

# Parks Board authorizes improvements in arena

A budgetary surplus of \$8,500 has allowed Acton Parks and Recreation committee to authorize purchase of some very necessary equipment and have further repairs done on the arena.

The surplus resulted from an overestimate by Dalton Engineering on shoring up of the south wall and receipt of a cheque for \$1,500 from Acton Parks Development Association, an organization formed to ensure the safety of the north bank of Fairy Lake after the drowning death of six year old Debbie Wardle in May.

**Authorize improvements**  
At their regular monthly meeting Thursday night board

members authorized purchase of mesh for hockey goal nets at an approximate cost of \$250, installation of eavestrouthing on the south wall, installation of two new sets of steps leading to the lower part of the arena on the inside, installation of a new fire door on the south side wall and purchase of a Scott air pack for the arena's engine room.

Purchase of the Scott air pack was among recommendations made to the board earlier in the meeting by Herb Dodds, representing Acton Firefighters. In addition to purchase of the air pack Mr. Dodds suggested installation of panic bars on doors leading out of the room, because

of the possibility of ammonia escaping from the ice making machine.

**Routine inspection**  
Mr. Dodds explained Firefighters had carried out a routine inspection of the arena, but added they were not forcing the board into anything, just making important suggestions. Other suggestions made by Mr. Dodds included installation of emergency exits on both the north and south walls and transfer of all exit lights to a constant source of hydro so that they may be left on at all times.

The board also agreed to take a firm stand on prohibition of smoking in the arena proper.

Councillor Orval Chapman suggested the erection of more "No Smoking" signs and chairman Peter Marks thought the board should investigate what they could do in the way of enforcing prohibition of smoking, besides asking offenders to leave the building. Smoking will be permitted in the stone portion of the building, however.

**Expenditures necessary**  
Commenting on expenditures

from the budgetary surplus, chairman Marks emphasized the board was not getting rid of money for the sake of getting rid of it. Expenditures being made were very necessary and would have to be made next year any way, he said.

Other suggestions made but not authorized included inspection of wiring in connection with the lighting system, installation of

door jams, painting of the interior walls of the arena proper, installation of radiant heaters, insulation of the roof of the arena proper, purchase of extra tables and chairs for public events in the arena, installation of crystoplex around the arena ice surface, and purchase of an \$1,100 floor washer.

Insulation had been suggested Hugh Patterson, attending his

first meeting since he was appointed to the board last month explained insulation of the roof had been suggested to a previous board but had not been approved because of a condensation problem that affected curling ice at the time. Mr. Patterson served on the board prior to 1969. Arena manager Harold Townsley recalled receiving a price in the

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vicinity of \$10,000 for insulation of the roof four years ago.

Ian McGillivray also attended his first meeting since being appointed to the board last month.

Chairman Marks chaired the meeting. Vice-chairman Bob Laughlin and board member Diane Spielvogel were absent. Secretary Doris Townsley was authorized to pay the financial statement for the month of October in the amount of \$11,368.43. Major item in the statement was \$7,286 to Dalton Engineering for repairs to the south wall

# NOMINATIONS

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financial report which he concluded justified the commission's increasing rates. However the cost of power will go up again 6.6 per cent Jan. 1 and he is very concerned that the rate will have to be increased again, maybe next summer.

Bob Drinkwater said it's difficult to oppose as friendly a man as Les Duby... there's been little we can complain about but we have to give the people of the town an alternative. I have the ability and desire and honestly believe I can be of benefit.

Mayor Duby returned the compliment: "there's another nice guy!" He said he welcomed the contest. However, with regional government coming he felt as much experience as possible was called for.

Reeve Dr. Oakes said he wanted to participate in town and county business; he had figures available. He learned he was reeve again by acclamation after he had spoken, and was applauded.

### Deputy-reeve

Deputy-reeve Ted Tyler Jr. pointed out Dr. Oakes has a very good chance of becoming county warden in 1971. He referred to his committee on county level; said he thought investigation should begin on a new sewage plant; developers should "pay their own way"; sidewalks should be in all over town; and mentioned the third line trunk water line now under construction.

Garnet McKenzie, also running for the deputy-reeve's seat, pointed out he can retire soon, and has permission to be away from the Robert Little school to fulfill county council duties. He has been on council four years, and recalled being frustrated at first at the various controls from senior governments. He offered his experience and promised to work untiringly if elected.

### Council hopefuls

Candidates for council were called in the order named on the blackboard.

David Muckle, who came to town three years ago, introduced himself as an Air Canada pilot who likes the town and people. He has time and a desire to serve. He would like to see the cost of living held down; senior citizens housing developed; more industry; more and better recreation for youth.

Earl Masales referred to the "big problem" getting road

projects through this year and said there would likely be problems again next year. (Department approvals were not received.)

### Objectives

Peter Marks reviewed his objectives: industrial, residential, and business developments in healthy, social growth; keeping in touch with changing opinions through direct plebiscite if necessary; ability to refocus and redirect public works priorities. He felt a professional consultant might have to be fired due to the "appalling co-operation" Acton receives at Queen's Park. The town office is doing all they can; senior citizens, roads and other approvals are held up.

As parks and recreation chairman, he'd hope for more Golden Age club involvement; resource personnel for teenagers; some frown on spending tax money but council must be concerned about social as well as economic aspects.

Mrs. Betty Eastwood, as a newcomer to Acton, would have an unbiased view and no preformed ideas. She offered time and sincerity and felt perhaps a woman's viewpoint should be heard on council. (Mrs. Eastwood's husband is a science teacher at the high school.)

John Shadbolt said he would like to represent the townspeople on council. Speaking as president of the Chamber of Commerce for the past two years he said they tried to do a good job, although perhaps a lot didn't agree. He referred to the industrial park, and added that he thought "cracks" made about them were uncalled for.

Norman Elliott is anxious to see a more progressive approach. He doesn't see how we can progress without moderate increase in taxes. A decrease would be retrogressive.

He would not be partisan toward labour, but feels a need for a non-professional, non-businessman on council.

Too much time is spent on the wrong kind of dialogue. However, his platform would not be one of criticism.

(Mr. Elliott was nominated two years ago but declined to stand.)

### Four absent

Councillors absent, when their names were called, were Jack Greer, Orval Chapman and Bill Coats, three incumbents, and Bill Williams. (Mr. Williams has been on council before.)



TOP DRIVERS AT Acton Speedway were presented with trophies at the track's annual dinner and dance at Acton Legion Friday night. Track proprietor Ron White, centre, admires the trophies which went to six cylinder champ Larry Majury and eight cylinder champion Murray Wallace.—(Staff Photo)



TICKETS FOR the N.H.L. game Dec. 26 were won by Harvey Lambert, left and Basil Pozarski, right, in a draw at Beardmore and Co. which concluded the respiratory testing there. Other winner was Hank Ruppert. Presenting the tickets is C. McFadden, centre, president of Halton Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association.—(Staff Photo)

### Town League

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Glen McKenzie, Brian Storey, Bob Krul and Jim Frizzell handed the Los Angeles scoring. McKenzie picked up two assists and Storey, Gary Masters and John Jordan collected one apiece.

### Bantams play Eringate

Acton Legion house league bantams play host to Eringate bantams this Saturday afternoon at the community centre at 3.30.



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- 11 Years Council Experience (8 as Mayor — 3 as Councillor)
- Past President and Continuing Executive Member of the "Town — Village Section" — Ontario Municipal Association.
- Executive Member — Association of Ontario Mayors & Reeves
  1. Committee on "Rehabilitation of Pits & Quarries"
  2. Committee on — "Urban Renewal in the 70's"
- Past President and now a Member-At-Large, of the Central Ontario Regional Development Council.
  - 11 Years — Library Board
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