

Ottawa Report

by
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Various bureaucrats, I suppose, perform some valuable functions, e.g. they raise families and pay taxes. However from reading the myriad of annual, departmental, monthly and special reports that are regularly dumped out of the offices of the bureaucrats, one really wonders what else go on in there.

To date I have been subjected to no less than 100 of such shiny covered pearls of wisdom. They reveal in telling me, nearly always in the most pedantic language possible, why their particular agency, board or department is the greatest thing since sliced bread. Mrs. Brown, my secretary, tells me that she has thrown out another 100 or so for fear of my throwing them at her if she dare junk up my desk with any more.

They report on every area of governmental activity from Air

Canada to Veterans Affairs to something called P.F.R.A. (Public Farm Rehabilitation and Related Activities), a service of DRRR Canada Department of Regional and Economic Expansion. So help me, it is all on the cover in both official languages.

But if you really want to go bankers, try reading some of the mind-numbing officialese set out in these reports, usually in all seriousness.

Here follows a little gem from the annual report of the Department of Manpower & Immigration:

"MTP (of course you know that means Canada Manpower Training (or The Job Program) was introduced to encourage and assist employers to prepare for future expansion by engaging a substantial number of the unemployed employables in learning on-the-job skills that are

transferable between employers, have a continuing value and that will increase their employability or earning capacity and prepare them to take advantage of future employment growth."

Of this from the proposed Income Tax regulations, Manufacturing and Processing Profits:

"The manufacturing and processing profits of such a corporation for a taxation year will be that proportion of its Canadian active business income for the year which its manufacturing labour plus manufacturing capital is of its total labour plus total capital for the year. This can be expressed as:

MP equals ML+MC over TL+TC equals XABI

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ML equals 100/75 of direct manufacturing and processing labour

TL equals total labour related to ABI

MC equals 100/85 of direct manufacturing and processing fixed capital

TC equals total fixed capital related to ABI

ABI equals active business income earned in Canada, other than resource profits.

If you have read this far and are still awake this one is guaranteed to put you to sleep. From the 1973 Economic Review:

"The federal and provincial governments maintained in 1972 the expansionary fiscal stance which had been initiated early in 1970. This was reflected in the net position for the total government sector which, on a national income accounts basis, moved to a further \$1,102 million towards deficit."

In other words the government spent more than they collected. So what else is new?

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OTHER HALF of the Ospringe girls' softball league, the Mets posed for a team picture. Pictured front row l. to r. are, Susan Bradford, Judy Johnson, Laura Rayner, Gina Butchers, Nadia Kuczka, Susan Stewart, Judy Stewart. Back row l. to r. are assistant

coach Linda McKenzie, Phyllis Rayner, Janet Van Der Heyd, Valerie Fraser, Cecilia Milton, coach Lydia Dudnik.

(Photo by D. Gibbons)

Ask permission to store trucks along 25 Hwy.

Although pressed to give an early answer, Esquing council said it would be two weeks before they could decide whether it would be legal for Harlin Construction Ltd. to store tractor trailers and make vehicle repairs on land the company owns along 25 Highway, north of Milton. There are other truck yards in the area.

H. K. Webb appeared before council Monday, describing the company owned parcel which has 53 acres on one side and Harlin Truck Sales on the other. The south-west corner is occupied by an Esso service center. The company proposes to store sand and gravel trucks there and will fix up the old barn on the property to use them for repair centres.

Mr. Webb suggested the lot has been used in the past for storing damaged vehicles and therefore came under a non-conforming use. He urged council to act immediately since there was no place to park the trucks.

Council countered they must first take the matter up in committee first and then make the decision in open general meeting, which would take two weeks.

Up fine

Halton County Administration Committee has recommended upping the fine for those convicted of violating the tree act to a minimum of a \$200 fine and a maximum of \$2,000. The current penalty has a maximum fine of \$500.

The by-law will prohibit the burning or cutting of certain species of trees below a certain size.

Erin twp. council:

At the regular meeting, June 4, Erin township council: Was told that \$100,000 was paid on the township's bank loan in May, leaving \$63,500 outstanding. Reeve Lang suggested paying off the loan, reminding council that there was \$102,600 in their bank account. A motion was passed to do so.

Was informed the Grand River Conservation Levy for 1973 would be \$7,389.16.

Discussed the Hillsburgh trustees' request for the township's acquisition of the mill pond property, and decided no action would be taken. It was commented that the Conservation Authority should be buying the pond property themselves to control the head waters, instead of their recent farm acquisition for \$75,000.

Received a letter from George Rutter asking support for the Ospringe Softball League which now includes 60 girls and 24 boys. A motion was passed to grant them \$100.

Drafted a letter asking Wellington County to take over the 17 Sideroad from Road 24 to Road 23 and absorb the cost into the county road system.

Halton Helping Hands wins grant renewal

Terry O'Connor, MP for Halton, today announced the renewal by the federal government of a "particularly worthy" L.I.P. project, Halton Helping Hands. The program employs about 25 people who provide home services, repair work, and other personal assistance to over 400 elderly and chronically ill persons in Halton County. As with all L.I.P. projects, funding for Halton Helping Hands expired May 31st. The renewal, amounting to \$80,040, will extend the program until Nov. 30, 1973.

The announcement marks the successful end of efforts by those running the program, by many of the beneficiaries and by O'Connor who had taken the renewal request to Manpower Minister, Robert Andras.

"I feel that most of the credit goes to the project organizers who have provided such a worthwhile service, and to the nearly 100 beneficiaries who wrote to me in praise of the service. Armed with these letters, my job of convincing the Minister to grant the renewal was made much easier," said O'Connor.

Unemployment drops Halton Helping Hands was originally slated for termination because the unemployment rate in the area had fallen below the 6.8 percent national average. L.I.P. programs are designed to provide jobs in high unemployment areas, and only those areas with rates over 6.8 percent were considered for renewal.

"However, the Minister could hardly ignore the tremendous benefit to the community of a project like Halton Helping

Hands. I was able to convince him that, having created the service, he couldn't simply leave people high and dry. But they must now make every effort to obtain other means of funding for the period after Nov. 30," he said.

Escarpment, parkway "too much sacrifice" says president of OFA

"The provincial government's land-use plans for the Niagara Escarpment and the Parkway Belt System ringing metro Toronto ask farmers to sacrifice too much," says Gordon Hill, President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

Hill is a Varma hog and white bean farmer from Huron County. "We support land-use planning but not at the farmer's expense," he says.

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What council did

Council dealt with many items at their regular meeting Tuesday of last week, and were advised of other business and discussions through their committee minutes. All members of council attended the meeting with the mayor in the chair.

Councillor Chapman explained the need for a second police cruiser in town.

A swampy section of Fairview cemetery will be left in its natural state. H. H. Hinton attended the administration committee meeting of council to remind council a decision had been made some time ago that no fill would be deposited in this area in an effort to protect the wildlife. Council agreed no further dumping would be permitted there. The swale is located officially between Blocks W and M. It is to the north-west of a strip of plots in the hollow.

Mr. Hinton also asked council to give consideration to retaining trees on the Grindell property. Councillor Elliott informed Mr. Hinton there is a possibility these lots will be sold and the committee would attempt if possible to save some of the trees.

The clerk was authorized by committee to proceed with the necessary documents to rezone lots on Mill W, near Acton Blvd. from parkland to residential R1.

A town-owned lot on Main St. beside O'Rourke's will remain zoned for conservation. The Credit Valley Conservation

Authority felt any infringement on the marsh would be undesirable and objected to rezoning.

An order has been placed for cemetery taps that will shut off automatically, due to the constant vandalism.

Chain link fence will be installed around the perimeter of Fairview cemetery. Required is 2,126 feet of six-foot fencing.

Council agreed to pay the cost of some new flags for the Decoration Day committee.

The clerk, who had been asked to inquire about a plebiscite on the upcoming election in October, informed council committee it would be possible. However, since the province is absorbing the costs of this election any additional items may be charged back to the local municipality who created them.

Esquing council informed Acton they agreed to pay half the cost of double surfacing Churchill Rd. N. to the curling club. However they didn't agree completely with Acton's plan for 3-inch paving down Churchill to the landfill disposal site and preferred to see 2-inch depth. The work will proceed on a cost-sharing basis.

The centennial building project of Acton Legion was endorsed by council by resolution. Services will be provided to the site, the Nellis property on Mill

St. W.

Bicycles on highways worried councillor Earl Masales, who wondered if they should be regulated the same as snowmobiles. It was suggested Acton might formulate a resolution to present at the next conference of municipalities.

Arund renovation could cost about \$8,000 more than expected. Barry Insoce told council, asking their reaction. Clerk Grant Usher felt this might be offset by grants. No objection was voiced.

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