



HUGH PATTERSON was named Acton Parks and Recreation Committee chairman for 1971 at the committee's first meeting of the new year, Thursday night. Shown with Mr. Patterson in the picture are front row l. to r. Barry Inscoc, secretary Doris Townsley and Diane Spielvogel. Standing l. to r. are: arena manager Harold Townsley,

councillors Orval Chapman and Peter Marks, council representatives on the committee and vice-chairman Gil Malcolm. Mr. Inscoc is the newest member of the committee. All other members are returnees. Missing when photo was taken was committee member Ian McGillivray. —(Staff Photo)

## Patterson succeeds Marks head parks - recreation

Hugh Patterson was named 1971 chairman of Acton Parks and Recreation Committee at the committee's first meeting of the new year, Thursday. Mr. Patterson succeeds Councillor Peter Marks, who chaired the committee last year. Gil Malcolm, a one year

veteran of the committee was named vice-chairman. He follows Bob Laughlen, who stepped down at the end of the year because of new job commitments.

Mr. Patterson was re-appointed to the committee last fall. He had previously served on

the board from 1967 until 1969.

**Chapman property**  
Councillor Orval Chapman returns as property committee chairman. Vice-chairman Malcolm and newcomer Barry Inscoc will also serve on the committee. Mr. Inscoc was appointed to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Laughlen's resignation.

Councillor Marks will head the program committee, assisted by Mr. Inscoc, while Diane Spielvogel, the only female member, will serve on the booth committee.

Chairing planning and development committee will be Ian McGillivray. Councillor Chapman and chairman Patterson round out the committee.

**All serve**  
All members of the board will serve on administration committee.

Mrs. Spielvogel declined appointment to program committee, claiming she wasn't consulted on program decisions last year. "I have no intention of going back on program," Mrs. Spielvogel told her colleagues.

## Move house? illegal—council

Heated words peppered exchanges between Esqueung councillors and Attila N. Holoahazy Monday over building by-law 1A which prohibits moving a building to be used as a dwelling from outside Esqueung into the township.

Mr. Holoahazy, a member of an engineering firm in Etobicoke, owns 50 acres on the 15 Side Road west of Hwy. 25, and would like to move a house there from Etobicoke. He pointed out that it would more than pass all the building requirements, and asked for an explanation of the by-law.

**No shack**  
After Deputy-Reeve Miller said the by-law was passed to prohibit the moving in of small shacks, Mr. Holoahazy again pointed out this was no small shack. He said the by-law should be changed.

Reeve Hill agreed that this might be so, and that after the planning and zoning was done

there might be changes and amendments.

"I'm sorry, but there's nothing we can do to help you, — that's the law. I agree it's a little hard, but that's how it sits today."

After Mr. Holoahazy again insisted on reviewing the by-law, Reeve Hill advised him to look for a lot in another township that would take his house.

Councillor Coxe refuted the suggestion that someone with more influence could get past the by-law and assured Mr. Holoahazy that he was as important a person to the council as a person who paid \$50,000 in taxes.

Mr. Holoahazy later explained to the press that since Alcan homes were permitted to move into the township, he couldn't see why his couldn't be.

"It would be brought in in two or three parts and joined on the site. Can you tell me where's the difference?"

## Trailer camp plans

Dr. Bela Hegedus appeared before Esqueung Township Council Monday with letters to show his plans for a trailer camp on 7 Hwy. at Silvercreek. His full time operation of 150 campsites on five acres would be

one of the first of the Koa (Kampgrounds of America) chain in Ontario.

Dr. Hegedus was told that he must wait for planning board's decision before he can proceed.

## Reeve pats dept. back

After hearing complaints from Earl Bentley, Fourth Line, about heavy drifting and lack of plowing on roads Thursday, Esqueung Councillor Dick Howitt stated, "Don't forget that Highways 10, 24, and 400 were shut down completely. I think it's unreasonable to complain the day of a blizzard."

When Mr. Bentley asked for an

explanation of why road superintendent Snow hung up the phone on his complaints, the reeve answered "I wouldn't blame him if he never answered his phone at all." He went on to say "We have a class of road department that's second to none. I have no complaints with them."

## Acton council

Acton council polished off a long agenda in a snappy hour and a half meeting Tuesday including the passage of three by-laws concerning snow removal, a new fire agreement with the townships and a police agreement which allows for another constable on the Acton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

All members of council were present with Councillor Bill Coats presiding for the committee of the whole session.

### Prohibits dumping snow on roads

Directed at people who push snow onto the street from driveways, the new snow removal by-law mysteriously does not mention snow in wording, so it can conform with the Act. It prohibits dumping on bridges or highways.

Mayor Dudy explained that council is reluctant to pass by-laws of this nature and doesn't resort to it until it is necessary.

Councillor Marks wanted a covering letter sent to the people who administer the by-law pointing out council's intention in passing it.

### No steno, new O.P.P. constable

Council decided to postpone the hiring of a part time stenographer for the police office until it is clear whether one is needed. Ten applications were received for the position after it was advertised.

Police committee chairman Councillor Orv Chapman, questioned by Councillor Marks, revealed that since the decision to hire a stenographer had been made, information had been received of considerable changes in police work. It appeared a stenographer might not be needed.

"It's not settled," said Reeve Frank Oakes. "The committee wants to see the seventh officer in action and then go from there."

The new agreement with the police will cost the town almost \$18,000 with the addition of a seventh man of the Acton detachment on March 1.

Cost for police in 1970 was \$50,260 with six officers while the new agreement calls for an expenditure of \$68,146.41 for a seven man force. Increases in salaries accounted for much of the hike.

Broken down the cost was figured at \$10,044 for each constable and \$10,957 for the corporal on the force. The costs include all other provisions except for a 14 cent per mile charge on the cruiser.

### Pass new fire agreement

Fears expressed that Esqueung township would withdraw from the Acton Fire Area as they intend to in Georgetown, were discounted during discussion on the new fire agreement which increases costs to Esqueung, Nassagaweya and Erin Townships from \$9,400 to \$13,800.

Councillor Greer related that Esqueung reeve Tom Hill said he only wished relations with Georgetown were as good as they were with Acton.

Esqueung has decided to build its own fire hall and muster its own brigade for the Georgetown fire area following several years of disagreement about the splitting of costs.

Council read and passed the new agreement.

### Questions effectiveness of dog control

Discussion of the new dog control agreement and an increase for the dog control officer, precipitated a lively discussion led by Councillor Greer.

"There's more dogs than ever. What's he done?" Mr. Greer enquired. "I can go out on the street any time and find five dogs."

He suggested the dog control officer be given some incentive to catch errant pooches such as a stipulated sum for each dog.

Councillor Marks felt the dog control officer was doing as much as possible, coming as soon as he was notified, but admitted costs last year amounted to over \$25 a dog.

I had occasion to call him recently, said Councillor Greer and he went to the owner of the loose dog. But the owner said his dog was never loose and he believed him - not me. While I was talking to him on the phone the dog went by my window.

"I agree with Councillor Greer," said Deputy-Reeve G. McKenzie. He cited the number of dogs hanging around the schools.

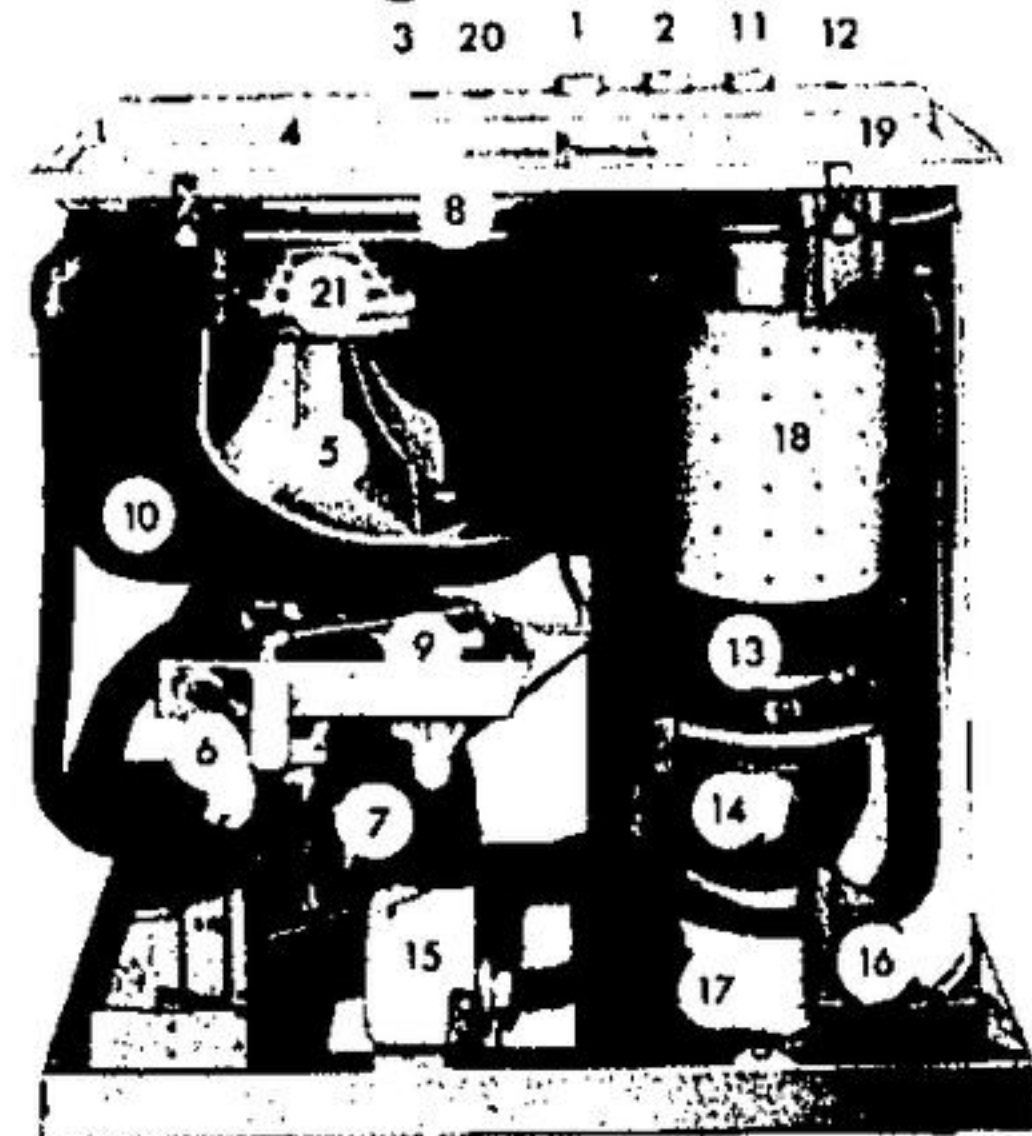
"I saw him trying to corner a dog for an hour and 15 minutes — and he never did get it," concluded Mr. Greer.

The dog control officer is asking for an increase, which would represent a cost to the town of \$46 weekly for dog control. The committee decided to include small animals in the agreement as well as dogs.

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## Council

### Donate \$400 to tournament

After discussion, council authorized a \$400 donation towards the expenses of the Four Town Hockey Tournament which is to be held in Acton March 27. It was explained that in the normal cycle the tournament would not be held in Acton until next year but Fergus had dropped out so the venue fell by lot to Acton.

Orangeville, Georgetown, Streetsville and Acton teams compete for trophies in the day-long event.

"Their desire to come to Acton indicated we have a pretty good facility here," the mayor commented.

Council contributed \$400 towards the tournament in 1968, the last time in Acton.

### Appoint T. Tyler Jr. to Commission

Council also:  
—Authorized payment of \$15,185.94, the year's first financial statement.

—Authorized a proclamation to declare the week of February 1 Minor Hockey Week in Acton.

—Authorized the clerk to renew the license of Reliable Taxi.

—Requested the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food to list golden rod as a noxious weed in urbanized areas.

—Appointed Ted Tyler Jr. to fill the vacancy on the Acton Development Commission caused by the resignation of J. H. Goy.

—Authorized the development commission to proceed with a registered plan of subdivision for the Acton Industrial Park at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Councillor Coats explained the plan will give the commission a positive plan of subdivision, avoid trouble with the O.M.B. and in the event land is sold in a block it will require a plan of subdivision.

The reeve reminded council this put the cost of the remaining acres up another \$100. "I hope it can be recovered," he said.

—Approved the five year capital forecast to be submitted to the Ontario Municipal Board and set out the following \$250,000 capital works program for 1971: Mill and Park road widening \$55,000, underground hydro \$50,000, storm sewer extension \$75,000, industrial parks services \$25,000, paving \$30,000, sewer main extension \$15,000. It was pointed out the total cost will most likely never be reached.

—Authorized attendance of Mayor Dudy at the Conference of Ontario mayors and Reeves in North Bay, with expenses paid and also attendance of town superintendent Alf Dudy at an OWRC inspection course in water and sewer construction in February.

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