

# Patterson chairman parks board

Hugh Patterson was returned as chairman and Orval Chapman, elected as vice-chairman of the twin hatted Acton Parks and Recreation Committee at the first meeting of 1972 last Thursday.

Property and building chairman is Barry Insoce and he'll be assisted by Diane Spielvogel. Program chairman is Peter Marks; he'll have assistance from Gil Malcolm. Chairman of the booth committee is Diane Spielvogel while planning and development have been accorded to chairman Ian McGillivray, Peter Marks and Gil Malcolm.

Vice-chairman of the board has his duties defined at the meeting to include finance, administration, personnel management, salaries, hours and vacations for employees.

### Closer control

The board started the year off with a \$3,900 deficit which moved the chairman to ask members to exercise a much closer control over expenditures over the coming year. He pointed to a \$12,206 labor bill as an example.

Secretary Doris Townsley figured the main reason for the red ink was lost revenue from a late start in the fall; public skating revenue was down, as was figure skating. The board had also spent over the estimates on other items. One good point-government grants were up.

Orval Chapman noted the board had also installed a new front entrance door in the arena which had cost \$1,029 and although a beer garden and dance was held in an effort to raise funds, there was a loss.

Councillor Peter Marks saw the deficit under a different light. He felt the board had let council carve up their budget when they needed the money themselves. "Last year's budget was picked bare before it went to council," Marks declared. "We have to decide what we have to do and present it—otherwise, it will happen every year." He pointed out they had done absolutely nothing to develop Sir Donald Mann park in 1971 because the budget had been carved up.

### Outdoor rinks

Despite the deficit the board decided to go ahead with plans to develop some outdoor rinks this winter although Councillor



HUGH PATTERSON  
Chairman



ORVAL CHAPMAN  
Vice Chairman

Marks suggested the cost couldn't be justified, weighed against the remaining time the rinks would be feasible. Weather

hasn't been conducive to construct the rinks this year, and he saw only about four weeks of cold weather ahead.

## Ban snowmobiles from Mann park

Parks Board has recommended to council that snowmobiles be barred from Sir Donald Mann park in the Glenlea subdivision and hours of machine use in Prospect park be regulated.

The board decided the best way to curb interference with tobogganing families at Donald Mann park would be to keep the snowmobiles out of the park altogether.

"I don't see any reason why snowmobiles should take over that park," said Diane Spielvogel. The park has the only toboggan run in Acton.

### Limited operation

Hours of operation in Prospect Park were limited from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. through the week and from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sundays. Operation of snow vehicles in the park was left to the discretion of arena manager Harold Townsley who is to decide whether snow conditions merit the machines operating. He said some machines still using

the park at times when snow was almost gone could ruin the grass. The board will ask council to include these provisions in the snowmobile by-law which is being amended by council.

The present by-law prohibits snowmobiles from operating in town between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. except for persons leaving or returning home. The morning prohibition extends to 9 a.m. Sundays.

Snowmobiles are also prohibited on sidewalks, boulevards and medians as well as on Main, Queen, Young, Mill, Park and Guelph streets, except for machines coming or going to specific places.

## Lorne Doberthien buys Thompson Motors, agency

A new business at an old location — L. and L. Ford Sales instead of Thompson Motors.

The business and assets of Thompson Motors have been sold, effective February 1, to Lorne Doberthien, R.R. 1 Acton.

Mr. Doberthien's new name for the business comes from the initials of his two daughters, Lisa and Leann.

Mr. Doberthien, well-known in the district, came from Kitchener originally and was communications consultant with the Bell Telephone company for 13 years. He has been for the past six and a half years with Investors Syndicate. His wife June (Watkins) teaches mornings at the Robert Little school.

### Some changes

Renovations including new flooring and painting have begun already.

Phil Cloke will be sales and parts manager for L. and L. Ford Sales. He is well known here, and has 15 years experience in sales and service. Brian Smith becomes service manager.

### Gulf, Ford

Mr. Doberthien continues with Thompson Motors Ford

However, member Barry Insoce was more optimistic. "We committed ourselves," he said, "and should go ahead." He felt that the rinks could have from six to eight weeks of use yet before the advent of consistent warm weather.

In his report to the board, arena manager Harold Townsley outlined costs from one firm to bring ice making machinery up to the strength necessary to operate late in the spring, and early in the fall, without the prohibitive cost of insulating the existing building. Members shuddered when they heard the estimates.

### Late ice?

They discussed whether they would have to keep ice in late this year, with Marks mentioning it wouldn't likely be necessary. Townsley had a different opinion. "The junior club could be playing hockey well into April," he thought. Ordinarily the ice making switch is pulled right after the annual carnival of the figure skating club.

No decision was made when the arena would be closed with several members noting lacrosse enthusiasts would be anxious to get going and there would also be pressure on them to remove the ice.

Members decided to place an advertisement in the high school year book, noting two good looking girls had been "pushing it" and sold them on the ad. It was also noted high school students had been most cooperative with parks and recreation, through the years, and last spring started the Fairy Lake waterfowl project.

"They gave us the birds", agreed Councillor Marks. Chairman Hugh Patterson concluded the meeting with cards of thanks to all the members who served the board last year and expressed a vote of confidence in arena and parks manager Harold Townsley for the work and results he and his staff obtained.



LORNE DOBERTHIEN

dealership which includes sales of Thunderbirds, LTDs, Ford Galaxies and 500s, Torino Mustang, Maverick and Pintos, as well as a full line of Ford trucks. He will have the Gulf agency and plans new pumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Doberthien and their two daughters live just west of Acton on Highway 7, next door

# Denies intent to "fleece the police"

Acton Council has amended the town's loitering by-law, eliminating from it extracts from the criminal code.

Mayor Les Duby explained last night (Tuesday) the by-law was passed only as a protective move.

"It's not meant to move people having a chat. It's available to the police so that they can exercise the authority when necessary," he pointed out.

Deputy-reeve Pat McKenzie concurred with the mayor.

"It's not intended for two men on the streets passing the time of day. As long as the people enforcing it realize what it's for it's a good thing," he said.

### Request fails

A request by Councillor Peter Marks that council consider asking the police to submit a small summary of the circum-

stances surrounding each enforcement of the by-law failed to receive support.

"We'd considered having the police committee chairman explain our intent to the police, but we hadn't thought of going that far," McKenzie replied.

Councillor Bill Coats felt council should not pass the by-law with the idea enforcement of it is going to be abused.

"I think we have to pass the by-law in good faith. The time to check up on it when we find out it is being abused," he remarked.

### One man

Councillor Jack Greer reminded Marks the police are responsible only to one man on council, police committee chairman Orval Chapman and not to the whole council.

Marks insisted he was not trying to "fleece the police". "That's not what I suggested," he said.

Councillor Norm Elliott said he is not opposed to assembly, providing it doesn't obstruct

pedestrian traffic or endanger the health, safety and welfare of inhabitants.

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\$1500 damage Perkins car

\$1,500 estimated damage to a car resulted in an accident Friday morning on Eastern Ave. Freda Perkins was the driver involved in the car-hydro pole confrontation. Mrs. Perkins was not injured.

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# Announcement!!

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## L & L FORD SALES

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## Planning board budget increase

Sid Saitz was again appointed chairman of Acton planning board at their January meeting last Thursday in the council chambers. Vice-chairman is again Vic Bristow and secretary-treasurer Grant Usher.

Both spoke briefly to the board on their re-appointment, expressing thanks for co-operation.

### Budget up

Budget was discussed and set. It is just under \$5000—up from last year's \$4430.

Last year ended with a surplus of \$2,163.24 for planning board, so just the difference will be sought from council.

The surplus came about as a result of lower consulting fees than expected. (Assistance from Project Planners Association depends upon requests received.)

This year the consulting fees have been budgeted at \$3,000 in expectation of some preliminary work on annexation for the town. In 1971 \$1100 was paid to Project Planners for advice and recommendations.

### Chairman \$15

Remuneration to board members remains the same, \$10 a meeting up to 15 meetings. The chairman's pay, however, was increased to \$15 a meeting.

Frank Simioni and Vic Bristow were named the board's representatives on the Halton County Planning Association.

Council had returned recommended amendments to the zoning by-law to planning board with one particular problem. As a result, additional wording was worked out by planning board to go back to council for approval.



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# ANNOUNCEMENT

Thompson Motors Ltd., has been sold to Mr. Lorne Doberthien of Acton.

After serving the public since 1946 in the automotive trade, may we take this opportunity to thank everyone for their valued support during this time.

We ask your continued patronage to Mr. Doberthien who takes over February 1st.

The business will be closed Friday, January 28th for stock taking and will re-open Tuesday, February 1st to be known as L & L Ford Sales

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