

# Regular garbage pick-up would solve dump problems

The waste management branch of the Department of the Environment has told Esqueuing council an undesirable situation exists at the township dump, almost as bad as the burning which plagued them for years.

believe the township wanted to run a good operation he was disappointed in what he had seen. Refuse had been pushed much too close to the Black Creek and the resultant run-off could pollute the water, the letter said.

### Requests meeting

The engineer requested a meeting with council to discuss the situation and suggested there

would have to be some redistribution of fill in the landfill area to correct dumping near the creek.

Reeve Tom Hill laid the blame on the engineers commissioned for the delay in getting the dump working properly and drew up plans for the site.

"They were supposed to draw up plans in November but all

we've got is the bill so far," he said.

"Later in the meeting Councillor Len Coxe brought up the subject again when he suggested a feasibility study of a regular garbage pick-up in the township, starting with the hamlets.

Too much traffic Coxe said part of the reason

they were in trouble with the waste management branch was because of the amount of traffic going into the dump. He felt that if the township could cut down on the number of vehicles dumping garbage much of the problem would be solved.

Councillor Coxe also thought the amount of traffic had something to do with the amount

of garbage left at dump gates and other illegal places.

He had an ally in Reeve Tom Hill who is sold on the regular garbage pick-up.

"Garbage could be collected and taken to the waste disposal site cheaper than it costs now to clean up the dump," Hill said.

The matter was left for committee study.

## Pleads guilty eight charges

Charged in connection with uttering a forged document at the Bank of Commerce here last week, William Arthur Myer, 19, of Woodstock appeared in court Monday and pleaded guilty to eight charges. He was remanded until next Monday for sentencing.

His associate, Richard Taylor, 26, also of Woodstock, appears in court in Milton next Monday.

Both are still in custody in jail in Milton.

Myer apparently attempted to pass a forged cheque at the Acton bank Jan. 20 and the bank manager Del Cook called police. He was captured outside the bank and taken to the police station where he suddenly escaped, and was caught again about two hours later in the Legion.

During investigation it was learned the second man was involved, and similar attempts had been made at other banks. Charges against them were laid by police detachments.

### Protocol argued

## New warden drops prayer, roll call

Halton County Council's first regular meeting under new Warden Jim Swanborough of Burlington ended in a prolonged discussion on whether the meeting should be opened with the repeating of the Lord's Prayer and the roll call.

In the first meeting, Swanborough revised the standard agenda county council has used for years and dropped the roll call and the Lord's Prayer.

Esqueuing Reeve Tom Hill told the warden he couldn't see the harm in the roll call and repeating the Lord's Prayer. "It's been on the agenda for years, why not now?" Hill queried.

### Protocol needed

Both Oakville Deputy Reeve Harry Barrett and former Warden F. G. Onkes of Acton suggested a certain amount of protocol was good and asked that the Lord's Prayer be repeated and the roll call be put back on future agendas.

Georgetown Reeve Rick Morrow suggested those who wanted to repeat the Lord's Prayer should close their eyes before the meeting and do so.

Oakville Reeve Al Masson suggested the Lord's Prayer had never enhanced the tempers at previous meetings. He complimented the warden on the changes and urged him to keep up the good work.

Another innovation Traditionally reports of standing committees were formerly voted on as a report.

Under Swanborough's leadership the items were voted on individually and after the business had been dealt with, a confirming by-law was passed giving legal effect to the actions of the meeting.

The warden said the by-law was simply confirming the actions of the day and was necessary because the procedural by-law had been waived for the meeting. Barrett and Hill were opposed to the by-law because they thought it too restrictive.

## Three collisions

Three collisions were investigated by Acton police during the past week.

Last Thursday, January 27 two cars were in collision at the corner of Mill and Elgin. Drivers were Pauline Gordon of R.R. 1, with estimated \$125 damage to the car, and Price Henderson with about \$10 damage.

Two hours later two cars collided at the corner of Peel and Acton Blvd. Driver Linda McDonald, Acton, had estimated \$200 damage and William Alexander Lawson, R.R. 5 Milton, estimated \$200 damage to their cars.

January 28 at 1:50 p.m. two more cars were involved in a collision on Mill East, when both were travelling east. Ronald MacArthur, R.R. 2 Acton, had \$100 damage estimated and Gary Edge, Acton, \$300.

## Why students banned from poster contest?

Esqueuing council has thrown their support behind an Oakville resolution asking an explanation for Board of Education decision to prevent Grade 5 students from participating in the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau's annual poster contest.

Councillor Dick Howitt explained the art director of the board of education felt the competition in the contest was not healthy for the children in the public schools. As a result only students from the county's separate schools took part.

"Milton fire chief 'Babe' Clement was really upset about this," Councillor Howitt said. "Today, competition is a dirty word," mused deputy reeve Russ Miller.

"I think we should support the letter," said an aroused reeve. "Where's the principals' autonomy on this," Councillor Len Coxe wanted to know, noting he had been led to believe the board allowed individual principals almost full autonomy in the schools. The entire council backed the Oakville resolution.

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# Acton bids for Grey Cup

## Country-wide reaction

Waves of impish delight rolled across Canada this week when it was announced Acton had formally made a bid for the 1974 Grey Cup football game in the teeth of tough competition from cities such as Toronto, Ottawa and Hamilton.

Canadian football commissioner Jake Gaudaur announced Friday that Acton had made the bid for the game and the brief was one of the best offered so far. A representative of the town—Jack Carpenter—met with Gaudaur last week and satisfied him Acton could meet the qualifications.

"The game can be staged anywhere in Canada," Gaudaur said, noting in the same breath for those who were not aware that Acton is in Canada. It would also coincide with Acton's centennial.

### \$30 budget

In the face of a \$3,000 cocktail party thrown by the city of Toronto the town of Acton has appropriated \$30 to induce the CFL to play Canada's only truly national sporting event in Acton. Naturally it will be played in the town's biggest park which juts its jaws into Fairy Lake.

As no previous professional football game has been played in the park the turf has been labelled "virgin sod" as opposed to the "mod sod" Toronto intends to install at their CNE stadium.

Centennial commissioner Carpenter told reporters from Canadian Press that Toronto's decision to spend \$600,000 on the mod sod could have been spurred by the Acton bid for the game. "Of course," he noted, "they are

working with champagne money while we have only a beer budget. The decision will likely hinge on which brew the league commissioners prefer."

With the professional modesty they have acquired after several weeks of planning for centennial in 1974, the centennial commission announced that Acton was by far the best site, had the choicest location with easy access from Ontario's three major centres.

### Meet requirements

How could Acton meet the \$600,000 requirements?

It may be the first game with six seats at \$100,000, which would ensure a private game for ticket holders. Or, say the commission members 10,000 fans could be pushed into the park at \$60 apiece. Of course, these prices would include parking privileges.

Plans to televise the 1974 Grey Cup from Acton were temporarily suspended following letters of complaint from residents of nearby Crewsons Corners and Speyside who heard they might be blacked out, commission members said with wide grins. The commissioners threatened to cut off all leather for footballs in the event the CFL favors another site for the game. "After all, this is the leather

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CANADIAN FOOTBALL commissioner Jake Gaudaur pinpoints Acton on the map for press, radio and TV last Friday when he announced the CFL was entertaining an Acton

bid for the 1974 Grey Cup game. He noted the site was "beautiful". Acton's offer was one of the best offers so far for the game.—(J. Carpenter Photo)

## Snowmobile races

# Y weekend event

For the third winter, Acton Y's Men's club is sponsoring snowmobile events this week at the lake. As well as races there is an innovation this year—a 22-mile cross country run.

Thirteen classes of machines will be accommodated in races—five stocks, five modified and three ladies' classes.

Prize money depends on the entry fees paid in on Saturday and Sunday, and there are

trophies provided by Acton merchants and businessmen.

The Y's Men's club plans its events for the ordinary, local person who enjoys the new sport, says convener Ross Ribey of the club. "There's no use in outsiders coming in here to make a lot of money out of it," he says.

### New run

The new cross country run has been all laid out, with permission of landowners involved. This

contest begins at 1 o'clock. There are check points arranged with a point system to determine the winner. First one in doesn't necessarily win.

Maps will be given to the competitors. There will be a mechanic on the grounds and refreshments available.

With Ross Ribey on the committee are Stuart Robertson, Milt Ball and Al Clark.

## Three seek Tory ticket

There will be at least three men seeking the Halton Conservative ticket and the right to challenge Liberal MP Rud Whiting for his seat in Ottawa. Terry O'Connor, 31, of Oakville; Bert Hinton, 59, of Acton; and Jim Muir, 38, of Oakville have declared themselves candidates.

Hinton offers a wealth of experience, having served as Reeve of Acton, Warden of Halton County, a member of the Ontario Assessment Review Court, president of the Halton County TB and Respiratory Disease Association and vice-chairman of Sheridan College Board. Hinton owns and operates a store in Acton.

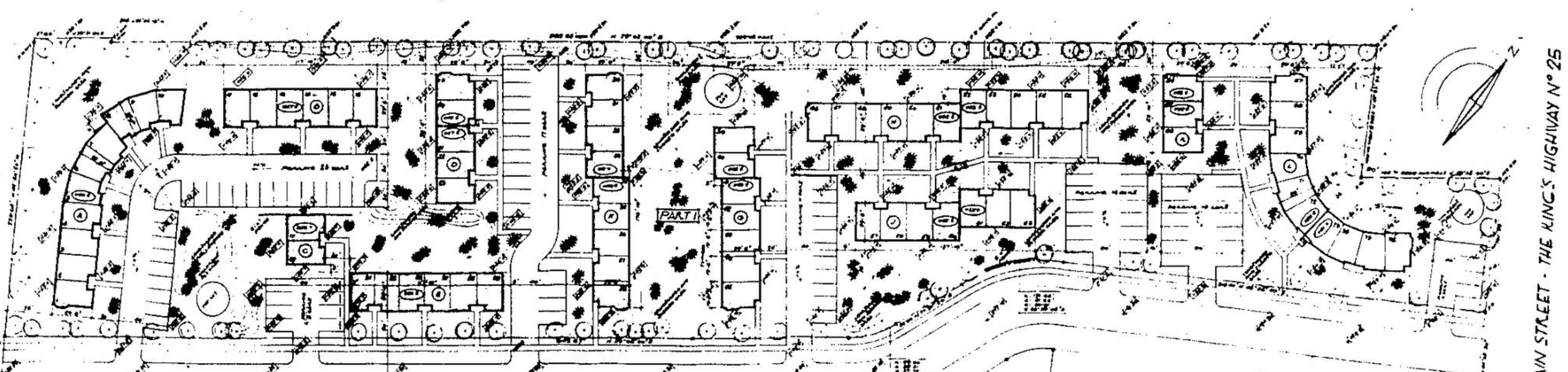
### Broadcaster

Muir is an insurance salesman and works as a part time broadcaster with CFRB. He also teaches broadcasting at Sheridan College. He worked for two years as executive assistant to John Yaremko who was then Minister of Social and Family Services. O'Connor is currently the executive assistant for Allan Lawrence, Ontario's Minister of Justice. He worked for Lawrence in the election campaign and has worked with the party in a number of roles in recent years.

### Oakville lawyer

An Oakville lawyer, O'Connor was elected Halton PC president at their meeting last week in Oakville.

The nomination meeting will be held March 15. Dr. Ivan Hunter of Milton is also among those considered running for the post.



# Town house development here "first" for Ontario

People with \$5,000 a year incomes will soon be able to buy three bedroom townhouses in Acton for \$17,400 and \$800 down.

Alteo Construction announced this week construction will start on the first phase of their 140 home subdivision, to be known as "Kingham Hill Estates," in approximately two weeks. The development is located on the "Cemetery Hill," off Main St. S., which doubles as Highway 25.

First phase of the development will comprise 76 houses.

This will be the first project in Ontario where the federal government has enabled people to purchase CMHC houses where the total salary is only \$5,000.

Full price of the town house units are \$17,400 with an \$800 down payment required. There is one mortgage at 8 3/4 per cent.

Although salary requirement for this figure would ordinarily be \$7,000, the federal government has arranged mortgage interest rate lowered and the amortization period extended from the

usual 25 years to a possible 40 years for those making less than \$7,000.

Carrying charges of the house, Alteo officials estimate, will run around \$105 a week, plus taxes. A small maintenance fee will also be charged for upkeep of the homes.

"We are really excited about this development," Alfred Berry and Theo Schmidt told The Free Press this week. "We think it is going to answer the needs of the ordinary wage earners in town and district."

The town houses will be two-storey,

three bedroom units built on poured concrete basements. They will feature electric heat, have a kitchen, breakfast nook, dining and living room downstairs with sliding glass doors looking out on a patio. Upstairs will be three bedrooms and a bathroom.

The entire development will be professionally landscaped and fan out from a main artery which joins Highway 25 at a point where the town works yard and water tower used to be on Main St. S. The project will have a complete underground wiring and

sidewalks in accordance with the subdivision agreement signed with the town.

It is hoped the first houses will be completed and ready for occupancy by the end of June, this year.

Alteo officials, were enthused they were finally going to go ahead with the development after many months of planning and negotiations. Mr. Berry said the company was especially appreciative of the town council, planning board, Hydro commission, civic representatives and town works

superintendent for their attitude towards the project.

"We feel they have helped bring this much needed housing to a fruitful conclusion," said Mr. Berry. He was also enthused about the support and cooperation he received from M.P. Rud Whiting who assisted in obtaining federally assisted financing.

Plans are also going ahead for the second—64 house—phase of the development, and the company hopes to tie it all in with building a project on town owned land.

MAIN STREET - THE KING'S HIGHWAY N° 25