7 amounting to \$8,546.21.

Listened to Councillor Charlie Perry pay tribute to the Legion Choralists for their performance at Expo. "We

should be proud. They brought a great honor to Acton," he said. Mr. Perry also had kudos for bus driver Ted Tyler Jr. and Herman Freuler, composer of Hymn to Canada, which went over in a big way at Expo.

Mayor Duby asked and received council's permission to present the centennial medals to the Choralists on behalf of council at their next practice. Letters of appreciation will also be presented.

Heard from Reeve Hinton that the per diem cost for a resident of Halton Manor came to \$6.50. Questioned by the clerk and councillor Drinkwater, he said this fee was based on a person's ability to pay. Mr. McGeachie asked about a resident who died with insurance and the reeve said all assets went to the Manor when a resident signed in. \$400 is allowed for burial and an

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Soil tests indicated the land adjacent to the present sewage disposal plant was suitable for an addition Council was told last night at their one meeting in the month of July.

However, engineers estimated the town would require another 50 feet of land in addition to what was purchased from Beardmore and Co. Number two committee of council will meet with the company after the requirements are staked out so the layout can be viewed.

Reeve Hinton suggested all members of council should attend the meeting so they would be familiar with what transpired but the mayor assured him the committee would report back in full all that happened in meetings with the company. Councillor Drinkwater told the reeve there would be no point in all attending at this stage since there was nothing to see.

The reeve replied it would help other councillors see the logic of the proposals and since it was a major undertaking should be viewed by all.

Councillor Macleas told the reeve he could study the plans if he wanted the layout.

Councillor Charlie Perry, in the chair for committee of the whole, commented that there was no barrier for anyone who wanted to view the property on their own. He said each committee should carry on with its own job and not interfere with others.

"What is the next step?" asked Councillor McKeachie.

"We will get a general layout and then meet with the company and find out the price," answered Mr. Drinkwater.

To another question by Mr. McKeachie, clerk J. McGeachie said it would be spring before tenders could be called.

No. 2 committee minutes disclosed they were still investigating purchase of an incinerator for the town dump.

The clerk read a letter from the Dept. of Health approving installation of one particular type of incinerator for a year's trial but wouldn't give their stamp of approval until it was done.

Councillor Ted Tyler emphasized the importance of acquiring some method of disposal. He said the committee was still investigating in order to keep the cost down. He said the air pollution authorities were afraid to put their stamp of approval on any method of incineration until after a trial period.

Councillor McKeachie asked if there was any chance after a year's trial, the board would say no and the town would be stuck with a white elephant. Mr. Tyler said Ajax had a similar incinerator approved after an 18 month trial period.

"No. 2 hasn't all the answers. As soon as we have, we will submit them and council can vote," he concluded.

A long discussion about who was responsible for a sewer lateral at Van Normans on Main St. N. found Councillor Tyler and the reeve opposed to the town digging up to find the solution but a motion opposing the town doing the work was lost.

Mayor Duby felt there was no hard and fast rule to guide actions and that the town should be flexible enough to

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## "Too little, too late"

### Reeve feels dredging good thing but objects to Authority methods

Mayor Les Duby acquainted councillors with some details of the dredging to be done at Fairy Lake at last night's council meeting but Reeve Bert Hinton felt the information was "much too little and much too late".

Mr. Hinton felt the town should have had more opportunity to express an opinion on what was being done at the lake. He said neighboring municipalities were aware there were private interests in this. Although it was a good thing for the town Mr. Hinton said he couldn't condone the methods used. If council had been in the Credit Valley Authority's confidence it would have been much better, he said.

The mayor reported Acton's representative on the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, R. R. Parker was going to meet with council, Beardmore's and Parks Board and explain the situation to them. The successful contractor, Cummins Construction, expected to remove 2,000 cubic yards of silt a day and it was expected there would be from 300,000 to 400,000 cubic yards to move. It will

be used to fill low-lying swamp-land to a depth of up to five feet in places. Work would start in about two weeks.

After the job was done it was expected the storage capacity of the lake would be increased by 67½ million gallons. The mayor said increased flow in the Black Creek would help the town sewage plant as well as benefitting recreation facilities. Councillor Tyler refuted Mr.

Hinton's argument. He said Mr. Parker had met with Parks Board and kept them in touch with developments on the lake dredging. He, in turn, had reported to council.

Councillor Drinkwater partially agreed with the reeve. He said the Authority was arranging a meeting after tenders have been accepted which was a little late.

## Deer season

Halton will probably have an open deer season November 6 to 8 this year.

The County Council has approved a three-day deer hunt with shotguns only, and no dogs allowed, if neighboring Wellington and Wentworth Counties also approve. Wellington has already passed a resolution in favor and Wentworth is expected to allow one as well.

For the Oakville and Burlington areas, where no hunting is allowed south of Highway 5, a three-day bow and arrow season has been suggested. Following Halton County's approval of the plan last week, final approval is awaited from the two neighboring counties before the season will be officially proclaimed.

## Fail to turn cycle crashes

A 1966 Honda motorcycle failed to negotiate the turn at Maria and Church Sts. Friday night and went crashing into the iron fence around the old bowling green property.

Operator Ronald Broughton, R.R. 1, Acton, and his passenger, Keith Burt suffered only cuts, bruises and shock, but the bike, owned by Brian Carriere, R.R. 1, Acton, had about \$200 damage.

Dr. Brian Moore attended the youths at the scene of the accident and checked them over at Acton Medical Centre. They suffered cuts, bruises and shock.

Constable P. Thwaites investigated. It was the third accident in Acton involving motorcycles in two weeks.

## Tractor trailer damaged by fire

At 7.30 a.m. last Thursday Acton firefighters answered a call to an Esqueving road near Acton Limestone Quarries. The cab of a Toronto tractor trailer, leaving the quarry, was destroyed by fire but the fire fighters were able to save the trailer.



SUSAN SOUTH, left, and Catherine Leckie try their luck at the M. Z. Bennett playground fish pond. Looking after the fish are Debbie Funk and Jean Elkoff. (Staff Photo)

## Contract awarded

### Work on dredging Fairy Lake starts soon - finish in spring

The low tender for dredging Fairy Lake, submitted by Cummins Construction, Toronto, was accepted by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority at their meeting Thursday night. The bid of \$202,000 was \$4,000 higher than the estimated cost.

Tenders were submitted by five companies with a high of \$428,000 from Alcan Colony; others for \$345,000 from J. P. Porter, Montreal; \$296,000 from Inland Waterways of Orillia

and \$272,000 from McNamara Construction.

Acceptance of the tender is subject to the approval of the Ontario Department of Energy and Resources Management but isn't expected to hold the project back.

Work on cleaning Fairy Lake out will start within a few days but will not be finished until spring. Engineers estimate there are 400,000 cubic yards of silt to be moved. Almost the entire lake will

have to be cleaned out with the exception of the recreation areas. It is hoped the contractors will be able to work until mid-December and then start again in the spring.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority also awarded a contract to build a dam and reservoir at Orangeville on the headwaters of the Credit for \$692,424.24 to Capital Paving of Guelph. This was the big item of business on the agenda which took members of the

Authority until almost midnight.

R. R. Parker of Acton sponsored the motion to award the contract for Fairy Lake work.

Officials of Cummins Construction were in Acton on Monday looking over the lake and they told assistant parks manager Don Price they hoped to have their large dredge moved in Tuesday.

Work will start immediately.

## Tax credit available to over 65's

A plan available through the provincial government to assist people of 65 years of age and over to pay taxes was unveiled at last night's council meeting. If enough requests are forthcoming, council will take steps to implement the proposal through a by-law.

Persons 65 and over can get a reduction up to 50 per cent of their taxes up to a maximum of \$150 a year, providing they reside on the property. The exemption is granted by the municipality which makes a claim to the government and is reimbursed.

The money exempted is held against the deed and is deducted when the estate is sold.

Reeve Hinton said it was really a tax credit not payable until the property is transferred.