

Mayor to contest council seat

Acton mayor L.A. (Les) Duby decided this week he would run for a seat on the North Halton Council, representing Acton (Ward One).

He is the second member of the present council to make his intentions to stand for re-election. Reeve G.W. (Pat) McKenzie indicated he would run two weeks ago.

Mayor Duby says he feels there should be some continuity of knowledge in the new council and thus has made himself available for office.

He has 14 years' council experience, three of them as a councillor and 11 years as mayor of Acton. He has been active in the now defunct Town and Village Section of the Ontario Municipal Association, serving as president, also as an executive member of the Association of Mayors and Reeves, past president and member-at-large of the Central Ontario Regional Development Council, as well as being appointed to the Committee on Rehabilitation of Pits and Quarries and the Committee on Urban Renewal in the '70's from the mayors and Reeves.

Earlier he had reservations about running in view of the amount of time involved on a North Halton council but feels he has resolved the problem with his employer and can devote the necessary time to do the job.

"I want to keep my oar in," he told the Free Press, noting the advent of regional government should be advantageous for those who have worked for its inception. The mayor has been approached to contest the mayoralty seat but declined because of the amount of time involved.

WEARING AN ORANGE SASH 110 years old, and surveying some of the antiques he has collected during the past year, Wes Brown celebrates the 12th of July in an unusual manner Thursday. An avid antique collector since he retired, he has many unique items in his collection at his trailer home at the Breezes park, R.R. 1, Acton.

—H. Coles Photo



J.T. Hurst to run for council seat

Former clerk-administrator J.T. (Joe) Hurst announced this week that he will be a candidate for the North Halton area council, to be elected in October.

He is the third resident of Acton to indicate they will run for a council post. Reeve G.W. (Pat) McKenzie announced his intention to contest the regional seat for the Acton ward on July 4. Mayor Les Duby made his announcement this week.

Acton will have three representatives on the North Halton council, one of whom will do double duty as the regional representative.

Mr. Hurst is a native of Acton with experience in political affairs both at the municipal and county level. He was employed by the town as assistant clerk and assumed the clerk-administrator's post when Jack McGeachie left to take the Milton position, for 14 years.

Twice on council he also was elected for two terms to Acton council, serving as chairman of the finance committee during his second term. He has been a member of the parks board and recreation committee and served on the county industrial committee for seven years, as well as on the TECO committee which was composed of clerks and treasurers of the county, and from which much of the framework of regional government originated.

Mr. Hurst feels his experience both at the administrative level and his knowledge of the district would be useful in the new area. He believes he has the necessary time to see it through. He retired as clerk-administrator in March of this year.

Anne wants no hydro lines running along 401 Hwy

In a rage of anger, Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. Anne MacArthur threatened her township would withdraw its financial support from Halton Region Conservation Authority if HCRA members were to recommend a hydro route along Highway 401. Route R, one of the proposed alternative hydro line routes, would follow Highway 401 and cross Mrs. MacArthur's property, she said.

"If you're going to put it through Nassagaweya, don't come to us next year and ask for \$1,500. I'm really upset and really up-tight about it," she said at an Authority land use advisory board meeting Thursday night.

Mrs. MacArthur reasoned the Highway 401 route would destroy five properties and totally wipe out one farm, including buildings.

Ruled out. The original route was through the northern part of Nassagaweya but hydro people ruled it out due to public outcry.

Mrs. MacArthur charged, "It was a large number of rich Toronto barons in King Township that used their influence in Toronto to change that first route."

The Authority itself could not come up with a recommendation as there were five motions—all turned down by the members—until finally, after two and a half hours of discussion a motion to postpone a decision on the hydro line alternatives to July 24 was passed.

No proposals. One of the motions overruled was by Oakville representative Rick Day recommending the Authority not deal with the matter and make no proposals at this year.

all. Reeve MacArthur strongly favored that recommendation, saying, "I think it's up to Nassagaweya to choose the route it favors and the same for North Burlington and Esqueving. I don't think it's fair to ask an opinion of the Authority members whose lands are not involved. It's up to the municipalities to fight it out."

Authority General Manager

Murray Stephen pointed out there were four Authority properties being affected by the 401 route which the staff originally favored, the largest of these being the Mountsberg Wildlife Preserve. Stephen agreed with Esqueving representative Len Cox's recommendation that the staff make their recommendations and bring it back to the

Authority for consideration. Authority Chairman Brock Harris pointed out route Q, would mean 610 feet of hydro lines would be erected between Rattlesnake Point and Mt. Nemo.

Settlement . . .

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In-training was restricted to six months. Five of the men returned to work Friday and the sixth reported Monday morning.

Mayor Les Duby was happy about the settlement and feels future disagreements will be settled easier by adherence to the collective bargaining agreement. Council said this had not been followed in the negotiations which led to the walkout.

The men meanwhile feel they won their point since all cases of a disciplinary action must be taken to the superintendent or in the event of his absence to the clerk. The foreman in training can be a working member of the 11 man force providing he does not take a job away from a member of the union.

Set up program. A committee of council is to meet with the new foreman and set up a training program and discuss the ability to handle men and assume supervision. If possible the foreman will also be

asked to take a human relations course at one of the community colleges, if such a course is available.

Council is to set up a labor management committee with the aid of the Department of Labor. Serious grievances must be filed according to the contract and must be in writing.

Skilled operators on job sites will be responsible only to the superintendent and skilled operators at the pollution control plant are responsible for all plant procedures.

The union accepted all the terms and returned to work with no loss of salary credits or seniority, except for missing pay for the time they were out.

Weeks of dispute. The resignations last week followed weeks of dispute with council over the set-up of a town foreman. The post was awarded to Brent Marshall, a younger member of the works staff who council felt had the ability to handle the job. The men, however, thought someone with

longer seniority should have had the position. Several weeks of bargaining followed and resignations were handed in from four men early in June and then withdrawn when a job segment and job responsibilities were set up.

The men involved had 64 years of service with the town. They were Sam Tennant, John Van den Brink, Don Swackhamer, John Dunn, Larry Fritzell and Ernie Medland.

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