

Voters scarce but approve two liquor questions—

Less than 17 percent of the eligible voters turned out Monday to give overwhelming approval to the sale of liquor in Acton under both a dining room and lounge licenses.

The first question, sale of liquor under a dining room license, got 450 votes in favor with 74 opposed. Nine ballots were rejected.

The second question on the sale of liquor under a lounge license wasn't quite so positive with 423 voting "yes" and 105 casting a "no" vote. Five ballots were rejected.

Advance polls on the two questions saw all 13 voters cast ballots in favor of the first question while 11 "yes" and

two "no" votes were registered on the lounge license.

Returning officer J. T. Hurst estimated only 18.85 per cent of the 3,162 eligible voters bothered to cast ballots on the two questions. Eighty-six per cent voted in favor of the first question and 80 per cent for the second.

The vote was held separately from the municipal elections for council to avoid confusion since there are different voters eligible in the balloting.

Reaction to the vote, although sparse, was not long in coming. Polled by the Free Press, both hotels in Acton, have stated they will be applying for liquor licenses.

When partners Louis Wasowicz and Eddie Startek of the Dominion Hotel renovated a while ago they had the possibility of a liquor vote in mind. Changes were made which can be converted into conforming accommodation for a liquor lounge. A partition can quickly be removed, carpeting is required and new chairs will be purchased and bars constructed.

Mr. Wasowicz said Tuesday that the Dominion will make an application for both cocktail lounge license and dining room liquor license right away.

Charlie Gonta, owner of the Station hotel, has more renovations to make

before he complies with liquor licensing regulations but he too will be applying for licenses. A bar will be built in the dining room and walls changed for a lounge which will have carpeting on the floors.

"The town is growing," Mr. Gonta said approvingly.

Neither hotel owners anticipate any problem or delay in getting licenses once they comply with regulations.

There is also speculation that some of the town's restaurants will be applying for dining room licenses but no one has outlined plans as yet.

Following is the poll-by-poll result of Monday's voting:

Question 1—dining room license

Poll	YES	NO
1-1	93	15
1-2	67	5
2-1	40	16
3-1	69	13
3-2	98	7
4-1	70	18

Question 2—lounge license

Poll	Yes	No
1-1	85	22
1-2	62	10
2-1	37	20
3-1	68	15
3-2	91	18
4-1	69	18



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Pollution control plant problem could curb town's expansion

Acton could be faced with curtailed expansion, if Queen's Park reassurance is not given that the town's pollution control plant has a capacity to service a community of 7,500 people.

That's the suggestion made to council last night (Tuesday) by Councillor Bill Coats.

Councillor Peter Marks initiated the discussion, claiming he has learned the plant is nearing its capacity now, because of seepage from storm sewers. The plant was designed to handle a population of 7,500. Acton's present population is 5,084.

Marks went on to say it's common knowledge development

of the recently sold industrial park is being held up because of the problem and warned officials at Queen's Park would consider, the same halt on the new Acton Meadows subdivision, if the problem is not rectified.

"This is a very important matter and has to be dealt with immediately," Marks emphasized.

Meeting today

Mayor Les Duby informed council he will attend a meeting at the Department of the Environment in Toronto today (Wednesday) and hopes discussion with officials there will help resolve the problem. "I do want to see the capacity

of our plant confirmed as what it was built to handle," the mayor explained.

Clerk-administrator Joe Hurst said engineers are working on recommendations right now and the mayor assured council the town superintendent is making a study to discover the most concentrated seepage areas for storm sewers.

Deputy-reeve Pat McKenzie failed to see the urgency of correcting the problem.

"I didn't hear anything from the engineer to say that we had to be alarmed," he said. "We'll all get printed copies of his recommendations, the press will get them and we'll be taking the

proper steps next year to carry them out."

Answers Marks

In answer to Councillor Marks' expressed desire that something would be done to rectify the problem immediately, the deputy-reeve recalled that past councils have approved some of the connections which are now presenting problems.

"We can't just shut them off tomorrow," he said.

Public works committee chairman Earl Masales said council should begin to resolve the problem immediately. However, he reminded council it would be a major operation. Councillor Norm Elliott

compared the situation to the hang-up the town faced in the sale of land south of Cobblehill Road. Sale of the land was held up temporarily by conservation officials at Queen's Park.

"It's the same, we know we haven't got a problem, but some people in government think we have," he suggested.

Reeve Frank Oakes recalled the town engineer said seepage is seasonal and can be extra high during wet weather.

"But the department is only interested in the figure for the peak period," Marks replied.

The clerk-administrator concluded that the plant was built to handle 7,500 and that he's sure it can handle as high as 8,000.



More valuable than gold!

BANK OF MONTREAL MANAGER Ted Pratt stows two tickets for the 1972 Grey Cup game being raffled by the Acton Centennial Commission, into the bank vault for safe-keeping. Centennial commissioners Harold

Townsley and Jack Carpenter make sure the ducats take their place with less valuable currency. Proceeds from the raffle go to the Centennial.

—H. Coles Photo

Approve second phase Kingham Hill Estates

Plan and sketches of phase two of Kingham Hill Estates were presented to planning board last Thursday by Michael Brodigan and Michael Garbary of Windland Associates, town planners. The area circles the cemetery. The plan had been changed to accommodate requirements of the conservation branch of the government. Planning board also reviewed recommendations on the subdivision made by Project Planning Associates and R. V. Anderson engineers.

The street layout and house designs received the approval of the board and recommendation will go to council for their approval. An addendum must be made to provide for the different type of row house proposed.

Project Planners - the town's planning consultants - had recommended a cul de sac but the board felt this would give a "ghetto effect" to row houses and they preferred the layout of Windland Associates.

Due to the requirements of the conservation branch, 20 house lots on low-lying land at the south

end were eliminated. This land will be retained as park. Disagreeing with the conservation branch decision Mr. Brodigan said he felt any chance of flooding would be eliminated by adequate drainage into Fairy Lake. He thought the swamp-like appearance was due to a saucer effect in the land and the moisture will dry up with building and better drainage provisions. With council's approval Mr.

Charges laid

A local man was charged with 13 counts of false pretences as a result of issuing worthless cheques. The cheques were issued at local stores in the last two months. He will appear in court Dec. 13.

Chairman Sid Saitz welcomed Hugh Patterson, who will be board secretary after the first of the year.

Centennial is subject for joint meeting

Acton Centennial Commission and town council will meet jointly tomorrow (Thursday) night to examine in detail costs for the centennial project, which is completion of the community centre in three stages.

Parks and recreation committee members have also been invited to attend the meeting.

Councillor Orval Chapman pointed out that Phase 2 of the

project, reconditioning of the arena might tie in very closely with further recommendations which are coming from an engineering firm, hired by parks board.

Phase 1 of the project calls for the construction of a new entrance to the community centre at an estimated cost of \$50,000. This work would commence in the spring of next year. Phase 2 would begin in the

fall of next year at an estimated cost of \$67,280. Phase 3, construction of a new auditorium, theatre and exhibition hall at an estimated cost of \$80,000 would commence when ready.

Meeting imperative

"It's imperative we meet with the commission and arrive at a consensus of opinion on how far we can go on the project," Mayor Les Duby said last night (Tuesday). "They're aiming high,

because if you don't, you often fall short, but there will be limitations to what we can accept and approve."

Councillor Bill Coats emphasized the commission hopes to begin work in the spring, but does not necessarily project raising the \$50,000 they need for Phase 1 by that time.

"Council may have to be in a position to say 'We'll hold the mortgage on \$50,000' in effect to

Brainstorm session agrees

Downtown dynamism needed

Dynamism is what's needed in Acton's central business district, a group attending the special Development Commission meeting agreed last week. "Showmanship" was another word chosen by one of the businessmen attending the meeting.

After a couple of hours discussion, the group agreed on a series of mutual concerns, and

more opinions will be sought by the commission.

Special meeting

The special "brain storming" meeting had been called by Ted Tyler Jr., the new chairman of the commission, asking representation from service clubs and groups.

Most prepared was Paul Nielsen, representing the Chamber of Commerce. He had

personally prepared a brief (which is printed in full elsewhere).

Attending the meeting were development commission members Tyler, John Goy, Charles Leatherland and Mayor Duby; Rotary club representatives Dr. Bob Steen and Ron Heller, centennial commissioner Jack Carpenter; Chamber of Commerce members

E. Bendicks and Paul Nielsen, and hydro commission chairman Wilf McEachern.

Widening scope

Mr. Tyler explained that with the sale of the industrial park the commission has no land to dispose of and will be widening its scope to include other projects.

He polled the men attending for their ideas on Christmas lighting, parking, plazas, a No. 7 bypass and the problem of empty stores.

Most of the discussion was on the needed dynamism of the two main business streets.

Increase taxes

One of Mr. Nielsen's proposals, which he read, was that businessmen would be assessed an increased business tax to be used for improvements. He also suggested council could issue debentures, returning the cost to the area where the money was spent.

Mr. Nielsen's proposals were well received by the group attending.

Conclusions reached

At the end of the meeting the general conclusions were summed up by chairman Tyler:

—The group wished to retain an active downtown core.

—A No. 7 bypass would be desirable.

—Service clubs should undertake a self-selling campaign.

—The University of Guelph should be asked to do another survey of the town, or update the survey made in 1964 by students.

—Council should become involved in the problem of downtown parking.

Three years talk over

Approve installation three outdoor rinks

After more than three years of discussion at Acton Parks Board, installation of three outdoor ice rinks in town will become a reality this winter.

Parks board has approved the purchase of plywood to contain the 50 by 40 foot rinks at a cost of \$115 per rink.

The rinks will be located on the softball diamond in Prospect Park, where lighting is available, in Sir Donald Mann Park in Glenlea and on the Acton High School grounds.

Ask brigade

Since six inch lines provide the only source of water in the three areas, the board is making a special request to Acton Firefighters to consider flooding

the rinks with water from one of their trucks. The board has offered to pick up the brigade's expenses for the work. Councillor Peter Marks said rinks in the town of Fort Erie are flooded with water from fire trucks.

The board will also ask that residents of the three areas volunteer to help maintain the rinks, mainly with respect to clearing snow, following heavy falls. It was pointed out outdoor rinks in Georgetown cost that town's parks board \$600 apiece to maintain last year.

Vice-chairman Barry Incoe said he hopes arrangements can be made to have the rinks located at the high school maintained by students. It is expected the school

will have the use of the rink during school hours, but that it will be open to all children during the rest of the day.

'No pucks'

Board member Diane Spielvogel had earlier expressed concern installation of a rink at the high school might decrease the number of hours it would be available to children. Mrs. Spielvogel also suggested the board enforce a 'no pucks allowed' policy, so that young hockey players will not be keeping skaters off the rinks.

If the weatherman cooperates, the board hopes to have the rinks in operation in time for the school holidays at Christmas time.