

County council endorses reeves' new Halton map Tuesday

Halton County Council accepted the map drafted by reeves, outlining a possible re-alignment of municipal boundaries at a meeting Tuesday. The map is in preparation for regional government.

The map, subject of some controversy, provides for five municipalities rather than the present seven. It was approved after an attempt to have it referred back to the Regional Government Intermunicipal Committee was withdrawn.

Frequent references were made to a committee motion authorizing transmission of the map to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, "on the understanding that these boundaries are subject to confirmation or changes by the County Council".

Deputy Reeve E. Tyler, Acton, suggested the boundary lines should be between concessions rather than follow concession lines. He observed concession lines make it too difficult for neighboring municipalities in the matter of services.

Some assurance that Milton could service the apparent industrial area proposed for it was sought by Deputy Reeve Gilles of Oakville. He expressed the fear that if development went uncontrolled the whole region would be taxed to bring water to the area from the lake as had happened in Peel.

Reeve G. Gallagher, Burlington, noted Milton had some concern its wells had not been included in its proposed area. He suggested this could be resolved. He also observed that the underground water supplies in Acton, Georgetown and Milton were among the best in the province.

Reeve W. Hunter, Georgetown, maintained a lot of thought and a "lot of chewing of the rag" went into the boundary proposal. "No matter what you did someone would be happy". He suggested that "if there's some little fraction where this went wrong I would be happy to vote for a change".

Deputy Reeve R. Harris, Milton, suggested the map be amended Acton in on the east

and Milton would like to see its municipal wells included in its area. He observed that Milton could service land north of Highway 401 for a greater distance than projected while there was a section to the east that might be able to be better served by another municipality.

Objection to referring the map back to the committee was expressed by Deputy Reeve Speight of Georgetown. He emphasized the reservation in the committee resolution indicating changes in the boundaries could be proposed.

"It doesn't mean if we adopt this report that changes can't be made", Warden G. Currie emphasized. He urged council to act "if we even hope to keep

Halton as a unit". He urged members "if it looks reasonable it should be adopted."

"We've got to be very positive. If we don't proceed the government will do it for us", Deputy Reeve G. Agnew, Nassagaweya, declared.

"Milton is interested that in passing the minutes of this committee they are not confined to a hard and fast boundary", Deputy Reeve Harris emphasized.

"If Milton brings in a map and proves its case the boundaries can be altered", Warden Currie assured.

Reeve Hunter reported, however, that in a recent exchange with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister



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STUDENTS RECEIVING awards at commencement this year were seated at the left hand side of the auditorium, coming forward as the names were called. A dance followed.

Two Ontario scholars top commencement

Seventeen of 25 grade 13 graduates and 35 of 56 grade 12 graduates received certificates and special awards Friday in a quick-paced commencement program.

Kathryn Sinclair, an Ontario scholar and top award winner, also gave the valedictory address on behalf of her fellow graduates before the large crowd.

This year the commencement program was divided. Only the senior awards were made last Friday; junior awards are this Friday afternoon at the school.

The school attained its second and third Ontario scholars this year in Kathryn Sinclair and Susan Perry. (Trudy Morris was the first.) Miss Sinclair, who attained 89 per cent, is now at university and Miss Perry, with 81 per cent, is taking nurses' training. Rather than return to the stage each time, these young ladies simply stayed on stage to accept a series of awards.

Gordon Reed also received several top awards.

Of 25 grade 13 grads, 17 were present. Of these four received early admission to the University of Guelph and will receive awards from the university, Susan Allen, Brenda McKeown Coles, Barbara McEachern and Victor Funk.

Guest speaker William Bothwell had a challenging message for the audience, pointing out we ourselves are the creators of what other people will judge us by. History is made by small decisions as much as by cataclysms.

The seven wonders of the ancient world, or the wonders of today's world, are nothing compared to the human values that may be lost while we spend effort and money on buildings. Most important things are intangible... intelligence, patience, art, and love.

Considering books like *The*

IT IS SNOW!

In the event anyone mistakenly believed the white flakes which floated earthwards Tuesday night were puffs of cotton, the Free Press editorial staff can state with some conviction that it was snow—the first this season.

Reporters burning the midnight oil touched, tasted and observed the flakes and concluded they looked enough like the last snowfall in the early Spring to be positively identified as real Canadian snow.

Does that mean winter is far behind? Or we may be in for some Indian summer which probably comes after the first snow.

Another subdivision, apartments plaza proposed to planners

Acton Planning Board will ask Project Planners, the town's planning consultants, for comments in three new development projects presented to them at their regular monthly meeting Thursday.

Number one is an application to build one large store and five others at the corner of Churchill Rd. and Hwy 7 beside the Brewer's Retail store. The large store would be for Becker's Milk and the small plaza would encompass approximately 74 parking spaces and five stores of 1200 square feet.

Second is a 339 home subdivision and proposed plaza on the McCullough property bounded by Hwy 7 and Churchill Rd. Revenue Tax properties showed the board

draft plans for the subdivision which will commence with 24 homes on Churchill Rd. South which is in Acton. Remainder of the property is in Esqueping township.

Third project is for two apartment buildings with 30 suites in each to be built on property owned by Mrs. Hazel Orr on Bower Ave. Thrush Construction propose to build the apartments similar to those constructed on Churchill Road. The property must be rezoned RM from R3.

C. F. Leatherland represented Mrs. Orr at the meeting and explained the Orr home would be torn down and a private drive constructed with access to property behind of approximately 2 1/2 acres.



ROBERT BEACH Robert Beach is commissioner

Doctors reject 90% payment; to bill patient

Halton's doctors have decided to reject the 90 per cent payment formula in the provincial government's medicare program, OHSIP. A statement from the 175-member Halton County Medical Association this week announces patients will remain responsible for the full amount of the doctors' services.

It is expected some doctors will bill OHSIP for 90 per cent of their standard fee, and bill the patient for the remaining 10 per cent. Others indicate they will send the whole bill to the patient who must collect what he can from the province and pay the rest himself.

Dr. William Milawski, president of Halton County Medical Association, and vice-president Dr. R. D. Kunic, both of Oakville, issued their terse statement following a Society executive meeting Wednesday. They called OHSIP rates "a completely unjustified form of taxation" in the eyes of an overwhelming majority of the county's 175 doctors. "It is, in fact, a 10 per cent surtax which will be borne by many thousands of patients who were fully covered under various medical insurance plans prior to the introduction of OHSIP," they said.

Ontario Health Minister Tom Wells has repeatedly said he was confident the medical profession would accept the medicare rates. The province will only pay 90 per cent of the standardized schedule and was hoping the doctors would forego the remaining 10 per cent.

Only a few practicing doctors in Halton do not belong to the Halton Society.

Cleaners open Acton branch

Another change in the Acton business section this week will see Holiday Cleaners open an Acton branch in the former Brown store on Mill St., next to the bus depot.

The new business will be a bring-in and pick-up store only, with cleaning done in Toronto. The company has branches in Toronto, Guelph, Galt, Preston, Hespeler and Weston as well as Acton.

Owner Walter Melnyk has set the official opening of the Acton store for this Friday.

Rabid cat bites

School children have been warned to give animals acting abnormally brave or friendly a wide berth following the discovery of a case of rabies at R.R. 2 Acton.

Mrs. Ben Fuchs and her daughter Mary are both receiving a series of injections as the result of being bitten by a cat at their home on the fourth line, Esqueping. A brain test ordered by Dr. Frank Oakes confirmed the cat had rabies.

The cat, which Mrs. Fuchs described as a "good hunter", followed her daughter to the school bus last week. When the girl tried to shoo the cat back to the house it turned on her and bit her finger. Later Mrs. Fuchs called the cat and it attacked, biting her on the leg.

Dr. Oakes was called and he immediately suspected rabies. Tests conducted by the Canada Department of Agriculture Health of Animals Branch confirmed it.

Dr. Oakes urges everyone to beware of wild animals acting strangely but especially school children. Both he and the Fuchs figure the cat probably tangled with a skunk or some other animal and contracted the rabies from it.

Mr. Pethick of Thrush Construction said he proposed building one 30 suite apartment in early Spring and another a year later. He asked that Planning Board apply for an amendment to the zoning now and present it to council for approval.

Councillor Earl Masales cautioned against too much haste in a decision. "We already have two applications for apartments and we should look this over closely."

Member Sid Saltz said, however, there was still lots of room for apartments in town. "Young people getting married are still having trouble finding apartment accommodation."

The board studied plans for the proposed subdivision at the McCullough farm as well as draft plan of subdivision for the Vyse property which would hold another 51 houses. It was left for further study.

A letter from the planning consultants was read advising the board to reject a proposal from Lake Manor Holdings for a small plaza beside the CN tracks on Main St. N.

Chairman Bob Drinkwater presided for the three hour meeting which included a meeting with representatives of Esqueping and Nassagaweya township planning boards, reported elsewhere. Attending were members Sid Saltz, Meb Blow and council representatives Jack Greer and Earl Masales.

Over 100 break-ins by four juveniles

Appearing in Juvenile Court in Milton Tuesday, four juveniles who have racked up a record of over 100 break-ins and attempted break-ins were remanded for sentence. They are released in their parents' custody.

Three Acton juveniles and one from Rockwood pleaded guilty to the charges. Their activities covered thefts, shoplifting, break and enter and attempted break and enter of 25 homes, many business places, churches and factories over the past six months.

One of the suspected juveniles was questioned last week by Cons. Roy Wood, and the whole story of the series of break-ins came out. In many cases, the break-ins had not even been reported to police. Small amounts of cash, tools, knives, flashlights and similar small articles in some cases had just been presumed missing.

Almost every business place in Acton had been broken into, as well as all the churches but one. Some of the incidents, including break-ins into homes and three churches in Hillsburg, took place in Wellington county.

Damage to property and amount of cash stolen was estimated at a total of between \$1,500 and \$1,600, the police report.

Police have successfully concluded their repeated investigations, including repeated fingerprinting, which extended over a period of months. Many persons were questioned, particularly young people out late at night, but the police seemed frustrated in their continuing attempt to locate the offenders.

Statements from the youths and subsequent investigation of new information involved so much time Cons. Bruce McArthur assisted Cons. Roy Wood.

Turn back clock Sunday

Daylight Saving Time will end in Acton this Sunday morning at 2 a.m. Readers are reminded to turn back their clocks but not necessarily at 2 a.m.

Standard time will stay with us until the end of April when the hour of sleep which is gained starting Sunday will again be lost.

And, of course, there really is no excuse for being late for church this Sunday. In fact, the less observant could arrive an hour early.

Reeve on hot seat

Esqueping reeve George Currie occupied the regional government hot seat for a few moments, Monday night as deputy-reeve Tom Hill and councillor Ken Marshall both criticized the recently proposed "new Halton" as envisioned by a special committee of Halton reeves, set up to carve up the county for regional government.

Deputy-reeve Hill told the reeve he would much rather have seen Esqueping grouped with the town of Acton. The reeve's proposal would consolidate the larger part of the township with Georgetown.

"The way Mr. McKenough did it was far better than that," councillor Marshall opined.

Defending the reeve's plan, the reeve said he thought the regional council representation, they had proposed, giving Burlington five representatives, Oakville four, Georgetown-Esqueping three and Acton-Nassagaweya and Milton two each was about as fair as anyone could expect.

Fairy Lake to be wildlife sanctuary

Taking a tip from a recent editorial in the Free Press, Beardmore and Co. has decided to designate Fairy Lake as a wild life sanctuary.

The company contacted the Department of Lands and Forests and the Audubon Society to find out the correct procedures to declare the lake a wild life sanctuary and were assured of the fullest co-operation.

Company president Norm Braida said they are also considering placing waterfowl on the lake, clipping their wings and establishing feeding stations for them. Consideration is also being given to stocking the lake with fish.

Signs will be posted warning would-be hunters that the area is protected under the Game and Fisheries Act and persons contravening the Act could be prosecuted.

Fairy Lake is owned by the Acton Chamber of Commerce

has also been active in promoting the idea of turning the lake into a wild life sanctuary. Officials of the Chamber feel the company's move is the right step to turn Fairy Lake into a stopping and feeding point for wild fowl on the way to and from the north and south.



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