Meeting discusses future of Acton

Acton need chunk of **Esquesing?**

Annexation? Picture your house and a fine lot and then all of a sudden your neighbor wants a chunk of it, and you've captured the idea of annexation, said John Goy as he chaired one segment of last Wednesday's open meeting of the

Development commission. Once a vehicle for the municipality to flex its muscles, annexation is not so popular now that municipal boundaries are not so important. But sometimes it is necessary, to avoid uncontrollable situations on your

borders. Take the ideas und then think whether it would be practical for the town to annex 8 or 10 square miles of Esquesing, said former mayor Goy.

Extend to Fourth

According to present mayor Duby it would be feasible for Acton to extend to the Fourth line, doubling the present size with another 1,000 acres but councillor Peter Marks couldn't see it. He felt Acton's area was large enough to accommodate another 25 to 30 per cent more population without extending borders. Then there was the spectre of regional government looming in the not too distant

~~~~~~~ At an open meeting called by Acton Development Commission, future development of Acton was discussed by about 25 interested citizens in the library. Last week's Free Press carried four news articles from the meeting,

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future, which Mr. Marks felt would take care of all present boundaries.

Acton is serious about expanding, said Councillor Green because of the necessity of added assessment to pay for the increased capacity of the water pollution control plant, designed now to serve 7,500 people.

Begin works program

Eight men began work cutting down dead elm trees in Esquesing township Monday morning, under the provincial municipal employment incentive program, roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow told council Monday

The men began working on the Fifth Line, south of 15 Sideroad. "I feel they did a good day's work," Mr. Snow reported. Mr. Snow said the crew had cleaned up along a lengthy portion of the rond, felled 16 trees and cut seven of them up, the first day.

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in their use. to crosswalks, declared Harold

Mr. Secord. Mr. Tyler sald he favored developing the downtown core rather than developing plazas but

more parking was needed. Many advantages plazas had many advantages for Brick & Block Work, Fireplaces shoppers and they would go

where parking and convenience went hand in hand. Russell Patterson saw that part of the problem for downtown merchants was the lack of space to window shop. You must get people out of cars to shop, he declared. Cut out parking too close to intersections. He suggested taking cars off Mill St. and widening sidewalks to accommodate more window

existence and use.

of Mr. Patterson, recalling persual attempts while on council to try out a Mill St. mall and the opposition he encountered from some merchants. He still advocated the idea, feeling it presented . Collision Work . Painting merchants with real sales . Alignment . Glass . Frame

potential. Why do people go out of town to shop? Lack of variety for one

innerit problems comments were relevant but he asked the meeting to "never lose President" Many of the problems were passed on, such as Main Street being much wider than Mill St. He suggested early planners didn't have the foresight like they had in Orangeville which boasts a wide, broad

way for the business section. Other suggestions? Take the highways around town, install parking meters to keep traffic moving and think about parking

concerned council should also give serious consideration to limiting the size and number of shopping plazas. They are an evil cult, he contended.

John Secord thought one way out of the dilemma would be to initiate a parking authority Frame treasurer. composed of councillors, merchants and citizens, and get teeth into the law. He suggested the town should buy up existing houses and turn the property into

parking lots. John Coniglio, one of three merchants attending the meeting, suggested Acton people were not receptive to advertising.

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downtown shopping but two had to be left out due to lack of space. These two stories

Develop the downtown business and shopping area or turn to plazas? - a topic which generated much discussion at Wednesday's Development Commission meeting.

Development Commission member Ted Tyler Jr. presented a brief to the meeting which outlined the alternatives if the downtown business section was not developed, touching on parking. He quoted excerpts from a traffic control engineer's report, the gist of which contended the general taxpayer 1 mile S, of Acton on Hwy. 25 should not subsidize parking. Mr. Tyler declared the downtown area needed more parking facilities but it wasn't up to the community to pick up the tab.

Problems. It was admitted there were problems in the downtown area, not the least of which is the fact two highways pass through the business section. Councillor Expert styling for the Senior Masales told the meeting council has gone slowly on parking problems and would have given it Open Tuesday - Priday Noon more consideration this year if the mill rate had not been so

Mr. Masales said the parking Rainbow Beauty Salon lot at the United Church was being used more frequently now but surveys indicated side streets were not used as much as they . Hair Shaping could be. There was also a Bleaching problem with the use of cross. Permanent Waves walks. He contended the general public was not educated properly Open Thurs, and Fri. till 9 p.m.

Cars are also parking too close Speaker. Loitering by crosswalks compounded the problems, said -

Mrs. Betty Eastwood said

shoppers. As far as education at crosswalks, Mr. Patterson said there was much more courtesy at crosswalks in Acton than in Toronto, where people were supposed to be educated to their

Ted Tyler Jr. was a willing ally

thing, declared Mr. Tyler.

Mayor Duby said many of these

behind downtown stores. As far as John Secord is

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Nathan Nurgitz, national president of the Progressive Conservative Association was guest speaker at the annual banquet. He spoke on the likelihood of a Conservative government in the next federal election.

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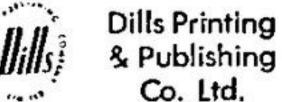
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