

Acton city 200,000? ...

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 exerted on the town. He cited Mississauga as a community where growth had been forbidden and the subsequent financial problems. "They terminated all development and Bramalea was born," a step-child of the refusal to permit growth. Council and Planning Board could say "no" to development and have the strength to keep a continuous policy but we would have to recognize the growth would go somewhere else, possibly just outside the borders. There would be "graver" problems maintained Mr. Wade. CORDC planner Doug Redington was more emphatic. "You can not stop growth in an area," he said. The pattern has been set. "The real answer," Mr. Redington maintained, "is to accommodate it."
 Mr. Wade admitted to a question from Paul Martindale that data for much of the MTARTS study was not necessarily up-to-date. Councillor Ted Tyler Jr. asked about the theory of Acton's growth to the south, west and east. "Have you made field trips and tested the wind in that direction?" he asked.
 Mr. Fletcher, a pollution control expert, admitted the theory was based on the general experience throughout the western industrial world that growth was drawn toward markets. He had no knowledge of conditions south of Acton,

for instance, but some of the worst conditions, could be rectified these days. Mr. Fletcher told the meeting that the presentations were all hypothetical and designed to be provocative.
 Councillor Bob Drinkwater said he was concerned about Acton losing local autonomy and directing his question at Mr. Redington. Redington asked what was wrong with a dormitory town—if it was planned.
 Mr. Redington answered that it all boiled down to the three P's—People—fundamental Plan—and Politicians—to implement it. Dormitory communities posed economic problems. The magic figures: 60-40 for balanced residential-industrial assessments were hypothetical. Few communities ever achieved the ideal although increasing affluence with its demands for better education and higher living standards meant they must keep pursuing the 60-40 balance. "If they didn't the town would not be able to meet its commitments," he declared.
 Mr. Redington said he didn't believe every small town should have industry and CORDC was now exploring alternatives for those who didn't.
 "Acton is fortunate with a good rating of assessment," stated C. F. Leatherland, "but monetary wealth is not the only consideration. Happiness is also

important."
 Mr. Leatherland informed the panel the Department of Planning of the Ontario government refused to allow farmers in a nearby township separate land for sons and daughters. He was told township officials were evading responsibilities by not having set up a Committee of Adjustment to make recommendations. Mr. Leatherland insisted the township had a committee and its recommendations were being turned down as well as appeals to the Minister.
 Mr. Branch told Councillor G. McKenzie when questioned that the regional government concept and question has been on minds for years and it appears to be taking shape slowly.
 "How soon is an industrial town changed into an industrial town?" asked town office manager Joe Hurst. He cited figures to show Acton had 462 people leaving Acton to work. This was counterbalanced by 462 people coming in to Acton to work.
 Mr. Redington said this sort of balance existed in many places. In Toronto people live on the east side and work on the west side and vice-versa. He stressed three planners would probably give three different views of Acton's potential. They are not "nuts," he stated, but could only base their conclusions on

Drainage problem provokes Council clash

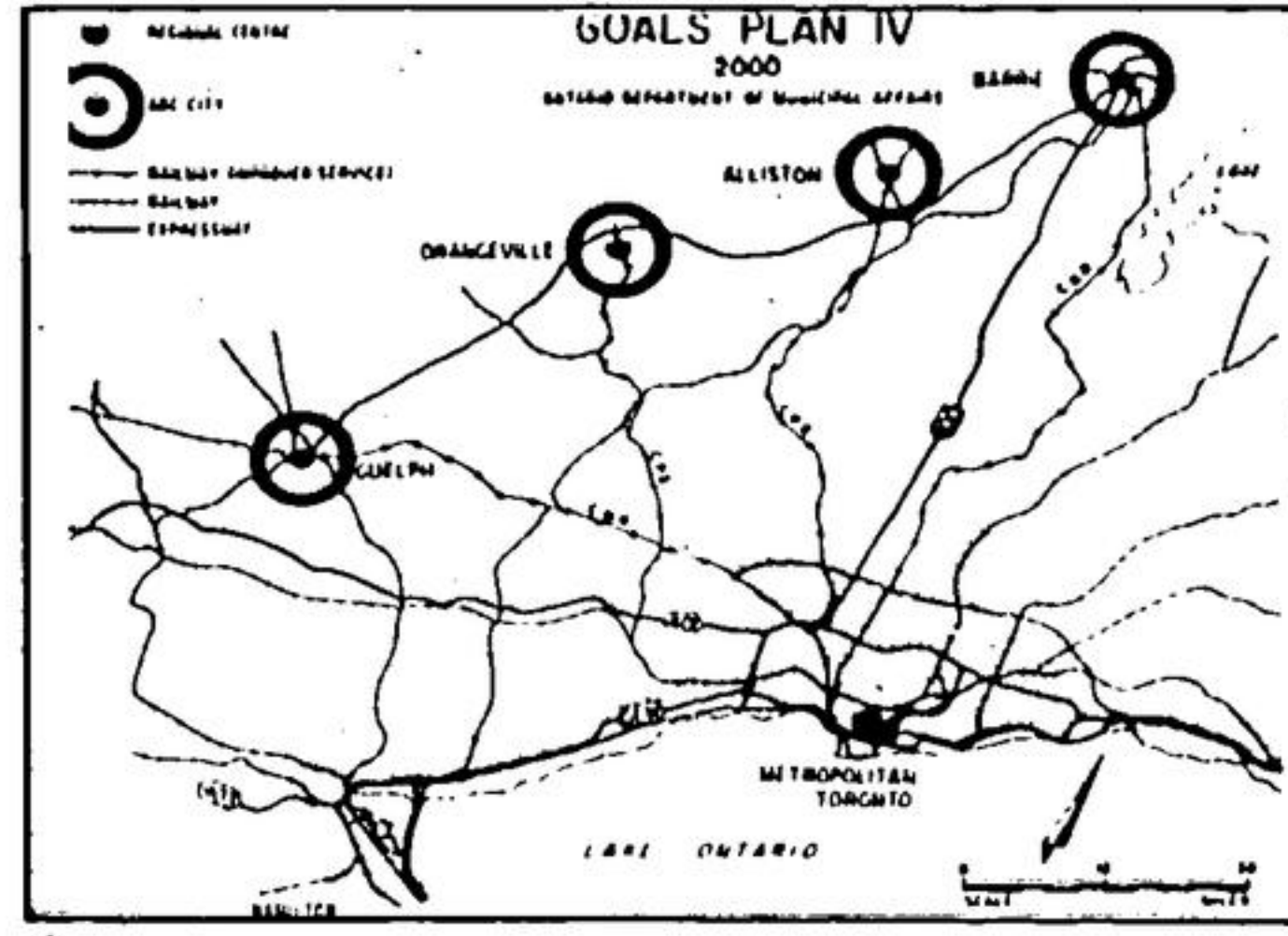
Reeve Bert Hinton took issue with committee action on drainage problems in Lakeview subdivision and Cobble Hill Road at Tuesday's meeting of council. (Mr. Hinton does not sit on this committee.)
 Mr. Hinton said that the Mallin situation on Elmore Drive was a perfect example of subdividers doing what they want in Acton. He deplored the fact the ditch on Elmore ran on private property and that four houses were built on the highway "whether they had a right to or not."
 He said it created an unsafe highway situation as well as providing a cheap house to build. They built the foundation on the ground and filled dirt up around it," he said, "creating a drainage problem."
 Mr. Mallin appeared at a recent committee meeting complaining the construction at the rear of his property caused fresh soil to wash into the ditch and it was now half full of silt. When the water runs rapidly it spreads over the Mallin lot.
 The committee told Mr. Mallin they were waiting a report from the engineer on the situation and still must receive approval from the Department of Highways after this was obtained. The

clerk was to check with the builder at the rear of the Mallin property for a temporary alleviation of the situation.
 Mr. Hinton charged that the subdivider put the drainage in the properties and that there was nothing in the deed to say that the town has an easement to put a ditch in there.
 Clerk Jack McGeachie said it was not a ditch but a natural water course. "We knew the houses were there," said councillor Drinkwater. "We should have acted three, five or ten years ago; not now."
 The committee of the whole chairman Bill Williams said the reeve was also there when the area was inspected and had the opportunity to register any objections at that time.
 Councillor Ted Tyler said Mr. Mallin knew the stream was there when he bought the house, but Mr. Hinton said council was aware of it and should have done something about it. Councillor Tyler reminded Mr. Hinton that he was on council at that time as well.
 Councillor Drinkwater declared that he spoke to the reeve when the area was inspected and that the reeve at that time though the committee's solution was

"marvellous." "This is the wrong time to argue," said Mr. Drinkwater. "If there's a mistake now—correct it!"
 The reeve said councillor Drinkwater was mistaken. He was looking at the stream on that occasion, not the house.
 "What if the man wants to move the ditch?" asked the reeve. "He threatens to take legal action."
 "One man says if we don't move the ditch, he will take legal action," replied councillor Tyler. "The other man says, if we move it, he will take legal action!"
 The reeve was also critical of the handling of the drainage situation on Cobble Hill Road. "Tilling the ditch from the top of the road is the most ridiculous thing I ever heard of," he said.
 Committee decided to start at the fourth house from the cemetery entrance and to tile from there to the cemetery entrance, and down the road to an existing manhole on Cobble Hill. Monex Construction was to pay the cost of the tile, manhole and catch basin and the town work force would do the construction. From the fourth house westward an open ditch is to be created to take water from the high spots. Further work on the north side of Cobble Hill Road would be halted until the job was completed.
 The reeve complained that it was written in the deed that the subdivider must put a ditch along the property line sufficient to carry all the water along the road.

with their solution. "Tile won't do the job," he declared.
 "If you put an open ditch in, it will overflow Mrs. Cooper's house," said councillor Tyler.
 Councillor Drinkwater asked the reeve what authority he spoke with and the reeve replied that as a layman he could see it was wrong.
 "You think you're going to tell us what to do, instead of what the engineer recommends?" asked Mr. Drinkwater. "If that's the case there's no use hiring an engineer!" He defended the committee's action.
 Mr. Hinton said he was only trying to be constructive. He felt that "one catch basin in the middle of the lake was not the proper solution." He suggested the lake be drained into the swamp.
 Councillor McKenzie asked Mr. Hinton why he delayed these views until a regular council meeting. He felt the reeve had plenty of opportunity to tell No. 2 committee before this. "Is there no way," he asked, "that anyone with strong opinions like this could get to the committee before a regular meeting?"
 Mr. Hinton replied the only way to do it would be to see the minutes and despite claims by Mr. McKenzie that he still had plenty of time, the reeve declared the place to do it was at council. (Minutes of committee meetings are issued to council in advance of the regular meeting.)
 "Isn't it still rather late?" councillor McKenzie asked.
 "No—not for me," said the reeve.

Mayor Dudy said the item was a committee consideration and they should be the ones to deal with it. He reminded council that there was not only Cobble Hill Road and Elmore Drive to deal with but at least a dozen places in Acton where flooding was prevalent during intense rain. "I can name hundreds of houses in town that are in a depression," the mayor said.
 "The committee is supported by the engineer and doing the best job they can. They can't do any better than this," he stated.
 Mr. Dudy felt that the complaints were the reeve's personal problems and that councillors should not let one individual's views dominate the discussion.
 Deputyreeve Frank Oakes concluded the discussion by observing that an abnormal storm had created an abnormal situation. "The discussion has arisen since then," he said. "I didn't hear too many complaints until then."



Community church receives charter

In a history-making meeting Thursday evening, September 4, the continuing congregation of the 130-year-old church on the hill formally accepted a new charter giving official recognition and renaming it Churchill Community Church.
 With Smith Griffin Jr. in the chair, and Solicitor Charles Leatherland giving specialized advice, the meeting was guided through a maze of necessary legal technicalities and an election of officers.
 The new church is not to be patterned specifically on any established church, but is to be interdenominational in nature, so that it can be said to be a truly community church. The elders, with the help of the minister, Robert Hyde, were given the monumental task of researching and setting down these guide lines.
 Mr. Hyde was complimented for his excellent leadership and his enthusiastic efforts on behalf of the church.
 Dr. Leslie Nott of Hamilton U. C. Conference, hearing of the official re-establishment of Churchill as community church, offered congratulations and his prayers for the future success of a congregation that has always held his special affection.
 Smith Griffin, newly-elected clerk of session, stated, "I think there is a definite need in the community for an interdenominational church. We realize that we are going to have to make a lot of changes in our thinking to keep up with the changing times. We would like to think we have the goodwill and friendly interest of the community at large."
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 9.45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years. (New pupils welcome.)
 11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
 Sermon theme, "Do We Have Too Much Talk?"
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 10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
 7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
 Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer Service and Bible Study.
 Thursday, 8 p.m. — Christ Ambassadors.
 Psalm 119: 114 — "Thou art my hiding place and my shield. I hope in Thy Word."

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 11.00 a.m.—Grades 5 to 8.
 10.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1968
 Sermon subject, "An Honest Pulpit and a Responsive Pew"
 (Related readings: Ephesians 4: 1-16; Matthew 5: 13-17, 7: 21-29.)
 8.00 p.m.—"Youth Anonymous" with Rev. Russell Horsburgh and Rev. and Mrs. Ron Price "The Singing Parson."
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 Thursday, 8 p.m.—Choir Practice.
 Friday, 7 p.m.—B.H.F.
 Text: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great Salvation?" Hebrews 2: 3.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1968
 Trinity XIV
 9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
 10.30 a.m.—Church School, registration.
 10.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
 4.00 p.m.—Service of Institution and Induction of Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th. Officiant: Rt. Rev. C. R. H. Wilkinson, Assistant Bishop of Niagara. Preacher: Rev. Canon T. E. Downey.

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