

Tax rate up . . .

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chairman Oakes, "but we got co-operation from everyone in reviewing the various budget figures."
 Mayor Duby expressed his appreciation for the many extra hours councillor spent in coming up with the figures. He also singled out the Board of Parks and Recreation for their co-operation in setting the budget as well as the clerk and his staff at the town office.
 Following are the budget figures with the left column showing last year's figures and the right this year's estimated budget:

	1970 ACTUAL	1971 BUDGET
Taxation		
Local Improvements	5,168.93	2,195.63
Supplementary Taxes	7,345.72	8,000.00
	12,514.65	10,195.63
Debture Debt Recover.		
Hydro	5,819.75	5,705.25
Water	31,898.77	28,381.10
Sewer	22,089.37	267.30
	59,807.89	34,353.65
Grants & Subsidies		
Highways	37,740.45	21,150.00
L.C.B.O.	1,108.04	1,100.00
County	7,270.30	8,076.00
	46,118.79	30,326.00
General		
Licenses	912.75	1,000.00
Dog Tax	1,326.00	1,350.00
Tax Penalties	2,710.28	2,000.00
Town Hall Rent	432.00	150.00
Fines	337.00	300.00
	5,718.03	4,800.00
Cemetery	9,613.09	8,050.00
Cemetery from Capital	—	4,557.50
	9,613.09	12,607.50
	133,770.45	92,282.78
Misc. Items		
Sundry	70.14	1,013.67
Township Standby	9,400.00	13,800.00
Sale of Land	—	5,000.00
Levies Comm. Adjust.	9,470.14	15,000.00
	9,470.14	34,813.67
Cash in Lieu		
Post Office	4,188.00	4,300.00
Liquor Store	1,022.40	1,100.00
	5,210.40	5,400.00
Surplus		
Library Rent	4,659.94	5,280.00
Water Admin.	3,600.00	3,600.00
Building Inspector	30.00	—
Industrial Land	4,001.62	—
Levies Res. Units	10,250.00	—
Levies Com. Adjust.	1,000.00	—
Unconditional Grant	24,429.00	24,429.00
	133,770.45	92,282.78
	177,272.55	141,376.45
DISBURSEMENTS		
General Administration		
Council Salaries	10,125.00	13,650.00
Administration	30,427.20	34,150.00
Pension	5,235.73	5,000.00
Audit Fees	1,552.75	1,500.00
Unemp. Insurance	1,080.79	1,200.00
Health Benefits	3,457.20	4,000.00
Cemetery	11,410.93	12,607.50
General Insurance	6,727.13	6,727.00
Printing & Postage	1,846.70	2,500.00
Public Buildings	2,227.47	2,505.00
Office Operations	8,491.17	8,595.00
Legal & Court Costs	2,620.30	2,500.00
Election Expense	877.76	—
Workmen's Comp.	1,990.45	1,280.00
Dog Control	88,150.58	2,400.00
	88,150.58	98,594.50
Protection to Persons		
Fire Dept.	17,903.93	22,000.00
Police Dept.	56,539.55	74,746.41
Division Court	48.00	48.00
St. Lighting	18,164.06	18,000.00
	92,655.54	114,794.41
	180,806.12	213,388.91
Public Works		
Roads	34,367.62	35,000.00
Misc. Roads	13,476.42	11,290.00
Equipment	16,137.90	23,750.00
Sidewalks	7,167.50	10,000.00
Bower St.	1,319.68	—
Mill & Park	544.21	—
Lakeview Resurfacing	1,714.09	—
Hwys. 7 & 25	488.09	—
	75,214.91	80,040.00
Sanitation & Waste		
Garbage Labor	8,742.63	10,000.00
Dump Labor	6,838.02	7,500.00
Dump General	1,248.59	950.00
	16,829.24	18,450.00
Debtures		
Water	23,640.25	18,925.00
O.W.R.C.	13,425.45	11,651.73
Sewer	44,178.75	87,896.29
General	19,977.50	19,607.50
Hydro	5,819.75	5,705.25
	107,041.70	143,785.77
	180,806.12	213,388.91
	379,241.97	455,664.68
Recreation & Community		
Insulin	—	—
V.O.N.	479.00	—
Library	16,300.00	17,000.00
Comm. Centre Op.	11,733.62	4,949.39
Com. Ctre. Capital	2,319.95	1,654.41
Com. Ctre. Rep.	13,000.00	8,000.00
Pk. Brd. Oper.	8,982.17	11,808.36
Pks. Brd. Cap.	2,000.00	4,434.84
Fall Fair Bd.	300.00	300.00
Planning Bd.	2,898.09	4,216.04
Citizens Band	4,250.00	4,500.00
Comm. Adj.	947.26	524.41
	63,210.09	57,384.45
Int. Charges		
Sewer Def.	3,267.31	3,300.00
Taxes written off	21,988.40	—
	1,792.29	6,000.00
	27,048.00	9,300.00
	379,241.97	455,664.68
	469,500.06	522,349.13
Misc. Items		
Credit Valley	15,388.34	8,667.50
Hydrant Rental	3,321.00	3,342.00
St. John Amb.	4,950.00	4,950.00
Dev. Comm.	250.00	—
C.O.R.D.A.	931.40	2,000.00
Sen. Citizens	140.00	140.00
Crossing Guards	150.00	150.00
Welfare	1,356.90	3,400.00
	73.61	—
	27,561.25	22,649.50
Watermain & Sewer		
Paving Program	11,722.39	—
1970 Deficit	686.74	—
Water Pollution Plant	—	8,339.78
Industrial Land	—	11,068.68
	469,500.06	522,349.13
	515,227.26	565,207.09



VENTURER LEADER Kevin Conroy, right, all the opposition in Saturday's Crazy Boat Race in the Credit River. —(Staff Photo)

Town-owned land still up in air

Is there still a listing on town-owned land adjoining the cemetery, real estate broker Alec Johnson asked Acton council Tuesday night?
 Councillors admitted they didn't know and "we don't have sufficient information to give answers at this time," said Mayor Duby.
 Council turned down a request last week from Alteo Construction for a three month extension on the purchase and sale of the land which the town annexed from Esqueving township. The 48.16 acres were sold to Alteo for \$105,000 in October and the deal was to have been closed on March 31 this year.

Not Zoned
 However, because the land was not yet zoned, Alteo asked for the extension. Council subsequently refused on a close 5-4 vote with the mayor, deputy-reeve, and councillors Greer and Chapman voting in favor of extending the limit. The deal was not closed.
 "All I know is what I read in the newspapers," said Mr. Johnson, who was agent for the deal. He advised the town to seek advice from a firm of litigation lawyers if it intended to sue for specific performance.
 Mr. Johnson said he received a letter from the town's solicitor Mr. Brown demanding he send his \$5,000 deposit to the town but told council he could not do this since he held the money in trust and could only release it on instructions from Alteo or on a court order. He said he had no wish to enter into legal procedures.

\$3,500 to move cemetery gates

Acton council agreed to spend an amount not to exceed \$3,500 for moving the cemetery gates from Main St. to the new entrance on Cobblehill Road, following discussion at Tuesday's regular meeting.
 Councillors Masales and Marks opposed the resolution awarding the job to Brandon House Movers, R.R. 2, Acton, contending council should find out more competitive prices before deciding on who should do the job.
 "The figure seems high," said Cr. Masales. He felt a new set of gates could be put up cheaper. Cr. Marks said council should call tenders and get competitive bids on the job.

The mayor agreed, noting council must do everything possible to preserve the gates in their present form and the tradition that accompanies them. Cr. Marks said sometimes economy must also be considered, suggesting council could have the gates rebuilt using stone from the original gate.
 Committee minutes revealed that Aler Investments Ltd. advised the developer was having difficulty in obtaining a mortgage for the 33 suite apartment building proposed for Ransom St. while the cemetery gates were still at their present location. They asked the town move the gate as soon as possible.

Donated to cemetery

However, the deputy-reeve, G. W. McKenzie said council had received permission to move the gates, not demolish them. It was also pointed out that the gates had been donated to the cemetery by Acton Women's Institute and council must respect their wishes on the matter.

Nab Nixon

Ontario Liberal leader Robert Nixon encountered an unexpected delay on his way to address Wellington-Dufferin Liberals in Arthur Wednesday night.
 Nixon told the gathering about being stopped by an O.P.P. cruiser on the Queen Elizabeth Highway.
 "When he found out who I was, he practically offered me a police escort all the way to Arthur, that is after he wrote me out that little slip of paper," Nixon explained.

Council pay hike

The mayor will receive \$3,000 a year and the rest of council \$20 for every council and committee meeting they attend as a result of Acton council's revision of their own pay.
 Council passed a by-law authorizing the pay hike at the regular meeting Tuesday.
 It was stipulated that a councillor must attend at least 50 per cent of a meeting to be eligible for pay.
 Rates last year were \$2,400 for the mayor, the rest of council received \$15 a meeting.
 \$20 fee

Councillors will also receive \$20 per day remuneration on top of mileage registration and hotel rates if they are designated official delegates to conventions or meetings of municipal organizations.
 Mayor Les Duby explained that the \$20 convention allowance was to compensate for the day's work councillors would miss with attendance at such meetings. The \$20 rate for meetings was set to encourage attendance since a flat yearly rate tended to make some councillors tardy several years ago.
 Deputy Reeve McKenzie said he could think of no one on the present council who abused attendance at meetings.

Those were the days . . .

Hugh Oxley, manager of the Royal Bank in Hillsburgh, met with Erin township council at the April meeting, to introduce R. E. Raulston, the new bank manager.
 Mr. Raulston was immediately requested to up the township's loan limit to \$170,000.
 When Reeve Lang mentioned this was the highest it had ever been, Harold Griffin, veteran

councillor of 23 years, recalled the time when \$40,000 was asked for, and was considered a goodly sum.
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 A quartet is a group of four, each of whom thinks the other three can't sing.

Acton Liberal Association

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at the

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No. 1 Grade

Dutch Set Onions Reg. 59¢ **49¢**

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Hinton's 5¢ to \$1 Store

Erin twp. to receive \$3,800 grant

Erin Council will request the township receive a grant of \$3,800 from the provincial government to help the unemployment situation.
 This money is to be used to pay the wages of welfare recipients or unemployed persons, if new projects are developed in the township.
 Councilor Donald Matheson pointed out that, while removal of the many dead elms in the township should be left to experienced labor, there is a lot of trash in corners to clean out. Road superintendent Ed Barden joined council for a discussion of suitable projects and suggested the clearing of brush at intersections, and the cleaning out and shoring up of culverts.
 If a project is not decided on, the grant will revert back to the county. The money must be spent by June 30.

THE HALTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE TO PARENTS

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for admission to Kindergarten in September 1971, in the Elementary Public Schools of Halton County, will take place on **Friday, April 23, 1971**, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon; and 1:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the school which serves the attendance area in which the child resides.

Public school supporters may register their children who will have attained the age of 5 years on or before the last day of February 1972. Proof of public school support will be accepted in the form of a 1971 tax-bill or 1970 assessment notice, or a declaration from the Municipal Clerk's office. A birth certificate or baptismal certificate will be acceptable as proof of age.

If further information is required, call the School Principal or the Chairman of the North Education Centre below:

J. N. Morrison — North Education Centre — Tel: 878-4154

D. Wood
Chairman of the Board

J. W. Singleton
Director of Education

PROCLAMATION

TOWN OF ACTON

The Mayor and Council
of the Corporation of the Town of Acton
hereby Proclaim the Week of

APRIL 19th to APRIL 24th

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK

IN THE TOWN OF ACTON

Through this Proclamation the Mayor and Council
Solicit the Support of All Citizens to help
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