

# Cost of education up 6.8 per cent

Halton County Board of Education finalized their budget for 1973 Thursday when they passed estimates of \$46,973,822. The budget represents an increase of about \$3,349,771 or 7.58 per cent over last year.

The budget marks the first in four years that the board hasn't passed a decrease in the mill rate along to the municipalities. The decrease was brought about chiefly by heavy subsidies from the province on education expenditures.

change helps

Taking the county as a whole education expenditures will cause a .17 mill increase. Earlier estimates predicted an increase

of about .8 mills. That change reflected a change in the grant structure.

Four of the municipalities receive decreases while three others will increase. Acton will have a reduced rate of .4 mills, Esqueping a reduction of .76 mills, Nassagaweya a reduction of 6.04 mills and Oakville a reduction of .44 mills.

Burlington will face a .54 mill rate increase, Georgetown 1.04 mills, and Milton's rate will go up .53 mills.

The dramatic decrease for Nassagaweya reflects the decision of the arbitrators to uphold an appeal by Nassagaweya last year. The

appeal brought \$47,000 to Nassagaweya when the township proved it had been unfairly taxed for educational purposes.

Levy \$17,218,854

The board will levy the municipalities for \$17,218,854. Of that Acton will pay \$385,022, Burlington \$7,214,964, Esqueping \$776,594, Georgetown \$1,184,785, Milton \$588,876, Nassagaweya \$397,885 and Oakville will pay \$6,700,898.

The municipal levy accounts for 37.89 per cent of the total funds necessary to run the operation. A general legislative grant from the province accounts for \$28,295,000 or 60.24 per cent while tuition fees and

miscellaneous income accounts for the balance of the revenue.

On the expenditure side of the budget 70.8 per cent of the budget goes toward instruction while 10.87 per cent of the budget is devoted to debt charges, 6.59 per cent for plant and maintenance and 2.48 per cent for transportation.

Other areas of the budget that make up less than two per cent of the total include business administration, educational services, plant maintenance, attendance, health and food services, tuition fees, capital expenditures, and other operating expenses.

Administrators pointed out the

mill rate for a county was up this year but taken over a 10 year period it showed a consistent cut in the rate. A schedule comparing the cost per pupil in Halton compared to nine other boards of a comparable nature shows Halton had the lowest cost per pupil figures again this year in both the secondary and elementary panels. It will cost an estimated \$788 to educate each elementary student and \$1,279 at the secondary level.

A motion by trustee Tony Goodyear to remove \$300,000 from the capital reserve fund and help reduce mill increases was defeated. The board has over \$1,000,000 in the capital reserve fund.

## Peewees portray giant killers

goals and Randy McIntyre, Bert Post and Jeff Shields added singles for Acton. Dave McGiloway earned two assists while Shane Withers, George Brown and Billy Manes each drew brackets on one goal. Orangeville was recently eliminated in the OMHA peewee "A" quarter-finals

Acton V's Men's peewees played the role of giant killers, whitewashing the regular season pennant winners Orangeville 5-0 in the first game of a best of five Waterloo-Wellington league semi-final series here last Wednesday night. It was Acton's first win over Orangeville this year.

Goalie Gary Medland, who blanked Fergus 1-0 in the final game of a quarter-final series recorded his second straight shutout in the Acton nets.

Scott Malcolm potted a pair of

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# Halton Authority concerned about dumping at Indusmin

Members of Halton Region Conservation Authority expressed concern over the proposed use of Indusmin's 22 Sideroad quarry as a dumping site for Metro Toronto's garbage, during a meeting of the authority executive Thursday in Milton.

Although the site is in the watershed of the Credit Valley authority, some members were

concerned that the ground water supplies in the area would be affected. The headwaters of the Sixteen Mile Creek are located near Indusmin's quarry west of Highway 25.

General Manager Murray Stephen said the main concern was the ground water and the company proposing to truck Metro's garbage to the Acton

area has been asked to hire consultants to make a report on water supplies. He noted water was a great concern to many of the people attending the public meeting the quarry had sponsored a few weeks ago.

Stephen felt the dumping project should not proceed until the authority has assurances that the necessary investigations on

the results of the project have been carried out. "It warrants our attention—it may very well happen within our watershed," he warned.

Vice-chairman Allan Wright of Burlington felt the authority doesn't have the expertise to say if the dumping is good or bad, and should await some expert advice. He thought it was an

interesting development though — for years conservationists have been worrying about the gaping holes left by pits and quarries, and now someone has an idea for how they could be filled up again.

Authority chairman Brock Harris pointed out the garbage to be dumped at Indusmin was Toronto's, and not local garbage. "The next thing we know, we could be overloaded with it," he said.

"Our garbage is no better than their garbage," interjected Oakville member Kelly New.

"Dead against"

Esqueping member Len Cox said he was "dead set against it."

"This whole area could be one big garbage dump," added chairman Harris. "We must remember Indusmin isn't the only quarry in Halton County," added Cox. He felt Toronto should have to show why the garbage should come here, before the municipality (Esqueping Township) has to spend "thousands of dollars to prove it shouldn't be done."

At Stephen's suggestion, the Authority will write the Minister of Natural Resources and the Ministry of the Environment, expressing the authority's concern and asking for information on how such a project could affect the district's ground water supplies.

## Road in greenbelt concerns dep-reeve

Accepting planning board's recommendation Acton council Tuesday approved the application for rezoning of Acton Meadows for phase 3.

So final approval of plans will rest with the town, a one foot easement will be placed around two lots which have not been sold to the developer and around R4 areas involved. The two lots involved are long ones, facing Churchill Rd., in line with an extension of Acton Blvd.

Green Belt

Perusing the plans tacked up on a large board deputy-reeve Marks said he was disappointed to see a main intersection in the middle of the green belt. He

recalled hopes that a green belt would extend all through town along the banks of the creek, for the benefit of walkers. He wondered if all other possibilities had been exhausted. "This is the time to have foresight," he said.

He made a motion that the plan be referred back to the administration committee, which lost when he found just two supporters. However when the final resolution was read for granting rezoning only Mr. Marks opposed it.

Plans altered

Mayor Duby recalled the plan had already been changed and now conforms with the Conservation Authority wishes.

## Real estate firm opens downtown

Another business change in downtown Acton will see Bramalea Realty Limited open a branch office in the store formerly occupied by Watson's Music.

Broker-manager of the new real estate facility is Norm Wright, son of Fred Wright, respected and well known insurance and real estate agent in Acton for 40 years.

Norm has been active in real estate since 1949 when he joined his father in partnership and operated the Guelph branch office until 1955 when he joined the Canada Trust Co.'s Guelph branch and formed their real estate and property management department. Leaving Canada Trust, Mr. Wright conducted an industrial real estate brokerage,

operating mainly out of Toronto. Norm's father, Fred has given up his real estate activities but is still active, observing his 80th birthday recently.

Bramalea Realty handles all types of sales. "You can even purchase an airport from us," says Norm Wright, who holds a private pilot's license and does quite a lot of flying out of nearby airports. He says that Acton has recently come of age, meaning no part time real estate activity is allowed since it passed the 5,000 mark.

Norm hopes to have the new office open April 1. Although he has lived in Guelph since his discharge from the armed services in 1946, he says he has always considered Acton, the town where he was born and grew up, as home.

## Limehouse Real estate moving

By Mrs. A. Benton  
We are pleased to see Mrs. Harvey Norton about again following surgery in Guelph General Hospital a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Anderson and family were guests at the wedding of her sister Ruth to Mr. David McCahan at St. Cuthbert's United Church, Toronto and the reception at the home of the bride on Mar. 10.

The 4-H girls worked on their garments and compiled their records at recent meetings.

Five properties  
Real estate is moving in our area, five properties recently having been sold.

Heather Lindsay is our newest candystriper, helping out at hospital in Georgetown. Velma Linham, a former one, is now a nurse-in-training at Brantford.

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## Let's talk about HORSES

with Jennifer Barr

The mailman brought a lovely pink letter from a very young horsewoman the other day and it's all here.

Question: I take riding lessons and my horse is a bay but do not know her breed. There are three other horses in the stable. One is a pinto or is she a paint? Well any how she is brown and white. The other horses are geldings. One of them is black but he is not true black because he turns dark brown in the summer. The other one is a chestnut; his one fault is that he has a short neck. Your story about AnnaBelle is good. I

am thinking of keeping a horse myself, P. S. Is bay a breed? Answer: The brown and white horse is called a pinto. The black horse may be a real black who gets sunburned in the summer—yes, horses can get sunburned. I'm afraid bay is a color not a breed, a lot of the best horses are mongrels, so don't let it worry you. Keep up the riding lessons and do get a horse if you possibly can.

Please send letters to Jennifer Barr, R. R. 2, Acton.

## Bants aid

The hockey season ended for Acton CFAW midgets when they bowed 5-4 to Meaford in the second round of the Wingham tournament last Wednesday.

Russ Van Fleet fired a hat trick and Charlie McRae added a single goal for Acton in the game against Meaford.

Against Exeter bantam Steve Buchanan scored the winning goal in the final five minutes.

John McCutcheon also scored for Acton, as did John Hansen twice and Charlie McRae once.

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