

Overcrowding at community hall cited to Erin council

At their regular meeting, October 2, Erin Council:

—received a letter from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority stating that the Township's levy of \$3014, had not been received.

—were advised that Erin Conservation Holding Ltd., were concerned that dividing the Armstrong property would affect the Trout Farm behind the Erin Subdivision. It was felt that the division would be a threat to the viability of the fish enterprise as well as disrupting the use of the wet land as a wildlife sanctuary.

The company wants the opportunity to voice their objection at a Municipal Board hearing.

Hazardous
—met with Fire Chief Bob Coyne who read a letter to Hillsburgh Community Centre Association regarding hazardous conditions at the Community Hall. These included overcrowding, inadequate caretaking in the summer which resulted in lights not being on downstairs, an inadequate supply of ashtrays, garbage cans in the hall, and the south exit door being locked.

Mr. Coyne suggested employing a year-round caretaker, adding that if the Association could use the adjoining skating rink hall, some of the crowding would be alleviated.

Council then passed a motion to allow the Association to remodel and use the area formerly used as a rink hall.

Pay phone
—received a request from the store at Springs asking Council's support in applying for installation of a pay phone.

Reeve Lang informed Council that the Community Telephone Company of Lunenburg is in the process of not paying for use of the phone but use of it would not be possible until after \$100,000 difference is paid.

—passed a motion to ask the Minister of Transportation and Communications for additional subsidy for the passing building of a township garage in 1973.

—read a copy of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Larry Love to Erin Council dated in regard to the proposed Hydro line.

The Council said that they had approved the power line only a week before moving into their

newly built home, and object to being left in the dark during their six months of building, while Hydro had known about the line for some time.

Reeve Lang instructed Clerk Elmer McKinnon to send the Coxes a copy of last month's motion concerning the Solandt Commission.

Buy pond?
—discussed the possible purchase of the Mill Pond by the Conservation Authority, and were advised by Town Trustee Henry Wheeler that there had also been a private offer on the

property.
Councillor Harold Griffin stated he had heard that people felt there was already too much money put into conservation for what they get out of it.

Reeve Lang pointed out that Conservation costs are only roughly \$1.50 per capita and felt the purchase was too good to pass up, to buy now and develop in 10 years or so.

When Councillor Bill McLean asked if the purchase wouldn't cramp the budget for awhile, Mr. Wheeler suggested that it might be now or not at all, as once the property was in private hands, it

would be unobtainable.

No support

A firm stand was taken by Councillor Griffin. "If Council feels the people are in favor, go ahead, but you won't get my support." Mr. Griffin felt that people want to go 24 miles to picnic out, and that the purchase of the 30 acres for conservation and recreation wasn't necessary.

Council decided to wait until they hear from the Conservation Authority before deciding what steps, if any, to take.

—heard a letter from township lawyer, R. Hungerford, concerning resident Allan Rimmer and the trailer licensing bylaw, advising Council that they could permit Mr. Rimmer's mother to live in the bus on the Rimmer property, if they wished.

Mr. Hungerford also stated that Council could sue for back licensing fees but in his opinion they would fall since, to begin with, the bus was not a trailer.

Reeve Lang suggested looking through the building bylaw to see if there was anything there that

would apply to the Rimmer situation, and Deputy-Town Donald Matheson added "if there isn't something in there, it's high time there was, to prevent this sort of thing."

Damage

—received a letter from Kim Hawkins, First Line, advising Council that in November, while the Erin Township roads department crew was working on the ditches, they destroyed the Hawkins' mailbox. Also, the letter went on, the ditch alterations caused the water to go

under the driveway instead of through it, and the driveway was washed out.

Reeve Lang told Council he drove out to investigate, and in his opinion, the culvert was not installed properly and was squashed flat at the ends, he assumed, by trucks going to the Hawkins house. He told the Hawkins that they will not replace the culvert, but will pay for the new mailbox if the receipt is sent to the Township.

Councillor Griffin added that culverts must be put in under the supervision of the Road Superintendent or the Township cannot

be responsible for their care and upkeep.

Recreation group

—agreed to call a meeting for people interested in forming a Recreation Association.

—heard a letter from Kurt Eckerich, stating that two dogs had been killing his poultry. When they attacked his wife, he shot both animals. Since the dogs' owners immediately got another one, Mr. Eckerich asked Council to warn the owners against repetition of the killings. They will be informed of the Livestock act.



BAA, BAA BLACK SHEEP. I know you've got some wool, says one of two Johnston girls of R. R. 1, Acton, who attended Erin Fair Monday. —W. Thomson Photo



ERIN FAIR was the meeting place for local politicians over the Thanksgiving weekend. Wellington County Warden Allan Snowe, Erin township reeve Lloyd Lang and Deputy Reeve Don Matheson were among those in attendance. —W. Thomson Photo

\$6,000 bill brings smiles

At their October meeting, Erin Township Council was pleased to receive a bill from the Hillsburgh District Firefighters Association for \$6,000.

Their pleasure stemmed, no doubt, from the fact that, although no money had changed hands, the bill was already marked "Paid in Full".

When the new firehall was being planned, the firefighters offered to finish off the inside themselves, at no cost, if the materials were supplied. The offer was taken up, and 2,000 man hours were put into completing both the inside and the outside, at \$3 for all trades.

The bill was simply a token one to accompany a letter from Andy King on behalf of the Fire Department, thanking Council for aid and co-operation in the planning and building of the new fire hall.

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