

# Acton council briefs

Acton council had a full agenda Tuesday of last week. After adjournment at 10:30 p.m. council reconvened as committees to further consider the budget.

The budget is coming along well, Mayor Les Duby said. All members of council attended the regular meeting except councillor Norm Elliott.

Council authorized the signing of a collective union agreement for 1973-74 for the town's outside employees, members of the Canadian Public Employees local 73.

Final reading was given to the town's bicycle bylaw by council Tuesday. The bylaw does not come into effect until June 1. Licences will likely be issued from the police office.

Councillors indicated if they will be attending the Town and Village Section conference in Leamington or the Association of Municipalities of Ontario convention in Toronto so accommodation may be arranged.

Date of Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 was set for the Assessment Review Court. The province took this responsibility over the past two years but it has been handed back to the local municipalities. Councillors sitting as the court determine which taxes will be written off as uncollectable.

Acton Development Commission had written council requesting a comfort station which might be located opposite the town hall. Council Tuesday mentioned the fact there is a public washroom in the town hall. "It's not commonly known," they agreed.

Halton county requested advance payment of one-third on the 1973 levy and council agreed, after discussion. Mr. Usher indicated it would be no financial problem. Deputy-reeve Marks pointed out Acton's share is less than 2 per cent of the county total and Acton might set a good example by willingness to pay in advance. The payment is normally sent in one sum late in the year. Acton's levy for 1973 will be up by 6 per cent. Amount involved in the payment is \$24,646.

Concern was expressed by councillor Masales that Heritage Homes and council both have the same engineer—R. V. Anderson Associates. Council had requested a field supervisor of drainage at the site of homes on Churchill St. Suggestions on how the problem might be corrected had been sent to council by the engineer. Councillors had been aware of the situation but few homes are involved in this project. Mr. Masales felt a policy statement should be made for the future.

An agreement will be signed for the Wallace St. culvert extension. Specifications involve dropping the grade, and plans were checked out by council.

Plans for intersection improvement at No. 7 and No. 25 have been sent to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for approval.

The condition of Highway No. 7 between Acton and Guelph had been discussed at both committee meetings of council. A letter will be sent to the Ministry asking plans for this stretch of highway and other highway improvements in the area.

Letters of congratulations are to be sent to Ted Curtis and Don Swackhamer who passed O.W.R.C. exams.

Crowley Groundwater Limited, who are making well investigations here, must wait till the ground frost is out before bringing in equipment. Authorization has been received to move the equipment on the highways.

Erin township advised Acton they had a new tank fire truck and should Acton need it for use in Erin, it would be available.

Council learned regional police matters have been discussed by representatives of Burlington, Oakville, Georgetown and Milton. The Commission secretary thought Acton did not have a police department and had written the town to suggest a councillor might wish to attend the meetings. On receipt of the letter former clerk-administrator Joe Hurst had immediately phoned the secretary to advise him we do indeed have a police department and accept his explanation of the oversight and assurance the situation would be rectified. Orval Chapman will be Acton's representative to the meetings on regional policing.

Normal subsidy of \$50,000 is approved for roads in town. The Ministry also approved the town's proposed expenditures and five year forecast on roads.

Bower Ave. reconstruction debenture by-law was passed.

Special accounts were paid for highway 25 watermain, townline watermain and pump house.

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# Ukrainian camp will retain, convert old house

Although the Ukrainian Youth Association had been given permission by Esqueusing township to demolish the old farm house on their camp property, this decision was changed Monday night following the appearance at council meeting of two camp representatives.

Stephen Kuz, counsel for the Association, made the presentation assisted by Robert Hirnyk.

Two councillors, Dick Howitt and deputy-reeve Len Cox, opposed the change but were outvoted.

The Association had previously been given permission to demolish the old house and to build a new camp administration centre and ten housekeeping units.

The administration centre has been built and the new proposal is to convert the old farm house into two housekeeping units. Other units would be constructed later.

## Change with grant

Mr. Kuz explained their change in thinking came with receipt of a Local Initiatives grant. The group now feels conversion of the house would be less expensive than tearing it down and rebuilding.

He also explained the area planned for the eight house-keeping units was found not too suitable because of drainage problems and likely only three or four units would be built there. They will be rented to parents.

Council had received a letter detailing the camp plans. Deputy-reeve Cox found it disconcerting council had agreed to allow a new building on the understanding the old house would be razed.

I get the impression you are taking us for a ride, declared councillor Howitt. You got the building you wanted before and now you want to keep the old building. I get the feeling you're

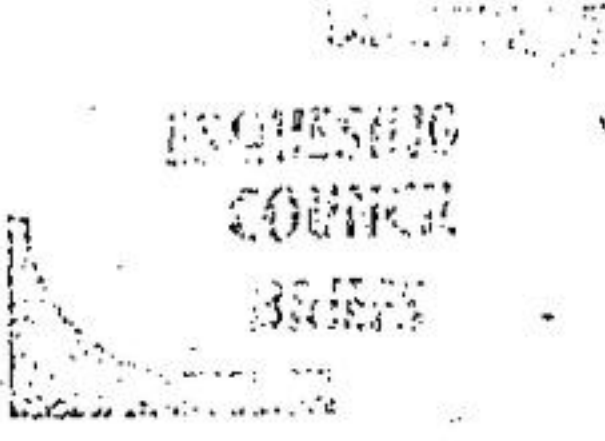
## finagling.

Mr. Kuz explained their only source of income is from parents and donations, and with the LIP grant the situation had changed. The camp has co-operated for its 20 years in the township and plans for 500 children each summer.

Mr. Howitt repeated his concern the association was not "levelling" with council. Mr. Cox agreed the association had made a deal to trade the old house for the new administration building, and now appeared to be trading cottages for the old building to remain.

Councillor George Maitby had visited the camp site and felt the new proposal made good economics.

A motion requiring the Ukrainian Youth Association to comply with its agreement to demolish the house lost. The camp is on the fourth line near Acton.



Esqueusing township council met Monday evening in the township hall with all members present.

## Toronto International Dragway

manager David Pratt requested by letter that council reconsider their earlier decision and allow the track to open sooner, either May 5 or 12. Council decided to abide by the decision already made on an opening date. Mr. Pratt was to be informed his application for license renewal would be approved on the same conditions as last year.

## A letter was received from a Willowdale man

protesting the fact motorcycles are not allowed to drag on the strip. Councillors agreed the bylaw would not change.

## The solicitor will attend two hearings

Albert and Margaret Dewdney and Donald Peters' hearings follow Committee of Adjustment decisions on sales of land. Hearings are April 16.

## Limehouse Women's Institute

wrote to council expressing concern at Indusmin quarry being used for garbage. Deputy-reeve Cox praised the letter and councillor Howitt thought their permission should be sought to send a copy to the Minister. The Institute commended council for their stand. "We recommend that you maintain the high standard for a good life for which Esqueusing has long been known," the letter concluded.

## Alastair Skinner presented the auditors' report

reviewing it and answering questions. It was noted tax arrears are down considerably, believed due to interim billing.

## Russell Miller and Doug Bryant

appeared before council on behalf of the Glen Williams Minor Softball Association presenting last year's financial reports. They explained items and said they hope to have as many as 150 involved this year. They will return to talk about a grant after registration. Russell Miller explained that as a former councillor he thought council would like to see how the taxpayers' money is put to good use.

# OUR READERS WRITE:

## Centennial committee for marriage?

Acton Free Press.

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I'm not sure whom to contact about this so the Free Press will be the medium. I would like to know if there could possibly be such an honor as being known as Acton's

first Centennial marriage.

I am engaged and thought it would be a great honor. I'm not disclosing my name as yet. Is there a Centennial Committee that could help me out?

Yours very truly,  
W.D.W.

## Root of problem is today's living

Dear Sir:

We have read, with a good deal of interest, the article entitled "No One Drug Problem" which recently appeared on your editorial page.

It is our considered opinion that our society is not faced with a drug or alcohol abuse crisis. Instead, what actually faces us is a "people problem". It would appear that life — everyday living with all its requirements — has become simply too much!

We truly need help! However, there was one specific sentence which we hereby quote:

"Parents in Acton are concerned about

the use of drugs and the temptations youngsters are faced with at school functions, and this seems to fit in with the pattern in other places across the country."

Therefore, because of this statement, we are interested in hearing from the parents of Acton concerning this very important issue. What we are primarily interested in hearing about are the reasons, why!

Letters may be mailed to the address below.

Yours truly,  
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# M.P. favors retention

In a recent essay by Halton-Wentworth M.P. Bill Kempling, he favors the retention of capital punishment.

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"We must examine the penalty for non-capital murder and the competence of the parole system as it pertains to non-capital murder.