

What Council did

At the regular meeting Tuesday, Acton council:

• Read and passed a by-law allowing easement for building for lots with 50 foot frontage in 60 foot zones.

• Authorized the mayor and clerk to sign an offer of purchase with James Gibson for two acres of land in the industrial park. Closing sale is to be June 15 and services are to be installed four months after the date. The property fronts on the service road through the park.

• Authorized payment of financial statement 5 of \$18,107.93.

• Rejected objection from Messrs. C. F. Leatherland, C. Heard, L. Youngblut and H. Patterson concerning the by-law restricting the height of apartment buildings to 70 feet. Council said builders had no restrictions now and the by-law would restrict rather than increase the height. Council acknowledged the public probably thought a 35 foot restriction was in force but agreed it was in error.

• Appointed Frank Simioni to replace the vacancy created by the resignation of Bob Drinkwater from Planning Board.

• Accepted the recommendation of the committee that 100 ft. of land on the westerly boundary of the industrial park be held tentatively for future development. A railway spur line could possibly go in the property. Tyler and Coats opposed.

• Authorized the committee to proceed with detail work on Churchill Rd. watermain. Estimated cost - \$64,000.

• Agreed to proceed with testing of a well on the Fourth Line at a cost of \$4,000.

Stewarttown school

Reinsulate portions gas main but find no evidence of damage

United Gas Company workmen uncovered and reinsulated portions of a high pressure gas main at Stewarttown Senior School last week, but found no evidence of damage to the main itself.

In a letter to Esqueing Council recently contractor Norm Turner said a back-hoe operator had accidentally damaged the main gas pump line which supplies natural gas to the town of Georgetown, while excavating for a concrete septic tank and weeping tile system, during the summer of 1967.

Mr. Turner said he approached an officer of the gas company in Georgetown and a representative of the Department of Health, but in spite of his efforts the damage to the pipe line was ordered to be covered over.

The tile bed system was then installed according to plans, directly over the damaged portion of the gas main.

• Passed a resolution authorizing town employees to continue to participate in the TFCO committee in its studies of regional government.

• Agreed to list the sale of municipally owned land on Cobblehill Road with local real estate agents at a price of \$130,000. Opposed were Councillors Greer, Masales and Chapman. An amendment to the motion was lost in a tie vote naming the sale price at \$100,000.

• Authorized the clerk to have a survey supplied on industrial road A and road B in the industrial park to the end of phase one.

• Authorized calling of invitational bids on the installation of water and sewer lines to service roads A and B to the centre of the proposed Gibson property in the industrial park. Councillor Coats said he hoped council would consider debentures later if needed to develop the park.

As a result of natural drainage from the weeping tile system, Mr. Turner said he feared chemicals would cause a gradual corrosion of the gas pipe. He also expressed the opinion the pipe line would eventually leak and that gas could follow the septic tank system and enter the school building.

A press release issued by the Halton County Board of Education Friday, said the gas line was exposed over the total distance of the septic bed and a thorough examination completed.

Representatives of the board, the Halton County Medical Officer of Health, United Gas

Company, the contractor and sub-contractor were present.

It was concluded by all present that there was no apparent damage to the line.

"It is regretted that the parents of students at Stewarttown senior school have been unnecessarily alarmed by Norman Turner, who installed the tile bed," the release said.

Contacted by this newspaper, Mr. Turner said he was present when the line was exposed last week. Workmen found pipe skinned in eight different places, he stated.

Mr. Turner maintains there definitely was a danger involved.

Loitering bylaw will be enforced—police

The reporting week of May 17 to May 24 was one of moderate activity at the Acton Detachment. The town cruiser was patrolled 789 miles while the men worked a total of 201 hours.

Two accidents were investigated, one in which the

driver was charged with Dangerous Driving and Fail to Remain at the scene of an accident. The other was of a minor nature. Total damage in the two accidents was \$900. A total of three motorists were issued traffic citations and four more were warned.

Four persons have been charged with Loitering on the main street. Many more have been warned for this offence and this law will be strictly enforced during the coming months.

Drivers! Do you know what to do if you're caught by high beam dazzle from the lights of an approaching car? The most important thing to remember is don't look at them. Force yourself to look at the side of the road ahead of you car, use it as a guide, slow down and stop if necessary. Once the high beams have passed, give your eyes a chance to re-adjust before resuming normal speed. Don't you be the driver who says after a collision, "I was blinded by his headlights."

Cons. Roy Wood.

B. Sc. degree at Waterloo

Bruce Elgoetz, Brock St. graduates May 30 with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Waterloo. Mr. Elgoetz took the co-op course in mechanical engineering, and is now employed at Bell Canada in Toronto.



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make offers the town needed plans, specifications and figures when they went to the O.M.B. for approval. "We've never been able to reach the stage where two or three industries qualify and we could go to the O.M.B."

"A lot of your criticism should not be directed at council," the mayor told Chamber delegates. He said one industry was building in the park now, another one would locate in four months' time and another was negotiating an offer to purchase.

"I'm reluctant to accept the full criticism due to your lack of knowledge of our difficulties, the mayor said.

Mr. Shadbolt replied that the Chamber had asked for a representative on the Development Commission six months ago and no action was taken. "If we don't know the facts the criticisms we level are not valid. On the other hand the only way we can know is to come here," Mr. Shadbolt complained.

"We would like someone who represents the Chamber on the Development Commission."

The mayor said it was his understanding there was a member of the Chamber on the Commission since the chairman of the Development Commission

is a past president of the Chamber. Mr. Shadbolt denied receiving any information about industrial development, however.

After further discussion Mr. Muckle said it was his impression the chairman of the Commission had done a great job in spite of obstacles placed in his way. The mayor replied that council worked hand-in-hand with Mr. Nielsen and their hang-ups were also his.

Councillor McKenzie suggested the reason for no Chamber appointments to the Commission was because there were no vacancies but advocated closer liaison between the Chamber and Council. "No one here thinks we have all the answers," he said.

The mayor agreed but was critical of the view there was a supposed lack of industry in Acton since the ratio was 51 per cent to 49 per cent recently when the town tried to get the government interested in providing assistance. He insisted the prime need now was for residential development.

We must have a valid reason to go before the O.M.B. to ask for debentures to finance development, he told the delegation.

The deputy reeve said money from sale of lands was used to pay for services in the industrial park. "As land is sold services are put in. We have \$31,000 to use now," he said. "We feel we are saving taxpayers money this way."

Mr. Tyler also assured Mr. Rognvaldson no industry detrimental to health would be locating in the park. And the mayor said part of the reason for council being slow on industrial park development was because some were inclined to think industrial development should be in the south of town.

"I think it was poor planning and thinking in the earlier stages," Mr. Rognvaldson agreed. "Everything in planning and economics is against the property being used for industry. It should be residential. I only wish there was some way we could turn back the clock."

Questioned by Mr. Muckle as to why council clipped the mill rate instead of keeping it at the same level as last year, the mayor replied that council was considering people with fixed incomes. "We have to look at both sides of the coin."

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any business destitute with their eggs all lost in the town's muddy basket.

However, Mr. Muckle said the management of Key-Com is still interested in expanding in Acton next year if council took positive and reasonable action.

In conclusion, chamber president Shadbolt asked council to change their policy and consider making the "sales presentation realistic in terms of market conditions." He questioned the relevance of the development commission if they had to deal with council policies.

Newspaper headlines proclaimed "Full steam ahead for the Industrial Park" last year, he said.

"We are not convinced that any more has been done than to light the match. Certainly no head of steam seems to be visible," he concluded. Prepared copies of the brief were passed around the council table.

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