

Approve overhead service wiring

A draft plan of the proposed Hulad subdivision was received by council Tuesday and approved with several exceptions.

The planning board submitted the plan to council along with the recommendations of the town planners and the town engineers. The minor exceptions have been agreed to by Hulad.

The exceptions include easements for water mains, a 10-foot lane between lots 38 and 39 for pedestrian traffic; additional fill on MacDonald Blvd.; grading and drainage of the park land to a condition suitable for park purposes; extension of a

drainage course and deletion of a 17-foot allowance on the west side of Churchill Dr.; and one foot reserves on some lots to prevent the lots from fronting on two streets.

Wiring discussed
The committee also considered a further resolution from planning board that the subdivision be built with underground wiring and suggested council in their wisdom might delete the requirement for sidewalks.

The committee discussed this resolution and recommended that council not accept the planning board's suggestion.

The committee recommended and council accepted that they would agree to in principle to overhead, rear yard hydro services with underground wiring only for street lighting purposes.

(This decision is sure to create disappointment within Acton Hydro Commission which has gone on record as insisting on underground wiring for all new subdivisions.)

Sidewalks desirable
With the winter conditions on the streets council felt that sidewalks were highly desirable. However both sidewalks and the overhead wiring question are

subject to discussion between council and the developers at the time the subdividers' agreement is formulated.

Impasse reached
Councillor Coats, reviewing the progress on the negotiations with Hulad, said it appeared that an impasse had been reached and the acceptance in principle of overhead wiring could give the town the steady growth it desires. He said it would be wonderful to hold out for everything desirable but "we will have to bend a little".

He said council had spent considerable time developing the subdividers' agreement and "we

must take a realistic outlook and relax where necessary without affecting the long-term benefits to the town."

Loss of revenue
Councillor Greer suggested "we must take into consideration the loss of revenue we are experiencing by not having the subdivision built."

Councillor Marks acting as chairman of the whole at Tuesday's meeting said he appreciated hydro commission's concern over overhead wiring but council must take an overall look. "I think they (hydro commission) have done an excellent job on this subject."

Councillor Elliott speaking for the inclusion of sidewalks in the subdivision said there would be 1200 people living in the subdivision and they must have a place to walk. He said "we all have a Utopian idea of what a subdivision should look like... it isn't a case of local bodies fighting among each other."

He pointed out that costs would go up with every embellishment required in the subdivision. He didn't feel it was practical to build an Eldorado at one end of the municipality and make-do in the rest of the town.

"It's a question of priorities and sacrifices must be made to keep things on an even keel."



SERGEANT BRUCE WILLIAMSON of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps was guest speaker at the annual Scouts and Cubs father and son banquet in Knox Presbyterian Church last night (Tuesday). A former Acton scoutmaster, Bruce is now district commissioner for the North Toronto region. Assistant district commissioner Ed Ryan of Limehouse is on Bruce's left. —(Staff Photo)

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AIRPORT HERE? ONE OF FOUR FAVORED SITES

According to a front page story in the Toronto Daily Star, this area is one of four identified by Department of Transport officials as possible sites for the new international jetport.

Officials were not specific, but according to the Star story the four possible sites are near Port Perry to the east of Toronto; near Cooks Bay southeast of Barrie; near Orangeville to the northwest, and in the area bounded by Guelph-Georgetown-Milton.

Favor Orangeville
Although all four will be included in Ottawa's initial approach to the Ontario government the Star says Department officials favor the Orangeville area as the best site at the moment.

However, this area (Acton-Milton-Georgetown) is generally considered to be the best of the four in the light of immediate needs. It is close to high-speed transportation, population centres and Malton airport.

Despite the suitability of the site in this area, which officials here see as being in Nassagaweya township, Transport Department people think the area might be a little too good. Land prices are high and planners evidently feel that continued development will eventually leave them with another Malton — an airport that can't be expanded because of population pressures.

Too remote
The Port Perry and Barrie sites were felt to be too remote from the present airport at Malton which will be expected to co-ordinate services. First function of the new airport will be to take pressure off over-burdened facilities at Malton. It would handle air cargo, charter flights and some long distance scheduled flights.

The Star story claims Transport Minister Jamieson is now preparing to put a specific proposal before the Ontario Government. If the province and municipalities agree, expropriation proceedings can start almost immediately. The new jetport could be in service by 1975.

If the governments decide on Orangeville area as the site, as the Star story claims, then the location would probably be pinpointed in Amaranth township. It is sparsely populated with land of little agricultural value and land prices are relatively low. And it doesn't appear to conflict with the province's official plan.

There is one serious drawback, however. At the moment there is no high speed access to the area and it is much more remote from Malton than land in Nassagaweya township, for instance.

There is also a snow problem in the Orangeville area which the Star story does not mention. Snowfall is much above average and this winter has dramatically illustrated the fact that communications in that area of the province can be interrupted by the huge amounts of snow.

Mayor hopeful town has airport voice

Mayor Les Duby's comment on the proposed airport? "Personally, I have no strong objections to the airport either here or in Orangeville," he told the Free Press but felt the town would feel the effects from an Orangeville site as well as from one as close as a Nassagaweya-Esqueving location.

"We are on the verge of development and can move ahead to about 7,500 people quickly, airport or not," he declared. However, he emphasized that the town should watch closely to see "we don't exceed 12,000 people, so we can retain the small town atmosphere that means so much to us now."

The airport would go where the economics and service were best, he said. Planning of the region would have to be adjusted to fit the situation.

Naturally, the mayor is interested in what happens to the town and if the federal government is serious about dialogue with the public. "Hopefully, we'll have something to say about it," he says.

Blake, Butler seek Liberal nomination

Halton East Liberal Association will choose a candidate to run in the next

Liquor charges

Three charges were laid by Acton police following a disturbance at the dance at the high school last Thursday evening. Cons. Wood and Cons. Brown, who were at the school, charged two minors with consuming and an adult with being drunk in a public place.

Later that evening another man was charged with being drunk on the street. He had been involved in a fight; was arrested and remanded.

On Sunday a Georgetown man was seen by Cons. Brown driving erratically. He failed the breath test and was charged.

provincial election when they meet next Tuesday evening, March 2 at the Club Galaxy in Oakville.

Two candidates have declared themselves bidders for the nomination. Bob Blake, an executive with Canada Brick and David Butler, past president of the Liberal Association are candidates.

Blake has been active in community affairs in Halton, working with retarded children, Red Cross, United Appeal and Children's Aid.

Winner of the nomination is expected to oppose MPP Jim Snow in Halton East riding, plus an NDP candidate named this week.

Delegates to the convention will register at 7.30 and the convention will get underway at 8.30 p.m. Only paid up members as of three days before the convention will be allowed to vote.

Seeks parking

Ed Huxley had attended a meeting of the public works committee to make representation for parking privileges on the west side of Main St. and north of Church. He operates Ed's Restaurant there. Mr. Huxley suggested there was room for cars to park off the road and hoped parking would be allowed for one hour or for pick-up purposes from his restaurant at least.

Signal lights
Mr. Huxley was advised that parking is prohibited in this area due to the requirements of the Department of Transport in conjunction with the signal lights at the Mill-Main corner.

Mr. Huxley was to be notified that the R. V. Anderson engineers had been requested to report on commercial exits and entrances and the situation would be reviewed by the committee on its spring tour of roads and streets.

Little hope of subway

The committee minutes of the public works committee submitted to council on Tuesday evening indicated there is little hope for a subway or overpass at the Main St. railway crossing in Acton. A letter had been received from the Department of Highways advising that while the traffic survey had been completed the annual daily traffic was 650 vehicles. The 1991 projection is 1,082 vehicles daily.

Too few cars
The Highways department points out that this estimate falls far short of the number necessary for a grade separation. On this basis any possible proposals by the town for a grade separation would be unacceptable to the Department of Highways.

Committee members are of the opinion that this matter should be pursued further as traffic conditions at this crossing are extremely hazardous.

Seek submission
A letter from the Railway Transport committee reported as a result of the inspection made December 15, 1970 changes should not be made at this time. However submissions were requested from the town and the C.N.R.

Bill Gillies NDP candidate

Bill Gillies, an Oakville businessman, won the NDP nomination for Halton East Tuesday evening in Oakville. He defeated Ken Gelok of Oakville and Albert Tichel of Georgetown on the first ballot.

Gillies told the crowd of about 60 supporters there was a mood of unrest in Ontario and if the NDP can show they can be trusted, they can tap this spring of unrest and overtake the government.

Another chance
Gillies was defeated in the last provincial election by current representative Jim Snow. After five years on Oakville Council, two as councillor and three as deputy reeve Gillies was defeated

by Bill Masson when he made a bid for the reeve's seat in the December election.

Guest speaker for the evening was deputy leader of the NDP party in Ontario, Walter Pitman who said the Tories had promised "a new wave" and all he saw was a backwash.

No new ideas
He said he found it hard to believe that five men tramped across Ontario for five or six weeks and never came within a mile of a new idea.

Halton East Liberals will select their candidate next Tuesday and the Conservatives have yet to hold a meeting but it is likely Jim Snow will carry the banner for his second campaign.

Debt of gratitude Council praises band, report

"We have to give a commendation to the band, who went ahead and looked after their own needs and provided an excellent facility for the town," said Mayor Duby on hearing the report of councillor Norman Elliott on the meeting between council committee and the band executive.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the band."

Excellent presentation
Councillors Elliott, Greer, Chapman and deputy-reeve McKenzie had met with the executive of the Citizens' Band on Monday evening. Mr. Elliott, reporting, said the band had made an excellent presentation,

which comprehensively dealt with the history, the status at present and the plans of the band for the next five or six years. He noted the educational function of the band. There is no music program in the high school and there won't be for three or four years, emphasizing the dual function of the Citizens' Band.

Should report
He said the band had given an accurate accounting of the money the band had received from the municipality and it was the band's feeling as recipients of municipal funds that they should periodically give a report. He said that in the plans for future expansion of the band it was felt the band would develop more as a concert band over the long term.

It was anticipated that the band would grow to approximately 75 members. The grant received by the band is used in three main areas — for instrumentation, for music and for uniforms.

It was the hope of the band that the present level of grant could be maintained over the next four or five years. The band executive pointed out and assured council they didn't expect the band grant to remain at the half mill level which would escalate considerably as a result of the municipal re-assessment program on a market value.

Hope for same
He said that the present level of grant, between \$4,000 and \$5,000 was what the band would hope to receive.

Mr. Elliott felt the band had fully justified the support they receive from the municipality and expressed the hope they

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"OOKPIK II" Carnival Queen Chris Brunelle was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers at the carnival's Friday night variety show. M.C. Boris Shean made the presentation during the program. . . . For more pictures and stories of the winter carnival, see pages D6 and D7 of today's Free Press. —(Staff Photo)

Introduce recreation to benefit all ages

Acton Parks and Recreation Committee has decided to shelve the customary summer playground program for children between the ages of six and 12 and replace it with a brand new program to benefit citizens of all ages from pre-schools up to senior citizens.

Program committee chairman Peter Marks made the announcement following Thursday night's regular parks and recreation meeting. Mr. Marks and Barry Inscow, a newcomer to this year's committee, have been working on the changeover since the start of the year.

Recreational co-ordination
The committee intends to hire a recreational co-ordinator, responsible for helping to organize a summer program geared to all ages and a lifeguard to oversee swimming at Fairy Lake beach.

Last year's summer playground program which consisted of games, arts and crafts, bus trips, sleep-out etc. and included only children in the 6-12 age bracket cost the committee \$4,000.

Mr. Marks said swimming instruction for all ages will be increased. "We expect to see the beach used a lot more by children, since there won't be an

Submit budget

Acton Parks and Recreation Committee will ask town council for \$26,044.61 to operate this year. The committee is asking for \$17,943.20 to be used for parks and \$8,101.41 for recreational purposes.

organized playground," he explained.

Equip room
The committee will also equip a recreation and games room in the community centre. The room is to be operated in co-operation with the committee and the new recreational co-ordinator and will probably be open for use three nights a week.

For senior citizens, the committee hopes to lend aid in arranging bus trips, picnics and shuffleboard tournaments.

The new setup is expected to cost approximately the same as last year's playground.

One full day of playground activity per week will still be held for youngsters. Mr. Marks and Mr. Inscow both indicated their intention to spend a great deal of time in the parks.