

# More 60-foot lots sought in Kingham Estates by board

A changed plan for one phase of Kingham Hill Estates was presented to Acton Planning Board Thursday, and the board's decision provoked an outburst from council representative Norm Elliott.

He objected strongly to the fact the board passed a motion asking for changes without discussing them among themselves. A motion was presented, changed and passed with Mr. Elliott opposing it at each stage.

Revised plan  
Michael Brodigan of Windland Associates, consulting engineers, brought back to planning board revised plans for phase three of Kingham Hill Estates which encircle part of the cemetery, some of it fronting on Cobblehill Rd.

The last time he had attended a meeting his plan had included row housing. Since then there had been a joint meeting called of both council committees and the planning board and subsequently changes were requested.

"We were pulled up over this," chairman Sid Saitz explained.

Reviews concerns  
Bill Coats as chairman of the council administration committee reviewed council's concerns. They felt row housing was not generally satisfactory; they felt parking was inadequate, dislike the row houses adjoining R2 residences and disapproved the location of parkland.

Mr. Coats stressed council's concern about the density. We have always been pleased in Acton to have spacious subdivisions. The cost of land is not a major factor and we thought we should take a second look at the plan.

Mr. Brodigan said row houses had proved successful and attractive in other areas. However, he reviewed the new maps which replaced row housing with semi-detached and condominiums.

No R1 houses  
The roads had been changed to alter a corner which had been criticized and as a result the R1 houses (with the top requirements) had been eliminated. There were no R1 houses with 60 foot lots left due to the change.

David Muckie caught the change and said he thought he'd like to have "a spacious look" somewhere in the subdivision. At one time we didn't want this "metro" look here at all, he said.

Should we have all residential zones in one subdivision? Mayor Les Doby wondered.

Mr. Muckie repeated he'd favor R1 houses as well and other members agreed.

Phase 2 OK  
Mr. Brodigan also requested rezoning from R2 to R4 for phase two of Kingham Hill Estates, which will be similar to the existing units; this was readily recommended to council. "At least there's no opposition to this one," said Mr. Saitz.

Mr. Brodigan discussed various possibilities for phase 3 changes with the board and indicated his firm would be glad to include R1 homes again in two suitable sections. There is no difference in the house, he pointed out, just in the lot size.

Motion put  
After Mr. Brodigan left a motion was worded by Mr. Muckie that approval be recommended to council, including the new R1 zones.

Frank Simioni wondered if the board shouldn't see the next plan before recommending it to council.

Mr. Elliott also objected to the fact that alternatives hadn't been discussed by the board.

The motion was changed to have the recommendation considered at the January meeting rather than recommended to council; Mr. Elliott still felt the R1 requirements should be left

out of the motion. However, the motion passed 4-3.

In defense  
Mr. Muckie spoke in defense of his motion and Mr. Saitz agreed it didn't commit the board to anything.

Mayor Doby explained he voted for the motion for expediency; we have to move in 30 days. We'll see a new drawing.

Worst  
"It's not common sense," Mr. Elliott exclaimed. "We asked for proposals and we never even talked about them. Nobody agreed these were the proper proposals."

He also objected that most of the discussion was done while the consultant was present.

"It's the worst resolution I've heard since I've been on council," he concluded.

Two accounts  
There were just two accounts to be paid - \$651.51 to Black, Shoemaker and Robinson for survey and study on annexation and \$600 for the planning board members' honorarium.

Chairman Sid Saitz wryly compared "our blood and sweat at 12 meetings" to "one little survey," as he remarked on the

similarity in monetary value. Cheques were distributed to members by Grant Usher.

Condominium sales  
Two men present from Windland Associates, Michael Brodigan and Roger Cunningham, were asked about the sale of the condominiums in the first stage. They explained they had had about 80 applications with only about half complying with the financial requirements. Others were slightly over the required income bracket.

"They said a fair number of applicants were from Acton - not as many as they had expected."

"We used to be concerned about houses Acton people could afford," the mayor recalled.

"Now Acton people have had every chance in the world!"

All present  
All board members were present for the last meeting of the year - chairman Sid Saitz, Vic Bristow, Dave Muckie, Frank Simioni, Lou Bonnette, council representatives Norm Elliott and Bill Coats, Mayor Les Doby, outgoing secretary Grant Usher and replacement Hugh Patterson.

## Region announcement said coming by Jan. 9

Rumors emanating from Peel County this week indicate the Queen's Park announcement on regional government for Halton and Peel Counties should come no later than Tuesday, Jan. 9.

In a front page story The Mississauga News quotes Mississauga Mayor Chic Murray as revealing the government's release of regionalization plans will be made "by Jan. 9 at the latest." Mayor Murray also says he is "very optimistic" that the announcement will bring some good news for Mississauga.

That South Peel town wants to remain as a unit of regional government with Port Credit and Streetsville included, with the northern half of Peel County being split into two other sections. Mayor Murray's optimism indicates that might be the way the Peel pie will be sliced.

In Halton, all the municipalities except Milton are pressing for a three-borough system while Milton wants to

form a fourth borough in central Halton.

The News reports it has learned the province has definitely scrapped plans to link Halton and Peel together in one region.

## Damper here

Dr. W. G. Onions says he finds the dampness of the past month or so in Acton more than he has experienced in either New Brunswick or Bermuda, where he has had churches. Sunny days have been few and far between here, lately.

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**Dr. Allan J. Buchanan**  
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on January 1, 1973.

May we take this opportunity to thank all our friends for their kindly co-operation and understanding, and to wish everyone God's richest blessing in the years to come.

Allan J. Buchanan, D.D.S.



MATH TEACHER Bill Coats visited on Santa's knee during the Acton High Christmas assembly. Vice-principal Ian Downie played the role of St. Nick.

(D. Gibbons photo)

## 25 super acts at assembly

"Tis the season to be jolly" ... especially if you were at Acton High School last Friday morning to see our 1972 Christmas assembly.

At first there was some worry as to whether or not Father Christmas would make it - he had run into a bit of bother in the shape of Mount Everest but thanks to the valiant "Outers" he was there too!

Super acts  
While his elves filled us in on their rescue efforts, we were cheered on by 25 super acts.

Even after Santa had been and gone, the pace was kept up by Acton High's own 1950 super hunk - the one and only angels, IN THE FLESH who crooned such golden oldies as Silent Night and Sea Cruise.

Fun of Christmas  
Having never been to an Acton High assembly before, I didn't know quite what to expect and imagined a few mundane skits and the odd card - I was wrong! This assembly really bubbled with the FUN of Christmas!

## Twelfth Night trip on despite weather

By Debra Tuffin  
Even the weather doesn't hold us back.

Due to the terrible weather conditions on Wednesday, Dec. 13 school was cancelled and therefore some of us English 106 Grade 9 students had lost all hope of going to see Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" at the St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto.

I am sure everyone would like to thank Ellie Stanley and Kelly McGrath who phoned from the school to assure the students that the show was still on, but due to the lack of time they were unable to contact everyone. But with a good turnout of 43 students and five adults from the original 81 students and four adults we headed off around 12:30 p.m. and arrived at our destination at 1:10. We were seated and ready when the Lion Major production began at 2. The audience was composed of young, enthusiastic people from different grades and various high schools of the district.

Like St. afford  
The stage was of similar design to that of Stratford but was about twice as large. The set was original and had great flexibility. The musicians made their appearance on stage and stood as

## Wins at Ed's

Mary Ann Freuler was the lucky winner of a Christmas cake and casserole in a draw at Ed's Restaurant. The draw was made by Peggy Huxley Saturday night.

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## Notes from Acton High

By Janice Gibson  
This last week was a fast and furious one at the school.

Wednesday, the annual choir contest was held. Again this year the Christmas Angels appeared. The winners of the contest were Mr. May's class, Mr. Ellis' class - The Christmas Bells, and Mrs. Fleming's French class.

Door decorating  
The results of the door decorating contest and the room decorating contest were Mrs. Levy's Art class, and Mr. Ellis' home room. Mr. Ellis' room was called Santa's Reforestation Area, and was decorated with

## Mashmakan makes first appearance

By Judy Thibodeau  
Mashmakan, a popular group, made its first appearance at the Acton High School Christmas dance Thursday night. Approximately 300 students showed up and all seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. The gymnasium was brightly dressed in Christmas attire, which included red, white and pink streamers, Christmas trees

forest cedars and evergreens, stuffed animals, and a terrific looking Christmas tree.

Day rehearsal  
Thursday, we had an all day rehearsal for the assembly Friday morning. After practice, the student council working committee set up for the dance that night. "Mashmakan" was the group, and they were really great.

Friday, students came to school, had a locker cleanout and filed into the auditorium to see our yearly Christmas assembly. Despite a few difficulties getting it organized and rehearsed, it was a success.

and boughs pinned to the walls and welcoming signs. Students added to the atmosphere by wearing almost a semi-formal look.

With the help of chaperones, the student body and the few security guards, the Mashmakan Christmas dance was a success at which no unruly incidents occurred.



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## Obituary

### Mrs. McEachern dies at 83 years

Mary Wilhelmina Price McEachern of 64 Young St. died suddenly on December 8. She was 83 years of age.

Funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on December 11 conducted by the Rev. H. Dawson. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery, Georgetown.

Pallbearers were Don Lindsay, R.R. 1, Georgetown; nephew Elmer McEachern, Georgetown; neighbor Norman Robertson and cousins Gordon Price, Shelburne; Wilfred Harding, R.R. 1, Limehouse and Roy

Harding, Rockwood. Flower bearers were Fred J. Shortill, R.R. 1, Georgetown and Lloyd McIntyre, Acton.

Survivors  
Mrs. McEachern was born in Esqueving township in 1889, only daughter of the late Robert Price and Mary Ann Harding of Acton.

She was predeceased by her husband Angus and is survived by niece Willa (Mrs. Fred J. Shortill), R.R. 1, Georgetown, nephew Gordon H. Price of Irlington and friend Joseph Ganner of Acton. She was predeceased by brothers Henry Price and Harding Price.

## "NOTICE"

The Inaugural Meeting of the Halton County Board of Education will be held on Thursday, January 4, 1973 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington, Ontario.

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