

All encompassing recreation program foreseen for board

A varied recreation program which could encompass the whole town was envisioned for high school board Monday evening when Bob Laughlin, chairman of the Y board, reviewed his hopes for Acton.

He was meeting again last night (Tuesday) with the administration committee of recreation and parks board, Y representatives and Pat Aspin, the district consultant of the Department of Education's Youth and Recreation branch.

The Y board has already advertised for adult courses, with good response for four.

While the board members listened with interest, he said he feels the recreation committee is not generating programs, except in the arena, and with the exception of one or two things, is providing next to no programs in other areas of adult recreation.

Few have any idea what kind of programs can be created under the act, with government grants, he said.

In his concept of "total recreation" he foresees the Y, community centres, schools and churches all co-operating, with rooms in use in any one of these places where the program is most suitable. A church group might meet in the Y gym, while an adult craft course would be better in the smaller church room, he explained.

Instruction and rental fees can be recovered if the programs operate under the newly-named Youth and Recreation department. It's still advisable to charge fees, (as was done at night school in the high school) he pointed out.

Under the new act, passed in July 1968, a school board may enter into an agreement with the municipality or one of its committees for the sharing of facilities.

The delay in getting the first four programs "off the ground" is just in organization, he said.

Expect work on new rink

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interview other prospective curlers during the next three weeks.

In view of the anticipated enrolment of many new curlers, it has been decided to provide instruction periods in the theory and activity of curling, as well as the rules of etiquette to be observed in the game, on the following dates: Nov. 4 and 18 (Mondays) at 6:30 p.m. and Nov. 12 and 26 (Tuesdays) at 6:30 p.m. Some "older" curlers may wish to take advantage of these to brush up a little!

Many persons have inquired about the method by which the new rink will be financed, and we give in brief compass the answer. It is expected that, by the time the building is completed, a minimum of 200 Lifetime Initiation Certificates will have been sold, bringing into the Club's treasury approximately \$16,000 to be applied directly to the building costs. Interim financing (for a period of approximately three months) will be secured from lending institutions to complete the erection of the building.

As the anticipated cost is approximately \$75,000, the total borrowing will amount to approximately \$60,000. The Curling Club's new charter gives the Club authority to issue debentures, and these will be sold to members of the Club and others willing to buy them, at the time and immediately after the building is completed, to the amount required to repay the lending institutions which have loaned the money to erect the rink.

The debentures will be a 10-year debenture, bearing no interest the first year and 5 per cent interest thereafter. They will not be attractive as investments, but we believe that most of the curlers will purchase debentures—in various amounts according to their financial ability—with a willingness to "sacrifice" a few dollars in revenue in order that this much-needed Club may be provided.

By keeping interest-charges down to \$3,000 or less per year, and by exercising care to operate the Club in a "financially sound" manner the Executive hopes to maintain a recreational club in which co-operation and goodwill will prevail and no undue financial burdens will be imposed on the membership.

No figures yet

Predict large increase in county's population

Local assessors have not yet submitted their Sept. 30 population totals to County Assessor Robert Beach, but he's predicting a sizeable increase in Halton's 1968 population total. Mr. Beach reported this week the Milton figure (6,726) and Burlington's (76,075) had appeared in the press but he has no official figures from which to give an accurate county total.

Georgetown is expecting a tremendous increase in population this year. Burlington's increase was up 4,294 over a year ago, while Milton's increase was just 56.

Mr. Beach predicts the county's taxable assessment total will also skyrocket this year, partly through new assessment and partly through increases in farm and residential land assessment which have been done to bring properties more into line with one-third the sales value.

While Halton's farmers have threatened to appeal their upped land assessments en masse, the deadline is next Monday at 5 p.m. and Mr. Beach says the local assessors in each Halton municipality report very few appeals have been filed to date.

Lions, guests informed on new County Board of Education

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available in five years. The rapid growth of the school population meant a new secondary school must be built every year for the next eight years.

One problem already facing the board was a need for another special vocational school like the General Brock. It is filled. Geography would dictate the location of the school to a point but Mr. Lawless agreed with Mr. Hinton that it would be nice to put another General Brock in Milton but it could be unfeasible.

Mr. Lawless said it wasn't likely Acton would ever swing into the Guelph orbit for education, although the town is closer to Guelph than to large schools in Oakville or Burlington. He said Georgetown was turning into a population

centre and indications were that Acton also could follow suit.

Both I.S.O.C. members said the new system would likely cost the taxpayer more but it would provide an efficient system to run education in the county.

The speakers were thanked by the mayor, Lion Neil Miller and acting Lion Chief John Griefeneder who also presented them with tokens of appreciation.

Among the guests present at the special meeting arranged as a public service by the Lions were the mayor, reeve, deputy-reeve, Councillor Charlie Perry, clerk-administrator Joe Hurst, Principals Ted Hansen and Elmer Smith and Past Deputy District Governor Ed Wiggins of the Lions.

Lion Vic Bristow introduced the guests.

Coulter not seeking re-election in township

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province-wide but the matter would be considered in the future. No immediate change could be visualized.

A bylaw authorized the signing of a continuing agreement with the Acton Fire Area for protection in a portion of the township. The agreement is essentially similar to previous agreements except for a 90 day cancellation clause open to both municipalities.

Township voters will be asked this year for their opinion on Sunday racing at Mohawk. The question will be placed on the ballots in December, according

to the bylaw approved Monday.

Council agreed to investigate further two complaints on fence viewing that occupied a major portion of the meeting. In each case the fence viewers had awarded fencing costs to both parties and gone, but completed their portion while the other had not done the same. Members heard the Robinson-Main and Barry-Bowman disputes for an hour and a half.

Issuers of township hunting licenses appointed by bylaw were Turner's in Eden Mills, the township office, Jennings Store in Haltonville and Bakers in

Campbellville.

Disatisfaction was expressed by Mrs. M. Dudok to council for its letter to her on complaints regarding the Committee of Adjustment and staff. Council took no action on the matter.

Complaints regarding gravel trucks at Sherman Gravel Supply driving on the wrong side of the road and regarding smoke at Milton Auto Wreckers were

heard. The council directed letters asking the co-operation of the offenders.

Permits for construction issued in September totalled \$78,750, the building inspector told Council bringing the year's total to \$911,300. Most of the new construction was residential.

Road accounts of \$5,232 were also approved for payment.

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Mini-election? No - council

Mini-election to choose one candidate from Acton in the looming municipal elections for the new county school board?

Council's opinion on the suggestion by the chairman of the public school board is that the matter is better left to the discretion of the two school boards in Acton and the ratepayers.

Council received a copy of a letter to the county from the chairman of the public school board requesting some action so all boards in the county would be allotted one representative on the new board. No. 1 committee

recommended that the board should seek changes in the present legislation to assure each municipality has a representative since the make-up of the county board is set by statute.

"If a mini-election is considered, we might want a mini-election for mayor, too!" quipped Councillor G. McKenzie.

And what brought you here, Henry, said his aunt. Well I just came to town to see the sights and I thought I would call on you first.

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