

Public uses creek for waste bin students must clean it out twice

By Dave Pink

The 13 Acton High School students who have been working cleaning up the School Creek since the summer break have almost completed the area between Wallace St. and Fairy Lake.

Five and a half weeks ago the students started work along-side the Free Press with an

Opportunities for Youth grant. Since that time, debris ranging from water weeds to tin cans, has been cleaned out and hauled away.

The section of the creek flowing along River St. has had to be cleaned out twice because the public still continues to use it for garbage disposal.

Stones have been placed along the banks to prevent erosion in areas where there was no grass.

along Wallace St. Grass was also planted.

The students also built three "bridges" over the creek at various points east of the C.N.R. tracks. They are also responsible for the "pollute here" cans on Main St. at the School Creek.

This week, some of the students are working in front of the library while the others are working in the Black Creek, flowing between the flour mill and the Beardmore plant.

for their efforts. Corie Maxwell, Glenn Lee, Sharon Barber, Dianne Charotte, Roger McEachern, Emily Hodgson and John Kingsmill are still in high school, so they earn \$60 a week.

Carol Jones, Scott Somerville and Greg Lawler are substituting and receive wages that would normally be given on the project.

The O.F.Y. commission sets approximately \$600 aside for equipment and building materials and the Town of Acton and Tyler transport have also given the students the loan of tools.

The students' efforts are starting to show now but most of the work will be tested during the spring thaw.



WHEN THE WEATHER IS right then 89-year-old Richard Johnston of 17 Scene St., Acton, hops on his grandson Carl's 750 Honda to be taken for a haircut at Ron's barber shop at the Glenlea plaza. Ron Holloway obligingly went outside to prove he was running no clip joint and Mr. Johnston enjoyed both the ride and the haircut. (Photo D. Pink)

Fear loss

Halton County Council will support a resolution asking the provincial government to retain local boards of health rather than moving towards a district board of health concept.

Provincial appointee to the Halton Board Stu Cramp told members he and other provincial appointees as well as some MOH's and board chairman were concerned over the apparent lack of communication that might come about under the proposed system. He felt local boards would lose some of their say and control of some of the programs.

Steam roller Oakville Reeve Al Masson suggested it was another example of the province using a steam roller like attitude. "I think we should support the resolution. The province should be checked up instead of being allowed to bulldoze ahead."

June frost costly for farmers

Damage to the '72 Ontario winter wheat crop from the June 10 weekend frost has reduced total expected yield by an estimated 1,482,000 bushels or about 9 per cent, according to the Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board.

The marketing board has just completed a survey of elected county wheat committeemen across the province, and has returned an analysis to them.

As of July 14, 51 survey forms had been returned out of the total list of 71 mailed out.

North Kent, a large area of Lambton, part of Middlesex, Elgin, Norfolk and Huron seem to have been the hardest hit. Total expected loss due to frost damage—1,482,000 bushels. The total crop is projected at 15,082,200 bushels.

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line, measured thirty (30) feet from said point of intersection, no fence, hedge, shrub, bush, foliage, sign, parked motor vehicle, or no structure shall be permitted having a height greater than two feet six inches (2' 6") above the travelled portion of the abutting roadways. This provision shall not prevent the planting of one deciduous shade tree within the defined triangular space."

8. The requirements for semi-detached and double duplex dwellings contained in Section 6.5.1 and 6.5.2 under the headings "R3 Zone" and "RM Zone", are to be reworded as follows:

	R3 Zone	RM Zone
"6.5.1 Lot Area (minimum)	Semi-detached 3,500 sq. ft. per dwelling unit	Double Duplex 4,000 sq. ft. per duplex
6.5.2 Lot Frontage (minimum)	35 ft. per dwelling unit	40 ft. per duplex

- 9. The words "Apartments, See Note 1", are to be added to Section 6.5 under the heading "RM Zone".
- 10. The side yard requirement of 8 feet for semi-detached dwellings under Section 6.5.2 (a) or By-Law Number 1358 should be deleted and replaced with the following: "15 feet each side. This requirement may be reduced to 4 feet adjacent to an attached one storey garage, or 8 feet where a garage forms an integral part of the dwelling unit."
- 11. No part of this amending By-law shall come into force without approval of the Ontario Municipal Board, but, subject to such approval, this By-law shall take effect from the passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD time and finally passed this 14th day of March, 1972.

L. Duby Mayor J. T. Hurst Clerk.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

By-law 72-9 contains several general amendments to by-law 1358 which is The Zoning By-law for the Town of Acton. The amendments are contained in numbered sections, the contents of which are explained in the similarly numbered paragraphs of this note.

- 1. The term "Day Nursery" which was not previously defined, is now given the same meaning as that provided in the Ontario Act regulating this type of institution.
- 2. The zoning map attached to By-law 1358 indicates that there are several places where the boundary between two zones does not follow an easily defined line such as a railway or street. The new section provides a method to locate this type of boundary on the ground and this is done by using the scale indicated on the map. The section deleted provided for determination of zone boundaries along navigable rivers and was removed because Acton does not have a navigable river.
- 3. Where buildings were designed with main entrances at the front and rear, By-law 1358 permitted uncovered steps, porches and platforms under four feet high to extend into the minimum front and rear yards. This amendment affords the same right of encroachment on side yards for buildings designed with side entrances.
- 4. The provisions of section 5.13.1 of by-law 1358 were deleted because they were already covered more completely in the definition and permitted use sections of the by-law. The new section was added to make it clear that attached accessory buildings such as green houses and recreational buildings could not be located in the minimum required side, front and rear yards.
- 5. Under section 5.13.4 of by-law 1358, addition of an attached garage allowed the reduction of the minimum fifteen foot side yard on one side of a building to a lesser distance depending on the particular zone and the type of building. This varied from a reduction to five feet for a one storey single family dwelling in an R1 zone to ten feet for a double duplex in an RM zone. However, if the garage was integrated into the building with living quarters above, the fifteen foot minimum had to be observed. This amendment reduces the side yard requirement in the latter instance to the same as for an attached garage. In addition reference to other types of attached buildings are deleted since they are now covered under section 5.13.1.
- 6. Where a property was being used for a specific purpose prior to the passage of the zoning by-law and where that use was contrary to the provisions of the by-law, it was permitted to continue as a non-conforming use. However, destruction of the property so that the use could no longer be carried on, ended the non-conformity and the provisions of the by-law became operative. This amendment allows the reconstruction of the premises and continuation of the non-conformity within the limits set out notwithstanding partial destruction.
- 7. This amendment is intended to prohibit obstruction to motorists' vision on corner lots by allowing nothing greater than two and one half feet in height within a triangle whose pexes are the intersection and a point thirty feet back on each street.
- 8. By-law 1358 established minimum lot areas and lot frontages for a whole semi-detached or double duplex structure. Since the intention was to have each side equal, the amendment divides the minimum in half and relates them to the individual dwelling unit or duplex.
- 9. The RM zone heading in the Schedule of Residential Zone Requirements being section 6.5 of by-law 1358 does not indicate that there is a special set of regulations in effect for apartments. This amendment draws special attention to those by reference to their location in the by-law.
- 10. Under by-law 1358, one half of a semi-detached dwelling required a side yard of fifteen feet (unless there was an attached garage) whereas the other half only required eight feet. Since it is intended that identical requirements shall relate to each side, the amendment requires the full fifteen feet for each unit unless there is a garage in which case reductions apply equally.

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