

## Grey Cup bid — fun or folly?

By Wilma Blokalis

This week the Free Press enquiring reporter asked Acton residents how they felt about Acton bidding for the Grey Cup in 1974, as part of its centennial celebrations. There was a varied reaction—strong support and some condemnation.



"It is good publicity. Acton is not known by many people. A lot of people have never heard of Acton before."—Iain Galbraith

"It has two disadvantages for Acton. One, I haven't seen anyone who is interested in Acton, and we don't have the facilities."—Doreen Gibb.

"I think that it's great. I think it is a tremendous joke. The fellow who had the idea must have been somebody like that old American humorist."—Anonymous.

"We won't have enough room for them. It is a good idea, but where do we put the people?"—Mrs. J. Rol.

"It's terrific. We have everything here to offer, no matter what anybody else says. This town needs a little bit of lifting."—Bill Toth, Shell service station operator.



"It is a good promotional scheme. I am 100 percent behind the Centennial Committee. It provides publicity for the town, for its upcoming centennial."—Wayne Moss



"I don't agree with it. There are lots of other things to do to improve the town. There are other things the town needs, such as a bigger arena, a community centre, and a pool."—Barbara Jackson.

"I think it is real crazy. It is just somebody's scheme of getting it in Acton. That guy should be shot."—Frank Toth.

"It is a good way to make publicity, but I think the energies put into it can be put to better use in another direction. It has made enthusiasm, which I think, is really what they are trying to achieve. It is a good idea. It will stir up some thought, and enthusiasm."—Bernie Freuler.

"Great! I hope we get it—it will liven things up. We need something big in Acton—something they can get together on."—Vi Weaver.



"It is a very good publicity idea, whether or not they get it is something else. If they do, all the more power to them."—Mrs. Craven.

"Toronto is going to get it. They have already made arrangements for 1972 and 1973. It would be nice to have it here, but we need a bigger place. It was nice trying for it."—Anonymous.

"Where are you going to put them? We have no accommodation, no hotels. It would be good for real estate if we had more hotels. It would be alright if the town was big enough. If the town was big enough, I would go a long with it."—Sidney K. Lamb, realtor



"There are not enough people, and not enough places. I thought it was just a joke. We would need 20,000 people for it to pay."—S. Dwyer.



"I think it is pretty stupid. Acton has no parking spaces and no hotel accommodation for anybody."—Christine Simmons

### Extend zone near schools

Acton council's request to have the existing 30 miles per hour zone on Queen St. E., extend easterly to include the pedestrian crossover at the intersection of Acton Boulevard has been honored by the Department of Transportation and Communications. The zone will be extended to the easterly limits of town.

The department also recommend that the remaining portion of the present 40 m.p.h.

zone from the easterly limits of town to the start of the 50 m.p.h. zone on Highway 7 be extended easterly an additional 200 feet and increased to 45 m.p.h. A department engineer suggested this would provide a smoother transition of speed from the 60 to 45 to 30 m.p.h. zones.

The pedestrian crossover at Acton Boulevard is used by Acton High and M. Z. Bennett school students.



INAUGURAL MEETING OF the Acton Citizens' Band Sunday evening introduced new members of the executive. Jim Gibb, sitting left, was installed as new president, succeeding Bill Buchanan, sitting right, while bandmaster George Elliott is in the middle. Standing left to right are

committee members Sandra Van Fleet, 2nd vice-president Paul Petric, secretary-treasurer Charlie Kingsmill, first vice president Jerry Paton, Sims McPhedran and Stephanie Merrin. Missing, Brian Sampson.

## Hydro agrees to meet line opponents

Ontario Hydro will arrange meetings over the next few weeks with representative citizens and spokesmen for environmental groups to discuss the issues of the proposed 500,000-volt transmission line which area from Pickering on Lake Ontario to Nanticoke, on Lake Erie.

First meeting, which could set the tone of discussion, took place February 8 between Chinguacousy council, its planning board and Hydro.

Reeve Robert Williams of Chinguacousy indicated that before his council could support any proposal it would have to be assured that the effects on the ratepayers and the environment had been fully considered. He also said the council would be seeking clarification of the Toronto-centred region plan from the provincial government.

Technically sound Ontario Hydro chairman George Gathercole, who requested the meeting, stated the Commission would provide

reports of its studies which would support the view that its plan was technically and financially sound for the province and that it would have the least impact on the broad social considerations which are of concern to local residents.

"Undoubtedly we shall pursue the same course of action with other townships," Mr. Gathercole said. "While we cannot be rigid in our considerations regarding the exact route of the line, no doubt can be left as to its necessity."

Chinguacousy reeve Williams called the meeting "a great step forward," because Hydro is now furnishing the information required to study the proposal.

Line essential

The Hydro chairman said the line is essential if the people of Ontario are to have electrical energy to support economic growth in the seventies. "Ontario Hydro is aware of its responsibilities to the broad community", Gathercole said, noting that the meeting with

Chinguacousy officials illustrates this awareness.

Recently residents and conservationists from 10 townships, including Erin, Nassagaweya and Eramosa met to oppose the 610-foot high transmission line, and is circulating a petition charging Ontario Hydro's proposals were not in keeping with sound planning and proper and orderly development, responsible and sound principles for protection of the environment and modern technology with respect to engineering design.

The group also claimed information Ontario Hydro has supplied has been contradictory, self-serving and incomplete.

3,000 names This Coalition of Concerned Citizens-CCC already had 3,000 signatures on the petition and were aiming at 5,000 when Hydro met with Chinguacousy last week.

Plans for a press conference with Hydro officials last Wednesday were called off when the new development occurred.

## Suggests reward to get dog poisoner

Complaints from perennial spectator Peter Bowman that council had closed a "good" shoemaker down and forced a TV repair store to close by application of the holding-by-law but at the same time were allowing a carpet and tile business to operate in a converted garage on Highway 7 were quietly answered by Esquusing councillors Monday night.

"You are premature, Peter," they told the Sixth Line resident. They advised him action was being taken on the carpet and tile business, alleged to be contravening the by-law, later in the meeting.

Bowman also suggested council should be considering posting a reward for apprehension of the person or persons who were setting out poison for dogs along the Sixth Line.

"Nine dogs have been poisoned now," he told council, "and there is still no information for police." "I doubt if a reward would help, anyway," suggested Councillor Len Cox, noting residents of the Sixth Line were all anxious to get the dog poisoner.

Reeve Tom Hill said if a reward is to be posted it would have to be done by the people involved, not council.

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## Reeve opposes question period

A resolution, asking a 15 minute question and answer period be granted members of the press, radio, TV or the public, following regular meetings of Acton council has been referred back to administration committee for rewording.

Referral came after Mayor Les Doby questioned the feasibility of having the period, after the meeting was adjourned, as was suggested in the resolution. The mayor said he felt it would be better held in a second enquiry period during the meeting. A general enquiry period for councillors is already included on the agenda of regular meetings.

Issues warning Councillor Bill Coats thought perhaps it should be left to the discretion of the mayor at each meeting whether or not the question and answer period was allowed. "We could be leaving ourselves open to some long meetings," he warned.

Oakes opposed Although the resolution was not put to a vote, Reeve Frank Oakes indicated he's against the period, no matter when it's held. "I feel this is very unnecessary in every sense of the word and I'll vote against it in any case," he revealed. The resolution is being sponsored by Councillors Peter Marks and Norm Elliott.

## Georgetown man killed

A Georgetown area man lost his life in a two vehicle accident on the Seventh Line, north of 10 Sideroad Esquusing, on Tuesday, Feb. 8. Deceased is a retired businessman, Walter Townsend, 70, of R.R. 1 Georgetown. Mr. Townsend was on his way home after visiting a friend at the Halton Centennial Manor, when the accident occurred on Tuesday afternoon.

## PROCLAMATION TOWN OF ACTON

The Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the Town of Acton hereby proclaim the week of

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