

Clean bill of health for pollution plant

Fears expressed last week by members of council that Acton's expansion could be curtailed by problems at the town's pollution control plant have proved to be groundless.

Mayor Les Duby has been assured by Queen's Park officials that present residential and industrial park development contemplated in town can be adequately handled by the present plant, which was designed to service a community of 7,500 people.

The mayor and clerk met with the Water and Waste Management Branch of the Department of the Environment and a representative of the Department of Planning and Development in Toronto last Wednesday. The ability of the Acton plant to handle all areas now under development was discussed at great length, the mayor told the Free Press, and it was confirmed the present waste treatment plant could function for a population of 7800 people.

"The only concern was that we keep on top of the Black Creek situation," the mayor said. The creek is used to dilute effluent from the treatment plant. Continual checks must be made to safeguard the quality of water.

"We made it clear that the town must also be in a position to plan for the future," the mayor declared. He said plans for future expansion of the plant to handle a population of 12,000 to 18,000 are in the first stage of discussion but didn't feel expansion of the plant would

be necessary for four or five years. "All lines have been cleared to continue development now," he assured the Free Press. He warned the Toronto Centred Region plan could impose restrictions. The plan wants limited growth in Acton. Population is not to exceed 25,000.

The mayor said council has been on top of any problems at the pollution control plant but members of one committee hadn't been familiar with discussions of the other. This

precipitated discussion at last week's council meeting where it was suggested the town could expect curtailed expansion by problems at the pollution control plant.

Councillor Peter Marks said he had learned the plant was nearing its capacity because of seepage from storm sewers. Marks also said development of the industrial park is being held up because of the problem and warned Queen's Park could also impose restrictions on residential

development at the Acton Meadows subdivision if problems are not rectified.

The mayor assured council a study is being made to discover concentrated seepage areas and the clerk said the engineers were also working on the problem but council wanted assurance from Queen's Park that all lines were cleared for development. "We have it now," the mayor said.

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Candidates, crowd tee off on Sunday racing issue

When they cast their ballots in Monday's election, Nassagaweya voters will, in addition to choosing their municipal representatives for 1973-74, decide whether or not they favor Sunday racing at Mohawk Raceway.

A few months ago John Mooney, president of the Ontario Jockey Club asked Nassagaweya Council to conduct a referendum on the issue of Sunday racing. Mooney told Council the OJC wanted Sunday racing, but felt Council should not be pressured.

As a part of the meet-the-candidates night at Brookville Township Hall on Friday, a representative of the Jockey Club, Douglas Elliott outlined the reasons the club wants Sunday racing.

No expansion
"Without Sunday racing there can be no expansion of Mohawk," he claimed. By expansion Elliott meant expanding the seating facilities of the race track. "We already have enough parking space."

"We have to expand our facilities, but we can't expand unless we (the club) can see a healthy future."

Elliott said much of the revenue obtained by other race tracks was raised on Sundays. He

also told the audience—the hall was jam-packed—that if Sunday racing was introduced the track would be operated for five days a week instead of six. "The track will be operated from Friday night to Tuesday night."

Biggest employer
If Sunday racing was to become a reality it would result in more advantages, such as increased taxes for the township, claimed the speaker. Elliott also pointed out the Raceway was the municipality's biggest employer.



DOUGLAS ELLIOTT

He was challenged on that point by Basil McDonald of R.R. 6 Milton "You employ 400 people through an agency called Sports Services—and they're the cheapest damn employers there are," McDonald claimed.

Elliott stated the club would soon be taking over their own services.

Police Campbellville
McDonald and another man urged that, in addition to the present OPP patrols on the Guelph Line, the village of Campbellville be policed during race time to control traffic.

"We have made application to the Department of Highways for an extension to take some of the pressure off the Guelph Line," Elliott remarked.

When John Mooney appeared at the Council meeting, he told councillors the Jockey Club would be willing to build an exit ramp onto the westbound lane of Highway 401. "Many of our patrons, who are from Burlington and Hamilton, could use this route and avoid going through Campbellville," Mooney argued.

Elliott came under fire from some of the audience during the night. One man declared that the Jockey Club's main concern was money and, "the club will take more money out of the township than it brings in."

Not involved
Another resident knocked the management of the race track for not becoming more involved in the affairs of the community in which it is located.

A Campbellville man, Don Smith asked Elliott how the club's proposed expansion programs would benefit the municipality.

"Expansion will give an increased assessment," remarked Elliott.

Two will vote
While the issue of Sunday racing will be decided by the Nassagaweya electorate at large, at least two challengers for council say they will vote for it.

Political newcomers Gerald Webbe and Russell Powadiuk publicly endorsed Sunday racing. Webbe made his views known during the course of his platform speech.

Powadiuk expressed his

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ACTON ROTARY Club and Branch 197 Royal Canadian Legion combined efforts again this year to stage a Christmas dinner and entertainment for members of Acton's Golden Age Club. Highlight of the program in the Legion auditorium last night (Tuesday) was the arrival of Santa Claus. Sitting close to

the tree with their gifts are Golden Agers Mrs. G. Reed, Mrs. J. Cossar and Mrs. G. Fryer. Standing are Rotary vice-president Bruce Cargill, Golden Ager R. L. Davidson and Legion Branch 197 president Bob Angell.

(Photo by D. Gibbons)

Can you help?

The Criminal Investigation Branch of the Ontario Provincial Police is trying to identify the female person whose skeletal remains were found September 30 this year in dense bush near the Eighth Line, Esquesing, north of Georgetown.

She suffered a gunshot wound to the head and death occurred sometime within the past year.

The only description available of the victim shows:

She was probably 25 to 35 years of age.

She was 5'1" to 5'3" in height. Her hair was auburn, being black or dark brown closer to the scalp.

Her build is believed to be small.

The woman's lower left incisor is missing.

The woman was wearing a dark blue nylon waist-length jacket, mauve colored hip-hugger style jeans, knitted jersey top, two-tone brown suede shoes size 7 and a brown leather belt.

A woman's gold colored Lucerne wristwatch was found in the pocket of the jeans. The watch has regular numerals around the perimeter of the face with 24 hour numerals inside the regular numbers. There was no wrist strap attached to the watch.

The OPP is asking anyone with information regarding the identity of the woman to communicate directly with the nearest police authority or the director, Criminal Investigation Branch, Ontario Provincial Police, Toronto. The telephone number is 416-965-6871.

Monday vote for council

There's just one ballot for Acton voters to mark next Monday with eight candidates standing for the six council seats. All other offices have been filled by acclamation.

With no public nomination meeting and no Meet the Candidates night, the Free Press today presents interviews with the eight men lined up behind those six council seats, four incumbents Orval Chapman, Bill Coats, Norm Elliott and Earl Masales, with John Coniglio, Bob Drinkwater, Barry Inscow and Bill Yundt. These interviews appear inside the paper.

Acclamations for eight
Mayor Duby remains to head council; deputy-reeve G. W. McKenzie moves up to the reeve's chair and councillor Peter Marks will be deputy-reeve.

Also acclaimed are Tom Watson as Acton-Nassagaweya school trustee and hydro commissioners Will McCachern, Ted Tyler Sr., Bob MacArthur and Orville Brown.

Only two present councillors not running for election Monday are dropping out for health reasons, Dr. Frank Oakes and Jack Greer. Both have lengthy records of municipal service behind them.

Acton council may cease to exist during the next term of its members. It's generally accepted that the province will impose a system of regional government on Halton county in 1974 and Acton will probably be incorporated in a North Halton unit of government.

It's election day Monday in all neighboring municipalities as well, although the others also have more candidates running for office.

Call Free Press

For latest election returns in next Monday's municipal vote, call the Free Press at 853-2010. Three lines are available for the many calls expected.

Returns will be relayed from the town office to the Free Press with the information of townspeople.

The Free Press only gives election returns for municipal elections. However, during the last two votes—federal and the liquor question—quite a few called here for the news anyway.

Polls close at 8 p.m. but only one ballot has to be counted. Eight men are running for six council seats.

Council endorses centennial project but makes no dollar promises

Conscious of the upcoming election, members of Acton council endorsed a motion supporting the Acton centennial commission's centennial project but drew up an accompanying document explaining this in no way tied down the present or future councils to support the project financially.

Council backed the commission's fund-raising campaign, however.

Councillors made the decision after a joint meeting with the parks and recreation committee and members of the centennial commission to examine costs for the proposed centennial project—a three stage renovation of the community centre.

Centennial commissioner and manager Jack Carpenter explained the three phase project starts with construction of a new entrance to the community centre at an estimated cost of \$50,000, to commence in the spring of 1973.

Phase two which calls for

complete renovations to the inside of the building would cost an estimated \$87,200. Phase three adds a new auditorium, theatre and exhibition hall at an estimated cost of \$80,000 and would commence when it was felt needed.

Council was told that the project would be built in stages as money becomes available.

The centennial commission had not limited their plans to the community centre, Mr. Carpenter explained. They were opting for a new bandshell, improvements to Sir Donald Mann park, a greenbelt walkway from Fairy Lake following the stream to the band hall on Wallace St., a downtown mall, new park entrance and improvements to the town hall.

The program looked well beyond centennial, he said. Estimated cost of the entire centennial program as planned by the commission is \$200,000 but it is not dependent on that amount. The commission

anticipates canvassing the town for funds by public subscription, industry, business and professional people and have several fund raising ventures as well, starting in December this year.

A tentative program for a week centred around the July 1 holiday in 1974 starts off on January 1 with the entire town being invited to breakfast at the community centre.

"Some people could stop in on their way home from New Year parties. Others could get up early and start the new year right," Carpenter suggested.

A downtown mall would operate the Dominion Day holiday week which will feature the "Gold Cup" football intersquad game by the Toronto Argonauts, a parade, dance, eumenical service in the temporary football stadium and a trade fair.

There are also plans for a Youth World's Fair on the grounds and a package Jack

Carpenter calls "Smalltown Canada" which he hopes to fashion for annual presentation throughout the country with auspicious beginnings in Acton.

He has investigated several other programs for that week with events happening at other places in town such as an art show at the old town hall, a railway museum display at the railway station and activities at the music centre.

Council discussed the proposals before deciding to endorse them without committing themselves to any financial support, although also not ruling out the possibility.

Debuting was suggested by centennial commissioner Ted Tyler Jr. as a sure means of raising the money necessary, but clerk J. T. Hurst advised council would have to have a vote of the people or apply to disburse with the vote to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Councillor Bill Coats chaired the meeting in the absence of the mayor who arrived later.

Election slates

Acton

COUNCIL
Six to be elected

ORVAL CHAPMAN
BILL COATS
JOHN CONIGLIO
BOB DRINKWALTER
NORMAN ELLIOTT
BARRY INSCOW
EARL MASALES
BILL YUNDT

Esquesing

Reeve

TOM HILL
RUSSEL MILLER

Deputy-Reeve

LEN COXE
"PAT" PATTERSON

COUNCIL

Three to be elected
JOHN CARTWRIGHT
MALCOLM FREEMAN
DICK HOWITT
WILFRID LESLIE
GEORGE MALTBY

Nassagaweya

Reeve

GORDON AGNEW
DON McMILLAN
MRS. ANNE MacARTHUR

Deputy-Reeve

HUGH MacMILLAN
JAMES WATSON

COUNCIL

Three to be elected
ART GIBSON
JOHN HENRY
ELIZABETH HOEY
CAL McINTYRE
RUSSELL POWADIUK
GERALD WEBBE

Erin Township

COUNCIL

Three to be elected
FRED COX
HAROLD GRIFFIN
FRANK KENNEDY
WILLIAM McLEAN
JOHN K. REID
ALLAN RIMMER
BERT WHEELER

BOARD OF EDUCATION

GORDON GREGSON
DAVID WRIGHT

Eramosa

Deputy-Reeve

DONALD GORDON
DUNCAN McPHEDRAN

COUNCIL

Three to be elected
BILL ADSETT
BETTY LOU CLARK
KEN FAIR
JOHN HEWITT
GEORGE MAJOR
JIM MILNE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

GEORGE DAY
JACK GILCHRIST

Rockwood

TRUSTEES

Three to be elected
GARY BATEMAN
RALPH KELLY
BOB LESLIE
BERT SMITH

Eden Mills

TRUSTEES

Three to be elected
RODNEY BELL
DAVID MASSON
HARRY SCHELKE
HAROLD TOMLINSON



THE FREE PRESS this week reports on the progress of Acton's two large subdivisions at the town's northern and southern perimeters. Above, services are being installed at the

townhouse development Kingham Hill Estates off Main St. S., known locally as the "Cemetery Hill." Turn to page B1.

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