



CUBS FROM THE GEORGETOWN district enjoyed a weekend camp at Earl Rowe Provincial Park, Alliston recently, where Mrs. Terry Colter's camera caught them on

Patterson suggests

Volunteers could aid parks and rec. program

Volunteer citizens working in co-operation with the Acton Parks and Recreation Committee could be of valuable assistance to the town's program, Chairman Hugh Patterson suggested Thursday night.

Patterson said he got the idea of having volunteers with no voting power aid the committee at the Ontario Municipal Recreation Association convention in Stratford recently. The chairman represented Acton at the convention along with Councillor Orval Chapman.

According to Chairman Patterson, citizens serve on parks and recreation sub-committees in the town of Orangeville and help considerably to alleviate the work burden.

"It's also a way of creating

publicity and interest in recreation," he said.

Should continue Patterson also indicated he would like to see the committee continue its campaign to bring a full time recreation director to town. In his view the committee fell down a bit in its support of Councillor Peter Marks' proposal that the town hire a recreation director.

"Unfortunately council learned of this through the press," he said. "We should have lobbied a bit and made our views known to local recreational organizations."

The committee included \$5,000 to cover half the salary of a recreation director in the budget it presented to council in April, but the recreation budget was chopped by the town fathers. The other half of the director's salary would have been available

through a government grant.

Patterson said he felt it would be a good idea for some committee members to attend meetings of the various local sports and recreational organizations to exchange ideas.

On the subject of finances, Councillor Chapman said the grant system should be investigated more closely by the committee.

"Grants are being given out now for some real oddball things," Chapman said. "One man from Penetang told us they got \$14,000, but they didn't know where to spend it!"

OMRA representative Walter Elliott of Orangeville and Peter Noble of the provincial government's Department of Community Social Services are to meet with the committee soon to further assess Acton's recreational needs.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Various matters were dealt with by Acton council at their regular meeting Tuesday evening in the council chambers.

—A letter informed council the deadline for the provincial municipal employment incentives program had been extended to June 17. Clerk-administrator Joe Hurst said Acton has been participating and will keep the extra men on until the deadline.

—Two passes were received to the upcoming Pollution Control Show at the CNE grounds.

—Supplemental allocation of subsidy monies will be requested to complete the Bower Ave. project.

—When Mayor Dudy mentioned how well received the new planters are, councillor Greer reminded him they have only been loaned by the city of Kitchener. Similar units cost about \$50 apiece.

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The Office will be open Fridays, June 9 and 23rd (and alternate Fridays thereafter) from 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Lunch hour 12 noon to 12.45.)

O.P.P. report Consider bike another vehicle

During the reporting week of May 18 to May 23 officers of the Acton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police had a busy time with impaired drivers.

Five persons were arrested and charged with impaired driving during the reporting week. Four of the offences occurred during the holiday weekend.

Other occurrences investigated during the reporting week included a report of wilful damage and two reports of theft of bicycles.

Lock bikes

Parents are urged to make sure their children's bicycles are locked if they are to be left outside overnight.

There were three motor vehicle collisions during the reporting period. All three resulted in property damage only.

Bicycling is not just for children. More and more people are finding that the cycle offers a convenient, inexpensive and enjoyable means of transportation, recreation and exercise. As a result, greater numbers of people of all ages can be found cycling along our streets. Also, in addition to gaining a new following, bicycling has maintained its tradition of being a favorite activity of boys and girls.

This renewed popularity of bicycling necessitates a more widespread understanding of bicycle safety procedures. Basically the cyclist should consider himself to be the driver of a vehicle and should therefore follow particular regulations and responsibilities such as driving single file and on the right side of the roadway.

But the cyclist should not think that he has the same advantages as a driver—rather, he is handicapped by his small size, slower speed, and lack of visibility. Nevertheless if a cyclist is alert and conscientious about following rules and regulations, he will find cycling to be both safe and fun.

Prov. Const. Paul Brown

Parks staff gets help

Acton Parks and Recreation Committee approved the hiring of an extra man to cut park grass for a total of 20 days, following a discussion on the parks labor situation at Thursday night's meeting.

Parks manager Harold Townsley asked that an additional man be hired on a full time basis, explaining the present three man crew is now two and a half weeks behind in necessary work in the parks and community centre.

Townsley pointed out that there are now approximately 20 acres of park grass, including 15 acres in Prospect Park itself to cut. Grass must also be cut in Sir Donald Mann park in Glenlea and on the north shore of Fairy Lake.

"The biggest trouble with our jobs is that they're time consuming," Townsley told the committee. He said it takes approximately 45 minutes to take garbage to the town dump with a tractor and wagon.

"That's ridiculous, us taking garbage to the dump with a tractor," Councillor Orval Chapman interjected.

Chapman said town workmen pick up garbage at local schools and that they should be able to pick it up at the park as well.

Committee member Barry Insoe said he couldn't justify the hiring of another full time man, although he conceded extra help is needed for grass cutting in the summer time.

Criticizes committee Insoe charged parks staff is not being utilized to the best advantage now. He was particularly critical of the committee's consent to have the parks manager and both staffers attend a course in Guelph last week, all at the same time.

"This is ridiculous that we should have all three men away at a prime time of the year, when there's lots of work to be done," he charged.

He suggested the parks manager only be allowed to attend the course.

"We've lost 80 work hours right there by having our other two employees away," he said.

Chairman Hugh Patterson informed Insoe the policy of allowing all three to attend the course was established two years ago.

"Well it's a poor polley Hugh," Insoe replied.

Townsley said it was an advantage to have the men attend the course, because of the parks and recreation grant structure. The more credits the men receive, the more grants are available, he explained.

The new part time employee is to cut grass three days a week for a maximum of 20 days.



TWENTY-SIX CHILDREN made their first Holy Communion at St. Joseph's Church, Acton, on Sunday, May 14. Most of the class, tutored by Mrs. Peggy Graham, is shown after the 11 o'clock mass. Girls who made their first communion were Donna Cavloic, Lynn Gordon, Carol Chanson, Kathy Nolan, Christine Baginski, Julie Tyers, Susan Reynolds, Sandy Allonby. Boys in the class were George Garton, John Vuk, Matthew Vuk, Pierre Himeshuzi, Richard Bladen, Michael Rouse, Andrew Ronch, David Allen, Richard Papillon, Gordon McArthur, Mark Duval, Paul McTrach, Dean McKerracher, Paul Garjup, Ronnie Wunder, Paul Nolan, Peter Luty, Jimmy Allonby. (Photo by H. Coles)

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