

Residents deserve consideration

Dear Sir,
Less than six months ago we packed up our belongings and with great joy and anticipation moved to very pretty spot on Elizabeth Drive in Acton.

After seven years of looking for a place that had both a sense of spaciousness and beauty - yet not a rural site, we found our present home. I am afraid our joy has been short lived.

Last week the Free Press published the story that the Lions Club wants to move the old station to the small portion of "parkland" on Elizabeth Drive. I have "parkland" in quotation marks as I was told in no uncertain terms by someone who said he knew that the property mentioned is owned by the town.

I quote his words, "The town can do anything it likes with that property."

Is this the way Acton is run?
The article said only three houses backed onto this particular area and one faced it. In reality, a lot more than one house would look onto an old station.

Do you not think that these families who

have put their life-savings and then some into their homes deserve some consideration?

The residents here are proud of this area—many have spent their own money and given of their own time trying to improve the "parkland", much of it reclaimed land. Why not leave this spot open and let us help keep it nice, not only for the people of Lakeview but for all Actonites to enjoy?

If the Lions Club members feel this building is really needed surely some method could be found to move it to Prospect Park, perhaps along Park Avenue and locate it where it wouldn't sit at anyone's front or back doorstep.

Rather than take over the station, could the members of the Lions Club put their time and talent to good use and work with one of the other groups to fix up the Y or scout hall? I understand that both of these places are in need of repair.

Sincerely,
Bernie Ormsby.



128 YEARS OF HISTORY inches up the steep grade out of Woodbridge, along No. 7 Highway, on a six mile journey to Black Creek Pioneer Village. It took just over two hours to move the eight ton, storey-and-a-half home of the late Major A. A. (Lex) Mackenzie. Major Mackenzie, a former Reeve of Woodbridge and a member of the Ontario Legislature for many years, lived all his life in the house. He died in May, 1970. The original log house, covered with wood siding, was built in the mid 1840's by John Brown of Pennsylvania, great

grandfather of Major Mackenzie. It was located on what is now the south-east corner of Islington Avenue North and No. 7 Highway. The pre-Confederation landmark was donated by members of Major Mackenzie's family and will form an integral part of Black Creek Pioneer Village. There is also local interest since Mrs. John Glynn of Limehouse, formerly Jessie Dalziel, is a niece of Mr. Mackenzie and great-great-granddaughter of the immigrants from Pennsylvania.

Urges region headquarters in North Halton location

Halton County Council should give consideration to locating regional government headquarters in North Halton in order to stimulate assessment in that area, Georgetown Reeve Ric Morrow suggested at an Administration Committee meeting of County Council Thursday.

Morrow pointed out Oakville and Burlington already had substantial complexes that could be used as borough headquarters but there were no such complexes in North Halton and one would be needed. He suggested the regional headquarters could be combined in a building to house the North Halton municipal offices.

Warden Anne MacArthur said it would be necessary to know if it would be a three or four borough region before she would comment on the location of headquarters for the region.

The county now employs 333 full time and 96 part time people. Halton Centennial Manor accounts for the largest portion

Firefighters bow

Fergus bantams downed Acton Firefighters 5-2 in the opening game of a best of five Waterloo-Wellington league playoff series in Fergus Saturday afternoon.

Steve Buchanan and Ricky Holmes scored for Acton. Robin Insoe and Mark Morrison shared goaltending duties.

Need water more than garbage

R.R. 2,
Rockwood, Ont.

Dear Sir,
I am delighted to learn the city of Toronto may be going to dump thousands of tons of garbage in a quarry in North Halton.

The timing is perfect. Esquising, the site of the quarry and Nassagaweya townships form the watershed of Halton County. Soon these two townships will become North Halton Region and this dumping issue will give the voters a chance to see what kind of mettle likely candidates are made of.

Those people in Halton who cried out against fluoridation, claiming it would poison the water will surely have something

to cry about when our water is filtered through Toronto's garbage.

About five years ago I read that Toronto's garbage disposal was a \$60,000,000 business per year. It seems that Halton could be expected to suffer the filth whilst someone lines their pockets for the price of a couple of dollars per year quarry licence and the miserable assessment of a few buildings.

One thing is clear to me. Georgetown, Acton, Milton and points between will have to make more noise than the people of Minto or we could become the garbage centre of Ontario.

Wm. A. Johnston

Warden undecided on 3, 4-unit Halton

Warden Mrs. A. MacArthur has not decided whether she favors a four or a three borough region for Halton County. A recent study reporting on a meeting of the Warden's Select Committee on Regional Government suggested she had voted in favor of a three borough region.

The warden indicated she wanted more time to study the situation and ramifications of the borough proposals, before committing herself to a position.

At the meeting a few weeks ago committee members Al Masson, Len Cox and chairman Les

Preston voted in favor of a three borough system. The warden abstained from the voting and Milton Reeve Bob McCuaig opposed the three borough recommendation.

Instead of a 4-1 vote as earlier reported, the vote on that issue should have been reported as 3-1 with the warden abstaining.

Since that meeting the committee has visited several regions already in operation and hopes to learn from mistakes made by pioneers of other regional governments and use their knowledge to bring about a smooth transition here.

Bird chasers beat Milton

Acton pairs won 19 out of 25 doubles matches in an exhibition tournament against the Milton badminton club at the M. Z. Bennett school gym Thursday night.

Competing for the Acton "bird chasers" were Gail Lidkea, Pearl Sawden, Marie Kearley, Donna Aitken, Joan Morris, Stella Brunelle, Liz Clark, Chris Steen, Don Price, Dennis West, George Lee, Radovan Matanac, John Consiglio, Bob Lovell, Al Clark and John Mowat.

The Acton club provided coffee and doughnuts for players on both sides following the matches.

In a similar tournament at Erin the previous week, the Acton club came home with only six wins in 25 games.

Plans are underway to stage a three town tournament in Milton with Acton, Milton and Erin taking part next month.

Seek more parkland from Kingham Hill

Further steps were made to clear the way for more building at Kingham Hill estates when council last week accepted the recommendation of the planning board and approved phase three; the clerk will proceed with rezoning from R2 to R4 subject to the recommendations of the solicitor in respect to the R4 (condominium) zone.

Three representatives of Windland Associates attended council meeting last Wednesday with Mike Brodigan spokesman.

When the representatives of Kingham Hills were there

councillors discussed various problems and looked over site plans.

More parkland
The subject continued after the delegation had left when council reviewed their hopes of obtaining extra land in the subdivision as parkland. They will contact the owners to see if a block of land zoned conservation can be deeded to the town. It is hoped there will be a continuous strip of parkland throughout the subdivision.

The developer is required to dedicate 5 per cent of the property as parkland. This would amount to 2.3 acres.

With the extra land sought, Kingham Hill Estates would give almost 11 acres.

Reasonable request
Councillor Marks explained the request is considered reasonable since the town has the right to take prime land for parkland, and in this case is taking land worth considerably less. He felt the actual dollar value would be about equal. No development is likely for this area.

For the benefit of reeve McKenzie it was clarified the same principle applied to Bovis Homes.

Regular rate

Halton Antique Arms Collectors Association will be charged the regular rental fee of \$75 for use of the community centre for future gun shows, Acton Parks and Recreation Committee decided Monday night.

Last year the association was charged only \$25, because the parks board made use of tables, which the arms collectors stored at the community centre throughout the year.

Parks board granted the association permission to use the building for gun shows on May 13, June 17, July 22 and September 2, 1973 and May 12, June 16, July 21 and September 1, 1974. Councillor Barry Insoe pointed out the 1974 dates might have to be looked at again by another board, if regional government is in force by then.

Antique arms president Hank Ruppert told the board that shows held in the community centre are the largest of their kind in Canada.

PUBLIC MEETING
Regarding
Indusmin's proposal for the disposing of baled solid waste at its Acton quarry.

To be held at
Esquising Community Hall
Stewarttown
BEGINNING 8 P.M.
Wednesday, Feb. 28th
Indusmin cordially invites you to attend.

Ronald's second girl ate more once

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Withhold approval of phase three

Members of Acton Planning Board are disturbed about a tongue of private land which just into phase three of the Bovis Acton Meadows subdivision.

They quizzed engineer Ken Hodges of DeLew Cather, who

was at the regular meeting Thursday, without too much success about the eventual purchase of the property by the developer. So the tongue would not disturb the street plans. The continuation of Acton Boulevard through the subdivision depends on the company procuring the property.

Bantams bow in overtime

Gary Dobbie scored at the eight minute mark of a 10 minute overtime period last night (Tuesday) to give Fergus bantams a 2-1 win over Acton Firefighters in the second game of a best of five Waterloo-Wellington league playoff series.

Fergus won the first game 5-2 and Firefighters must win in Fergus tomorrow (Thursday) night to stay alive in the series.

After two scoreless periods last night Mark Lacroix scored for Fergus at 4.45 of the third stanza.

Joe Gardin netted the Acton goal four minutes later with help from Steve Buchanan and B. J. Legate.

Robin Insoe was outstanding in the Acton nets

Members of planning board decided details were too sketchy for them to approve draft plans the engineer showed. Councillor Norm Elliott was disturbed because densities were not on the map.

Bovis has sold 23 out of the 25 homes in the second phase of the subdivision on the former Seynuck farm before a hole was dug for a basement and are anxious to get going on plans for phase three. Mayor Les Doby said. Mr. Hodges said the company hopes to begin construction of phase three in late summer.

The Board decided more information was necessary before they could endorse the latest phase.

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