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THE MAIL BAG

GRC President Explains Reasons for Resignations

Dear Mr. Editor:
The following is submitted to give ratepayers some idea of the work of the GRC and the reason the executive resigned when council declined to include a fund grant in the 1951 municipal budget.

The present GRC took over from the previous Recreation Council which had been guaranteed the salary of its recreational director, \$2400.

The present group formed from representatives of all local organizations after a committee of 25 citizens undertook the reorganization at a public meeting in the Old Town Hall. Councillor Harry Hale was one of this group.

During the first year's operation of GRC, 1949, the town council allocated \$600 for the creation of a community wide recreation program. \$200 of that amount was returned to the town council in the form of rebate from the Dept. of Education. As that rebate was retained by town council their support for 1949 amounted to \$400 from tax money. The same sum was voted for 1950.

Debts amounting to \$416.07 were shouldered by the re-formed GRC, inherited from the original Recreation Council. Legally, by the by-law written and passed by town council that debt was the responsibility of the town council. During the two years' operation that indebtedness was cleared by GRC without further support from council than their original \$800.

A recreational director was hired at an annual salary of \$1800 to organize Georgetown activities. Equipment was bought and paid for, playing areas were made suitable for use, and the entire costs and expenses were met from donation and income earned by GRC money-making activities.

This breaks down to a table of assets as follows:

Monies Received.	
Tax money received:	
1949	\$600
1950	610
	\$1210
Less Dept. Rebate	400
Net rec'd. from town	810
Rec'd. from Dep't.	400
	\$1210

Donations from individuals, groups and businesses	
1949 Ind.	545
Groups	1234
1950 Ind.	588
Groups	1136
	3501
Total Income	4701

Monies Spent	
1949	\$5129
1950	5113
	\$10,242

This includes \$3600 for the director's salary, and \$3868 for equipment, advertising and materials in the two-year period. One-third of this amount was rebated by the Dept. of Education.

In 1950 the town council was asked for \$1200 by a GRC delegation as being two thirds of the director's salary. This was to free the Commission from the immediate necessity for raising public donation or salary, and permit more effort being put into the expansion of the community program. Council cut that request in half and allocated \$600 for GRC use. Again, of this sum, \$200 was returned to the town council by Dept. of Education rebate, making the community share in the recreation program \$400.

In this year the summer camp cost to GRC was over \$400, in addition to the Lions Club share of an equal sum. In 1949 the camp cost \$320.

A deputation from GRC appeared before and asked council for a plebiscite in the 1950 election, to ask the voters if they would support the GRC program with financial support this year. The sum of \$2500 was suggested by the mayor and council as being a suitable sum to put before the people and the GRC delegation accepted it as being suitable. Council granted the plebiscite and in the vote a substantial majority of voters favoured the \$2500 grant.

The request for a \$2500 grant was necessary to enable GRC to carry on the program to which it was committed. The major source of donations during the past two years was not willing to support the entire program of Georgetown recreation indefinitely, but had given very generous help during the formative period in order to put GRC in a position to give wide community service which can be carried on at a minimum cost to the people of Georgetown. It is only fair that this money should be raised from municipal funds and not from the pockets of the few. \$2500 is less than one dollar per person in town and is there anyone in town, excluding council, who is willing to say that one dollar a year is not cheap to keep our youngsters out of mischief, teach them sports and the ability to get along together? Where else in town can you find a rallying point for the youngsters.

The action of town council in disallowing the GRC grant of \$2500

also does not allow the Commission to operate, as that automatically disapproves the GRC budget for 1951 which called for an expenditure of over \$5000, of which the town was to give \$2500 and more than \$2500 would be raised by GRC from its own activities.

For this reason the entire Commission feels that council's action has made it mandatory that the GRC resign and cancel all its obligations as of this date. This means that the preparations for the Hobby Show, which have been going ahead for some weeks, have been stopped. GRC participation in the Stay-at-Home Camp this summer has come to an end. GRC-organized baseball for the town will not be started this month. Lacrosse must of necessity be cancelled. GRC cannot prepare the program for the hockey season next winter.

GRC is no more. Town council must now make up its mind to form its own type of recreation for town from its own members, or drop organized recreation from Georgetown's program. Its own conscience, and the people of Georgetown, will impress upon the members of the 1951 town council that the practice of economy on the rising generation of Georgetown citizens is not practical economy.

J. S. Martin,
President, GRC

COMPARISON OF INCOME TAX IN CANADA, U.S. & BRITAIN

British Income Tax Rates

Earned Income	Single Person	Married Childless	Married 2 Child.
\$ 1200	\$ 154	\$ 88	\$
2,000	434	321	149
4,000	1,195	1,081	881
10,000	3,473	3,361	3,161

New Canadian Income Tax Rates

Earned Income	Single Person	Married Childless	Married 2 Child.
\$ 1,200	\$ 33	\$	\$
2,000	165		
4,000	561	352	296
10,000	2,165	1,826	1,740

United States Income-Tax Rates

Earned Income	Single Person	Married Childless	Married 2 Child.
\$ 1,200	\$ 98	\$	\$
2,000	242	122	
4,000	625	485	245
10,000	2,096	1,636	1,372

THE OLD TURNPIKE ROAD

The night her mantle's spreading,
O'er the fields of frozen snow
But in our dreams we're treading
A road we used to know.
We see its length, unfolding
Know each hollow, every knoll,
And in fancy we're beholding
The white-washed gateside toll.

How can I describe the meeting?
There's a mist of happy tears,
Those friends whom we are greeting,
We have missed them through the years.

We have missed their cheery faces,
Their loyal hearts, and kind,
We have searched in different places,
But their like we cannot find.

Oh Time, turn back thy pages,
If only for a day,
Thou keeper of the ages,
Of each dawn, each gloaming grey,
Let us hear the woodlands ringing,
With the thrushes' haunting tune,
Hear again the skylark singing,
His song in sun drenched June.

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