

Chamber head flays attitude on liquor plebiscite

President John Shadbolt compared Acton council's attitude towards the liquor plebiscite requested by the Chamber of Commerce to a species of duck which tries to commit suicide.

"Anything the Chamber of Commerce does is like holding up a flag for a bull as far as council is concerned," Mr. Shadbolt told a dinner meeting of the Chamber at the Dominion Hotel Monday night.

He said efforts of the Chamber of Commerce to arrange a meeting with council "at least toward the end of September" to be within the two months required before a plebiscite had been put off with the excuse there were no meetings scheduled.

Exception to remarks
Mr. Shadbolt also took exception to remarks attributed to the reeve in a press report which said "he assumed that this was the decision of the entire

Chamber of Commerce." The liquor plebiscite was discussed for at least five months at Chamber meetings. Only five members of the executive are needed to make a decision on policy, he contended.

"The executive of the Chamber never particularly likes to embarrass council," he complained. "We have no members who would benefit from the plebiscite."

Mr. Shadbolt said the executive

of the Chamber felt the town needed liquor.

Show of hands
He called for a show of hands to ask if those in attendance were in agreement. Most hands went up. None went up when he asked for those opposed.

Mr. Shadbolt also took issue with statements reporting that the chief electoral officer of Ontario and the liquor board solicitor do not recommend

holding plebiscites in conjunction with municipal elections.

"Twenty-five other municipalities are holding liquor plebiscites along with their elections," he told the meeting. "Is our town smarter than all these other municipalities?"

He concluded his remarks by stating the Chamber feels badly that council downgrades their efforts to improve the business climate of the community.

C. of C. statements cause mayor concern

Considerable discussion took place at Tuesday's council meeting on the relations between the Chamber of Commerce and the municipal council.

Mayor Doby expressed concern at remarks attributed to the president of the Chamber of Commerce, John Shadbolt, about the council at Monday night's Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Work together
He was hopeful that the Chamber of Commerce and the town could work together on a sound basis. He noted that on three occasions in which council and Chamber had had contact, it had come out in city papers in a manner very derogatory to council.

He reiterated that council was open and prepared to meet with the Chamber of Commerce at any time when it will be of benefit to the municipality.

meeting will be held on the subject. A recommendation will be made at the next regular council meeting.

Georgetown change
The mayor said in spite of the Chamber's statement to the opposite, that the provincial government still does not recommend the holding of a liquor plebiscite at the same time as a municipal election.

Councillor Coats noted that the town of Georgetown has withdrawn a by-law passed in July of this year and no liquor vote will be held there in conjunction with the municipal election.

Appreciates signs
It was the opinion of councillor Coats that all relationships with the Chamber of Commerce were not bad and he expressed appreciation to the Chamber on their work on the signs at the entrances to town.

Councillor Greer said the town was obliged to pay for one-fifth of the cost of the signs and it was the Chamber's hope the number of signs would be increased from the present two to four signs.

Councillor Masales reported his committee had had good cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce on the suggestion that a parking area be provided at St. Alban's church. A meeting was to be arranged with the trustees of St. Alban's.

Will recommend
Mayor Doby in speaking on the suggestion by the Chamber of Commerce to hold a liquor vote in conjunction with the municipal elections said council had not delayed action on the proposal.

He pointed out there had only been one committee meeting since the request was received from the Chamber of Commerce.

The subject had been referred to the administration committee. The committee has already met on the subject and a second

Two appointments Parks, recreation up to strength

Board of parks and recreation commission have been brought up to full strength with the appointment at Tuesday's council meeting of Hugh Patterson to fill the term of Art Gordon until Dec. 21, 1971. Ian McGillivray was appointed to finish out the term of Phil McCristall which expires Dec. 31, 1970.

Seven people had indicated a willingness to serve on the committees and the clerk was instructed to write the remaining five thanking them for their interest and advising them their names would be held in reserve for future appointments.

cent of the electorate would like to express an opinion on the subject.

At nominations?
Councillor McKenzie wondered if that 20 per cent will be at the nomination meeting at the Robert Little school.

Mayor Doby was of the opinion that we do have such a program and any subsidies should be handled through the parks and recreation commission and considered annually.

Second motion defeated
Councillor Marks, again without the support of his council committee, presented a motion which was defeated to have included at the election an opinion poll on the present half mill grant to the band.

He emphasized it was his opinion the band executive performs a "good recreational function". It was his opinion the provincial government is considering a change in the half mill legislation available to bands.

Reassessment pressure
It was suggested one of the problems that council will be faced with is a greatly increased mill value when the provincial reassessment takes place on a market value basis.

Mayor Doby expressed the opinion the timing was bad for such a vote because we haven't yet "had the pressures of reassessment." He felt council should not lose sight of the fact the band has financial commitments or the fact that the band is providing their own accommodation.

Sole vote
Councillor Coats in speaking on the motion pointed out he did not support the motion but felt the subject should be put before the whole council. When the resolution was put to council vote councillor Marks had the only vote in favor.

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A CHEQUE FOR \$747 was presented to Mauri Valli, representing the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, at a regular meeting of Acton Y's Men Thursday evening. Campaign chairman Pat McGrenere, right, makes the presentation with girls from the high school who aided the canvass. Left to right are Barbara Pratt, Laurene Rennick, Mr. Valli, Mr. McGrenere, Ellen Wissensz, Lucienne Pratt and Dolores Jordan. Y's Men and their helpers rang door bells all over town to raise money to assist the society.—(Staff Photo)

Opinion poll
Councillor Marks introduced a resolution asking for an "opinion poll" to be held in conjunction with the forthcoming municipal elections at which ratepayers would be asked if they support financial subsidies to organized youth groups.

The subject had been broached at committee meetings and the recommendation of the committee was that no action be taken. However, Mr. Marks with the support of Mr. Coats introduced the subject at this meeting for a full council discussion.

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More roadblocks housing project

Local autonomy, the much espoused principle of the provincial government, took another kick in the teeth as Acton council this week has learned of another series of roadblocks in the implementation of the much-needed senior citizens and geared to income housing project.

Mayor Doby in commenting on the latest list of requirements asked for by the minister said the committee thought there would be no problems if the minister's conditions were met.

However he was annoyed that

other communities had started senior citizens projects at the same time as Acton. At the present time, residents are living in Georgetown senior citizens housing program.

The conditions the Minister requires for "final" approval would be a dedication of five per cent of the land for park purposes; assurance that the plan conforms to the zoning by-law; assurance the easements for utility services have been secured; and assurance cost of providing roads, installation of

utilities and drainage of the project have been provided for.

Council would prefer to accept cash in lieu of the dedication of land.

It was observed by councillors that the park area requirements within Acton are sufficient and councillor Marks pointed out that the only thing Acton lacks in parks is the financial ability to develop them to their potential.

Council by resolution requested the Department of Municipal Affairs to allow Acton to accept cash in lieu of allowance for park land.

UNICEF walkers bus first

This Saturday's 20-mile Walkathon for UNICEF may spread as many as 300 walkers out along the route, according to Y's Men's organizer Elmer Smith.

Latest information is that Tyler Transport will donate buses to take all the walkers from the M. Z. Bennett school to the starting point, the junction of Orangeville and Fergus highway with the seventh line above Hillsburg.

Food and drinks and washroom facilities are all arranged. After starting at 8 a.m., the first walkers are expected to be in at noon or shortly after. Any stragglers will be picked up between 4.30 and 5 p.m.

Bikeathon

Acton's Calvinist Cadet Corps is holding a 40 mile bikeathon this Saturday to raise funds for their camping and craft needs.

Route of the 40 mile roll will extend through Esquesing and Nassagaweya townships, starting from the Christian Reformed Church at 8.30 a.m. Counsellors expect the trip will take five or six hours to complete, providing the weather co-operates.

At least two councillors will participate in the bikeathon and there are rumors of a lady also starting out but this hasn't been confirmed. Individual sponsors are signing up for the bicycle riders.

Negotiations soon for H.S. teachers

It seems only yesterday Halton secondary school teachers came to agreement with the county board after weeks of negotiations concerning working agreements and salary schedules. At a meeting of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation Tuesday it was noted negotiations would begin in early January with the Halton Board of Education — with a view towards early settlement.

A committee representing the teachers is currently preparing a brief to be sent to the board in early November. Formal discussion will continue until Dec. 31. At that time the Halton Board of Education will respond

According to an OSSTF executive memo to their members a rejection of the report by OSSTF membership will mean the membership is willing to take a strong stand on working conditions, which could eventually lead to provincial takeover and the calling of resignations.

Minister of Education William Davis has said if no agreement can be reached by teachers and trustees at the local level that guarantees finality to negotiations, he will enact legislation to control negotiations throughout the province.

Esquesing stands firm

By a recorded vote of four to one, Esquesing Council Monday night decided to delete the Fourth Line from Lot 18 to Lot 24 and 17 Sideroad in Concessions Five, Six and Seven from a July 20 motion, which exempted those portions of the roads from the posting of signs stating "Second Class Road, 11 tons."

Consequently, a motion passed at last week's meeting instructing Indusmin Quarries they must use the Third Line south to 22 Sideroad and west to Highway 25 as a truck route still stands.

The Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad will no longer be the township's designated truck route.

Residents of the Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad have been complaining to council for the past month about the dangers, which have resulted from making the two roads a designated truck route.

Marshall lone dissenter
Reeve George Currie, deputy-reeve Tom Hill, and Councillors Wilfrid Leslie and Russell Miller voted in favor of the deletion.

Councillor Ken Marshall opposed Deputy-reeve Hill pointed out regardless where council designates a truck route in the township, with the exception of Third Line to 22 Sideroad to Highway 25, they won't be able to sit without having deputations attending meetings, with complaints.

"I'd hate to sit on this council and have somebody come here and say a child was killed because we didn't have the guts to tell somebody where they had to travel."

Raw sewage, loss of industry, jetport on agenda

In a free-wheeling, wide ranging meeting members of the Nassagaweya Planning Board hit on regional government, the dumping of raw sewage, the loss of a potential industry, the Toronto-Centred Region proposals, the possible location of the federal airport and the blocking of a rural estate subdivision, and wound up condemning the attitude of Peel representatives in a meeting on regional government, when the Board met last week.

A rural estate subdivision approved by the Board and Council has been delayed, it was reported, because of its location near the escarpment and the implications of the Toronto-Centred Region report limiting growth.

Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur declared she intended to see provincial officials and "point out to them what they're doing to us".

"Rubber stamps"
Councillor Alan Ackman observed the subdivision was the only one the township felt really reasonable and it had been frozen by the province. "We're just rubber stamps. What are we doing here?"

Pat Redgrave suggested it was an exercise in futility and that seemed to set the tone for the balance of the meeting.

"We will have an election and the public will be kidded that they're electing people with some power — and we have to go with that in hand to the province to get

permission to do anything", Councillor Ackman charged.

From there discussion roamed to the airport with Councillor Ackman suggesting road work on Highway Six was indicative of something in the area and Mrs. MacArthur saying she had convinced herself it was going to be built at Camp Borden.

High count
A letter from University of Guelph professor Hugh R. Whiteley outlined some widely varying readings on the fecal coliform count in the Blue Springs creek. He proposed a meeting with the Board.

Secretary Campbell Thompson noted the dates of the high count coincided with those on which sewage trucks were dumping in the vicinity of the creek. He

reported the trucks were still thought to be dumping in the area but attempts to intercept them had failed.

Dumping of sewage at the site of the township dump will also be stopped, he reported.

Councillor Ackman, pointing out the purity of the creek, said he had never heard of this dumping during his nine months on council. He called for immediate action to prevent it.

Some are frozen
Turning to the proposals on the Toronto-Centred Region, members wondered about the implementation, noting some landowners would be able to sell at speculative values while others would have their land frozen into agricultural uses.

Reeve MacArthur suggested "we are becoming more fascist every day."

Deputy Reeve G. Agnew suggested planning which put land into a conservation designation was like the compulsory taking of land. He pointed out the township had rejected this approach in its official plan.

"We didn't do it but it's being done for us now in Toronto", the reeve protested.

Grant talked
The township was advised Protein Foods would not be proceeding with plans to locate in the township since the Ontario Development Corporation had rejected the township application for funds under the slow growth area provisions.

An attempt by secretary

Thompson to report on a meeting with the Peel County Planning and Subdivision Control sub-committee and the Halton County Technical Committee on regional government was unsuccessful, as members lashed out at the Peel organization of the meeting, their views of the Burlington-Hamilton situation and the efforts of the professional staff from Peel.

"They couldn't get what they wanted through the elected groups and they're coming in the back door. I'm fighting mad," Reeve A. MacArthur declared as she presumably took aim at the province.

Pros rapped
"I'm not impressed with the infallibility of some of these so-

Teachers observe Two pedestrians struck by car

About 50 new teachers in Halton County Secondary Schools and members of the Halton Division of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation observed one minute of silence in memory of Pierre Laporte at their new teachers' night, held last Tuesday. Mr. Laporte, former Minister of Labor in Quebec was slain by the F.L.Q.

Two pedestrians, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Fryer, Victoria St., were both injured when struck by a car driven by Alvey Gordon Friday evening at 10.40 p.m. Both were taken to Milton hospital with leg bruises but are out of hospital now.

Cons. Roy Wood investigated the accident which occurred at the Mill-Main corner.

Donates sign work to Cancer Society

Special guest at Monday's dinner meeting of the Acton Chamber of Commerce was painter and decorator Dave Cohen.

Mr. Cohen agreed to paint the entrance signs leading into town providing the Chamber of Commerce sent the cheque for the work to the Acton branch of the Cancer Society.

"It was a wonderful thing to do," said Chamber committee head Roy Goodwin, as guests applauded.

Mr. Cohen said he had a relative die of cancer and had been contributing towards a fund in Ireland. This gave him an opportunity to contribute to a local fund.