



ACCOMPANYING the lieutenant-governor of the province on his visit to the fair was aide de camp Col. Hardie, a former commander of the Lorne Scots.—(Staff Photo)

Council asks further study on controls of development

Acton council sent back three recommendations from planning board for further committee study following discussion at the regular council meeting Tuesday night.

First recommendation was a zoning by-law amendment in respect to 50-foot lots which would let the building inspector use his discretion in an R1 zone.

Second was a resolution passed at planning board for annexation of land adjoining Acton and formation of a planning area.

The third resolution was one which would rezone the Van

Gils and adjoining land from M1 (industrial) to residential.

Councillor McKenzie told council that planning board figured that they must have some control over land being bought up all around Acton and they wished to seek the co-operation of township councils to form a planning area.

"We may never get off the ground with regional government, as close as it may be," he said, "but the board felt that this would be a good way to find out where their power stood now."

"I told them we didn't have a

snowball's chance for annexation," deputy-reeve Tyler said, "that it was costly, time-consuming and frustrating and I didn't think the minister would allow an annexation at this time."

"Voted against the resolution for annexation at planning board," stated councillor Earl Masler, "but other members voted for it because they thought the townships would take notice and co-operate." He warned, however, that trying to use this as a lever "council might need a bundle of money to even get started."

"I can't see how you can control development around Acton," reeve Frank Oakes said. "Well, we can't just be like Topsy and grow and grow," said the mayor. "There must be some planning."

The motion to rezone the Van Gils farm residential also included a stipulation that an equal amount of land near the sewage plant be rezoned industrial to compensate.

Councillor Greer agreed with this change of zoning. He said two things entered the picture with industrial land on the Van Gils property, one, westerly winds would carry the industrial



LOCAL COUNTRY AND WESTERN singing star Earl Burt sang several rousing numbers for the audience at Friday night's Fall Fair program.—(Staff Photo)

Brigade raises \$1100 for M.D.

Acton Firefighters house-to-house canvas for Muscular Dystrophy was a record breaking effort this year. The brigade collected close to \$1,100 for their favorite charity and they still expect more donations which should swell the fund to unexpected totals.

Anyone who was not contacted in the house-to-house canvas can still leave their donation with any member of the fire department.

odors over the town and two, it would create a large industrial area where the trunk sewer lines are not designed to carry heavy effluent.

Extend sewer lines along Churchill Rd.

Acton Council unanimously decided to take advantage of an estimated 33 per cent saving in order to extend sewer lines into the last unserved area in Acton.

Called to a special meeting Thursday at 6 p.m., council passed a resolution after an hour's discussion to extend the trunk sewer line from the present limit of the extension on Churchill Rd. N. to the town limits where 11 residences are without service.

Because Elmford Construction has the machinery and men working on the sewage extension to the Monex Churchill Road subdivision, it was estimated the work could be done for as little as \$10,000 provided town workmen could do the cleaning up. Estimated cost if the job is delayed—\$15,624.

Mayor Les Duby, a Churchill Road resident himself, told council that if he didn't present the case for the extension then other residents would. The extension will take an extra 750 feet of pipe and 3 man holes along the east side of the road.

"I'm in favor of it," Councillor Peter Marks stated, "but to sit down in five minutes and spend 11 grand—you know?" He said he hoped this expense would not interfere with any other projects the town planned.

"I'd sooner have had the assurance of the 11 residents that they will hook up to the sewers," Mr. Marks concluded.

Clark-administrator Joe Hurst told council Tuesday night that Elmford Construction had revised their price on the sewer extension on Churchill Road N. from \$10,000 to \$9,000 saving the town an additional \$1,000 expense.

Engineers were staking out the work now with the town superintendent checking the installation of pipes.

"It makes good business sense to save 33% by acting promptly," declared Deputy-reeve Ted Tyler. "It's so sensible I'll have to vote for it," commented Reeve Frank Oakes.

"How could you vote against it and live with the people?" asked Councillor G. McKenzie. "Where was the money coming from for the extension?"

"I don't know," the mayor admitted, "but there are many other works planned and not done this year, we could end up with a surplus."

The mayor said the best thing he could say about the hang-up on all work attempted by the town and delayed by the provincial government was, "analysis by paralysis."

Council agreed the work would have to be done sometime anyway—and soon. Hook-ups to the system would cost the 11 residents along Churchill Rd. N. without services approximately \$140 which would look after sewers and water.

Break record...

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cattle show was John McKinnon and family of R.R. 3, Milton. Mr. McKinnon exhibited a fine herd of Shorthorn cattle in the breeding classes as well as the market cattle commercial feature classes. Son David McKinnon was first in showmanship for ages 12 to 16 and daughter Nancy McKinnon took the showmanship award for those under 12.

Tickets? You could purchase them for ski-doo's from the Junior Farmers and the Lions. The Rotary club made their big draw for a 1,000 pound steer and it was won by 8-year-old James Turnbull of Lake Avenue.

The fair just kept going and by six o'clock when the crowds are usually scant there were still thousands in the grounds.

The Fair wound up with a successful dance in the community centre with the

Shaynes providing the music. There were also other dances in Acton Saturday and both reported large attendance.

Sunday morning weary Fair Board members turned out to clean up the park grounds. The midway packed up during the night. By noon hour all traces of Acton Fair were gone and the grounds were clean and pressed.

Car damaged

Bob Angell reported to Acton police \$50 damage to his car, parked in the Legion parking lot Saturday. The left rear fender was damaged.

Mayor drops...

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development of phase one in the industrial park.

Reeve Oakes said Mr. Kennedy frowned on selling land to subsidize industry at the expense of the taxpayer, however, he said if the town had applied for the \$50,000 amount in the 1969 projection it would probably be approved providing no subsidies were given to buyers.

Dr. Oakes said the chairman told him as far as he was concerned it was all right if council wanted to pack up and get out of the industrial park altogether. He didn't think much of councillors who were wheeler-dealers in real estate transactions.

Councillor Bill Coats questioned the chairman's decision stating the town could give away the land and still have a profit in three years from taxes received. Mayor Les Duby said the O.M.B. did not favor this type of transaction.

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