

Odor worst in memory; sewage plant source?

"The O.W.R.C. has never given any indication that the pollution control plant was not operating efficiently," councillor Greer said when he spoke on the subject of the odors in the east end of Acton. "We are doing what we can to find out if the odor does come from the pollution control plant."

Councillor Norm Elliott said

that "public opinion is that council is not aware of the seriousness of the odor problem" in the eastern sections and "appears to be oblivious of the situation."

Raw sewage?

He said reported that the smell appeared to be "like raw sewage" and the odor in the area was "the worst in recent

memory". He wondered if the disposal of the sludge from the pollution control plant in an uncovered condition in the dump was not the cause of the problem.

He reported the smell hung in the area all day long, particularly on humid days.

The mayor, just back from holidays in the land of fresh air in northern Ontario, agreed that the

engineers should look into the plant operation and give a qualified opinion.

Councillor Greer said that O.W.R.C. has never given any indication that the plant is not operating efficiently. "We are doing what we can to find out if the odor is from the plant."

Beardmore's too?

Reeve Oakes defended the

municipal pollution control plant saying that Acton possesses the ultimate in treatment plants in Ontario.

He suggested the possibly Beardmore's were still contributing to the odor in the area.

Councillors Marks and Elliott sponsored a resolution to set up a meeting with the air

management branch and Beardmore and the municipality to determine the progress on the pollution control plant of Beardmore's which will ultimately eliminate the odor associated with the industrial by-products.

He felt Beardmore's would welcome the opportunity to explain their program to these

groups.

Reeve Oakes felt it was pointless to meet with the company since they were "doing everything possible as fast as they can".

The motion to hold a joint meeting was defeated. It was opposed by all council except councillors Elliott, Marks and Mayor Duby.

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Raise Highway 7 speed to 60 between Acton and Georgetown

The speed limit on Highway 7 between Acton and Georgetown will definitely be increased from 50 to 60 miles per hour.

Esquering council agreed to the change Monday night and now need only pass a resolution authorizing it.

Department of Highways traffic analyst J.C. Hamilton told council a recent study showed 85 per cent of motorists travelling the highway are doing 61 miles per hour now, even though the speed limit is 50.

Radar results

He told council radar mechanisms were set up at two locations, one 1000 feet west of the Fifth Line and the other two

miles east of Churchill Road, Acton.

At the first location, 85 per cent of westbound motorists were clocked at 61 m.p.h. Highest speed recorded was 78 and the lowest 30. Eighty-five per cent of eastbound motorists were clocked at 61, while the highest speed was 74 and the lowest 30.

At the second location, 85 per cent of west bound cars were clocked at 65 m.p.h. Highest speed was 74 and the lowest 30. Eighty-five per cent of southbound cars were doing 61. One car was clocked at 85 and another at 34.

False security

Mr. Hamilton claimed the

survey showed that 85 per cent of drivers are creating a false sense of security for pedestrians, bicyclists and those crossing the highway. Based on the survey and the newly improved condition of the highway, he said it was the department's recommendation the speed limit be upped to 60 m.p.h. The highway is designed for a speed limit of 70 m.p.h. Shoulders of the road were widened, a dangerous curve at Silvercreek taken out, and the entire surface repaved last year.

"We've found in all our studies, if the speed limit on highways is sensible and reasonable, motorists will drive accordingly," Mr. Hamilton

explained.

Questions locations

Reeve Tom Hill questioned the location chosen for the survey, claiming the areas surveyed were not nearly as built up as the stretch between 22 Sideroad and the Sixth Line corner.

"I agree the highway is in a lot better shape, but there's still a lot of people coming on and off it between 22 Sideroad and the Sixth line," he reminded Mr. Hamilton.

The reeve pointed out the speed limit on Highway near the Guelph air field was 30 m.p.h. for many years, at a time when there was only one house on the north side of the highway and only

about four on the south side in that area.

In answer to a query from Councillor Dick Howitt, Mr. Hamilton said it wouldn't be feasible to have a 50 m.p.h. zone from Georgetown to Silvercreek and a 60 zone the rest of the way to Acton.

Reeve Hill finally agreed to let the department go ahead and change the speed limit and see how it pans out.

Mr. Hamilton promised the department would come back in six months and do a new study if council was not satisfied with the change.

A 40 m.p.h. zone will remain at the entrance to Acton.



H. Hinton delegate at Moscow conference

Exhausted, but with a wealth of new experiences, Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Hinton returned Monday night from a trip to Europe, highlighted by a conference in Moscow.

Bert Hinton, the new president of Halton County Respiratory Diseases Association, was the county's delegate to the world conference on tuberculosis in Moscow, U.S.S.R. (The county association voted Mr. Hinton a contribution toward his air fare to Moscow, but he covered other expenses there, and that of all side trips, himself.)

Left on anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Hinton left on their 30th wedding anniversary, July 5. They spent a few days first at Amsterdam and Copenhagen before flying on by way of Helsinki to Moscow. After the conference they went to Kiev in the Ukraine; Prague, Czechoslovakia and London, England.

A regular attendee at special events at special events at the Ukrainian camp near town, Mr. Hinton promised to bring back to some of his friends there some of their native soil. And he did!

The pre- and post-conference trips were specially arranged for delegates who wished to take them.

Made contacts

At the conference many sessions were quite technical, and Mr. Hinton was especially happy with the many personal contacts he was able to make. He discovered that very few societies are stressing respiratory diseases, as Halton County now is. In many parts of the world, especially South America, tuberculosis is still rampant.

Constables take trials

Within the next four weeks all constables with the O.P.P. in Acton will attend two-day revolver trials in Burlington. All the constables in No. 3 district are required to take the training.

Four charges of loitering were laid by Acton police Sunday during the day. Four Acton young men had been warned about loitering on Mill St. E. before the charges were laid.

Lightning hits area power off

Power was off in all of Acton and district for over half an hour Monday at noon during a long-winded thunderstorm which lashed the area over several hours. Rain, thunder and lightning occurred in repeated waves, although it was sunny in Milton at the time.

Lightning hit the high tension

tower line west of Guelph, dropping a 110,000-volt wire. It takes about half an hour to determine the cause of the power loss and to switch over to other power sources, this time from Toronto.

Lightning also struck the town pump house while town workmen were sheltering inside but no one was injured. The men were standing in the centre of the building and not touching the wall, where a black streak shows the spot.

Cons. Paul Brown, in yellow rain slicker, replaced the Mill-Main spotlight while the power was off.

Fire damages tow motor

Acton Firefighters believe a backfire from the carburetor started a fire which caused an estimated \$200 damage to a tow motor at the Superior Glove plant last Wednesday afternoon about 5.

Wiring in the building was also damaged and will have to be replaced.

Young couple killed in auto crash

A well-known young couple died, and their 20-month-old daughter remains in semi-conscious condition, following a tragic two-car collision half a mile west of the Guelph Line on 10 sideroad early Sunday morning.

Sharon and Jeffrey Harkley, now of Milton, died as the result of injuries sustained in the collision.

Sharon and Jeffrey Harkley of Milton died as a result of injuries sustained in the collision. Mrs. Harkley, 21, was pronounced dead on arrival at Hamilton General Hospital following the 1:30 a.m. accident and Mr. Harkley, 23, died shortly after 7 p.m. Sunday evening in Hamilton hospital.

Mr. Harkley lived in Acton till his marriage, and Mrs. Harkley is the daughter of former Acton resident Al Lyons and Mrs. Lyons.

The Harkley's were transferred from Milton District Hospital by ambulance on to

Hamilton hospital because of the seriousness of their injuries. Lisa, their only child, is reported in fair condition in the intensive care unit of the hospital.

The driver of the other vehicle, John Chris, 29, of R. R. 3 Campbellville, is reported in fair condition in the intensive care unit of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington, suffering from chest injuries, broken bones, fractured right arm and leg and multiple face injuries.

Burlington Police Constable Clive Arden says he is continuing his investigation of the head-on accident. Both cars received extensive front end damage estimated at approximately \$2,500 each.

The accident occurred when Harkleys were returning from visiting friends in Hamilton.

The couple, married for about three years, lived in the Speyside area before moving to Milton. Mr. Harkley moved with his family from Winnipeg several years ago and attended both

public and high school in Acton. He was employed by Indusmin Quarries, R.R. 4, Acton.

Mrs. Harkley attended both Bruce St. and W.I. Dick Public Schools and graduated from a four year Business and Commerce Course. She was reported as "a very good student" at Milton District High School. Mrs. Harkley recently worked as a receptionist at the

Esquering Council claims dragway changed land use

Reeve Tom Hill told the Free Press this week Esquering Council has instructed its solicitor to write operators of the Toronto International Dragway to inform them they feel staying of the Canadian Hell Drivers

Halton Region Conservation Authority Office in Milton.

The couple are survived by their daughter Lisa. Mrs. Harkley is survived by parents Allen and Shirley Lyons, brothers and sisters Sandra, Brian, Wendy, Billy and Julie of Milton and grandmother Mrs. George Dillow of Scarborough. Mr. Harkley is survived by his mother Mrs. Lorraine Harkley of

show Monday night represented a change in land use. Reeve Hill said the dragway operators have a license for drag racing only.

Special meeting

Sixth Line resident Vivian Howsell appeared at Monday

night's council meeting to ask about the change. Reeve Hill told her council had held a special meeting Sunday morning to discuss the matter.

The township's holding-by-law prevents the use of land for any other purpose than the one existing.

Noise complaint

Council also received a letter from Charles Hildebrandt requesting that dragway operators be instructed to tone down the volume of their loudspeakers. Mr. Hildebrandt said it was clearly audible at his place two miles away.

Sixth Line resident Ellis Taylor, an observer at Monday's meeting, told council it's hard to put a yardstick on the amount of noise produced by the speaker. "It's very changeable, depending on how the wind blows," he said.

Left mess beside lake

An Elmore Dr. resident called police this week to inform them of garbage left behind when a car parked by the lake at the end of Elmore. Included among the mess were dead fish.

Hulad requirements approved by council

Recommendations by the administration committee of council regarding phase one of the Hulad subdivision were accepted by council. It was reported that negotiations had been difficult and the committee presented the following points on which they were seeking council support in the negotiations:

Under the recommendations accepted the owner (Hulad) will pay the full cost of the services in the subdivision including

Quarry muffles night noise

In an effort to minimize noise emanating from their quarry at night, Indusmin have ordered improved mufflers for their trucks and will install them, as soon as they arrive.

Residents in the area of the Third line quarry have complained to the company and to Esquering council about the noise. Company officials investigated and decided the noise was the result of inadequate mufflers on quarry trucks.

Need second shift

In a letter to council, the company explained that during their busy season they find it necessary to operate trucks on a second shift.

The letter also informed council there has been no change in blasting practices at the quarry, which would account for extra noise.

Wall falls

Collapse of a wall on the property of Charles Barber, a resident of the Third Line, resulted from excessive earth pressure, following a heavy

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CENTRE OF ATTRACTION at Fairy Lake over the past few days is this flotilla of Canada Geese, paddling up and down foraging food and inquisitively eyeing onshore activity. The uninhibited geese approach people with no fear, a fact which bothers parks manager Harold Townsley. Like the

construction man, he worries, consoling himself at the same time by the fact the geese are protected by law from malefactors who might think they would look better in a pot than a pond. —(J. Carpenter Photo)