

ACTON COUNCIL BRIEFS

Wide ranging matters were discussed by council Tuesday evening, some of them the result of committee meeting minutes.

Letters of thanks for gifts were read from Rev. V. J. Morgan, and Warden and Mrs. Oakes.

Approval has been received from the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Provincial Municipal Incentive program in the amount of \$5,000. The proposed program includes three men for a total of 200 man days and began Dec. 1. The men are paid on the basis of the probationary rate under the terms and conditions of the present union agreement.

Corrections have been made to sidewalks and storm sewers on Cobblehill Rd.

Councillors plan to visit Fergus to see their council chamber and other community buildings. Councillor McKenzie said he'd like to see a change in the furniture arrangement in the council chamber here, and clerk-administrator Hurst agreed.

No further action was taken on a letter from the offices of the Hon. George Kerr advising that federal funds are available this winter for community centre projects. Administration committee members were of the opinion that while 100 per cent subsidy will be paid on labor, the community would have to have a project underway and funds set up for such a purpose to be able to benefit from the program.

Tour new building

Council adjourned before 10 p.m. Tuesday to tour the new town yard building in the industrial park. The building is now complete with the exception of washroom fixtures and arrangements have been made for the immediate installation of these facilities.

Indusmin explain plan

A plan of working and restoring quarry property was presented to Nassagaweya Township Council Monday evening by representatives of Indusmin Ltd. The company owns approximately 350 acres of land on the Sixth Lane, near the Halton Heights Golf and Country Club. Company officials described to council a three-stage plan to work one area and then restore it. "We will have a cycle of strip, handle overburden rock, mine and then rehabilitate the area," explained company official George Armstrong. Armstrong mentioned the company had a plan to plant trees to beautify the quarry.

if he had been present at the last joint meeting.

The sign designating the municipally-owned land in the industrial park will be re-erected with illumination.

Possibility of Beardmore supplying town water to houses beyond the town limits will be investigated and the company is in contact with the town engineer. There has been no council discussion on the matter yet.

Advocate of fluoridated water, councillor Bill Coats mourned the fluoride question's loss at nearby Ontario elections. He admitted he was discouraged. He was to report on the feasibility of a vote here.

Mayor Les Duby explained to council why Acton isn't having a Red Cross mayors' blood clinic, as Milton, Georgetown and Oakville are.

There is no clinic planned here until the fall, and he assured fellow-councillors he will cooperate then with the Red Cross in staging a mayor's clinic. Other centres involved have Red Cross branches right in their towns. Burlington isn't having a special clinic now either.

Seeing in minutes that the public works committee was discussing a proposed by-law concerning keys in cars, reeve Oakes wondered, "Why so anxious about keys in parked cars all of a sudden?"

Councillor Chapman explained the committee was simply exploring all avenues and may bring in a resolution later. Some cars with keys in them had been stolen locally, he recalled.

Payments were made for the Elgin St. storm sewer project, and Mill and Park construction.

The clerk was authorized to purchase three new filing cabinets for the town office and an electronic calculator if it proved satisfactory after demonstration.



A Christmas story:

My donkey Anna Belle

ANNABELLE PART II
 Dec. 13 was "D" day and it dawned snowy, treacherous and very hazardous for trailing small donkeys. So we decided to forget the trailer and take the back seat out of the old Rambler. Mack lined the area with a tarpaulin, piled both kids with us in the front and went jauntily off for our donkey.

She stood like a rock in the back of the car all the way home, ears flattened by the roof, back side braced against the side window, quietly dripping perspiration from her overheated muzzle. "People in the villages stopped to stare wondering if they could believe their eyes. Patrick and Erica bounced delightedly all over the front seat, and me, "watching" Anna Belle.

Twenty miles later we sild into home base. The baby had to be pushed, pulled and carried into her awaiting stall where she buckled her knees in utter exhaustion after that traumatic journey. Twelve horses craned their necks, stood on tip-toe, with eyes popping out on six-inch stalks, in order to SEE!

Anna Belle was home. Cruelty Donkeys are supposed to be very intelligent, quite different from horses in their ways. I've also heard they cannot be mastered like horses because of their reasoning power. I was soon to find out that this was entirely correct.

Anna Belle had been neglected on pasture all her life and was one big woolly burr. I spent two days following her around the large empty stable, pulling burrs out of the matted coat. I didn't dare put the tiny 100 lb. baby outside with that herd of murderous horses including the cantakerous pony who was supposed to be Belle's companion. So she had the run of the stable.

Anyway, I decided to cut out the remaining burrs with scissors. This necessitated tying Anna Belle up, something I'm sure she'd never experienced before.

Fastening a sturdy rope to Belle's tiny halter, I secured her to a solid post capable of supporting a ton weight Belgian. Belle disapproved. She disapproved with every hair and muscle. She did not fight as a horse would, panicking and twisting, but pulled steadily at the rope, making her wee face screw up with the effort and uttering grunting, grumbling noises like an overworked camel.

What a fuss! As I turned with the scissors, I stared in disbelief. All the straining, groaning and gasping, "I'm choking to death, call the Humane Society" noises, were being performed on a SLACK rope! Yes, donkeys were more intelligent than horses—certainly a lot wittier.

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COME IN AND BROWSE AROUND

Propose by-pass for Limehouse

ESQUESING COUNCIL BRIEFS

At their regular meeting Monday night, Esquesing Council:

—Learned from building inspector Tom McLean a total of 15 building permits were issued in the township during the month of November. Total estimated cost of the buildings is \$121,261.

—Passed a by-law authorizing the borrowing of \$85,000.

—Passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of a Christmas turkey for each full time township employee.

—Councillor Len Cox said he'd like to see one of the township works crew placed on alert after hours to watch for ice storms. Cox said he received complaints from township residents about icy road conditions early Monday morning.

—Deputy-reeve Russell Miller presided for the 2½ hour meeting in the absence of Reeve Tom Hill, who is bedded down with the flu. Councillor Wilfrid Leslie was also absent.

A truck by-pass has been proposed as the only answer to the acute truck problem plaguing the village of Limehouse. It is estimated more than 600 trucks pass through Limehouse on their way to and from nearby quarries on some days. Some residents are fed up.

The matter came up at Halton County council's road committee this week and a Toronto engineering consultants will study the proposals and another submission made to the committee. Both suggested by-passes were north of the village.

A public meeting has also been proposed to inform residents of the proposals.

Warden Frank Oakes of Acton told the committee he would like to see the present road running through the village improved with sidewalks constructed for pedestrians. He felt the people of the village should get a chance to preserve the road since they were there before the quarries.

The reeve of Oakville, Allan Masson, agreed this would be the best solution but felt it would turn the village's main street into an expressway and they would suffer more heavy traffic and noise. Masson said it was his opinion the quarries should make more use of the railway that runs through the area rather than trucks.

Need for more housing

The last step in the O.H.C. housing program in Acton was taken Tuesday evening when council approved the agreements with the Ontario Housing Corporation for the operation of the units.

The agreements — standard procedure — indicate:
 1. O.H.C. will pay Acton an annual payment in lieu of taxes of an amount equal to the amount of the normal taxes.
 2. Acton will pay O.H.C. annually 7½ per cent of any operating loss.

A by-law authorized the mayor and clerk to sign the agreement, as previously agreed on.

Time for survey?
 "Isn't it time for another survey for senior citizens' housing?" wondered councillor Masales.

As discussion progressed, the evening's chairman Peter Marks said he had inquired this at committee level a month ago but nothing had come of it. Councillor Greer thought this should have been recorded in the committee minutes.

Deputy-reeve McKenzie said Milton made application for senior citizen units early. But you must prove you have a list of applicants waiting, said Reeve Oakes.

Just meet need
 Mayor Duby felt the Senior Citizen units "just met" the need. A couple of apartments which were vacant have just been filled, by opening them to persons from the Acton district.

As for geared-to-income housing, there are no names of applicants left over so the need is "not pressing". The mayor said he'd like to see a new venture here — the outright purchase of geared-to-income homes.

He felt the next time O.H.C. housing is introduced there won't be the same problems. "People are convinced!"

We in our own mind should be sure of the need before

approaching O.H.C. for more units, said the mayor.

Councillor Marks explained he's somewhat disillusioned by O.H.C.'s policies and regulations. He also said there is no up-to-date file of applicants.

He has been pursuing the matter on his own, after receiving no committee support and being refused information he requested, he said.

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