

Council scrap centennial project - back Lions' pool

Acton council unanimously endorsed a resolution dissolving the project half of the recently formed two part centennial committee and threw their weight behind Acton Lions Club \$200,000 swimming pool as a worthy centennial project.

Councillors discussed centennial at the regular meeting Tuesday after receiving a letter from the centennial committee favoring the scrapping of a separate centennial project and throwing support behind the Lions Club swimming pool. The committee pointed out there was a proliferation of other centennial projects such as a new Legion hall, tennis courts and swimming pool which would be sufficient burden for taxpayers without adding another.

Committee members recommended dissolving the project committee and restructuring it into one committee to arrange a suitable centennial program. Deputy-Reeve Peter Marks and Councillor Norm Elliott prepared a resolution endorsing the recommendations which later passed.

However, councillors decided support for the Lions project would be restricted to grants and other available money which would not change the present tax structure. This, because of the new form of regional government.

Councillor Bill Coats said the Halton Hills council could veto any financial aid the present council tried to make, or could provide more financial aid as they saw fit, but their hands were tied now.

The mayor suggested council should do everything in its power to help the Lions but it should be tied down so as many grants as were available could be procured.

Clerk Grant Usher reminded that the town had applied for a \$165,000 project approval for the community centre, the original centennial project, which the province had approved and sent on to Ottawa for federal approval. He said the request could be intercepted and switched to provide funds for a swimming pool while it was in transition.

Council had applied for the maximum grant which would look after 100 per cent of labor costs under the winter works project which could amount to as much as \$52,000 in fortunate cases.

"It is a possible grant to be considered," said Councillor Elliott.

Questioned by Councillor Orv Chapman about the possibility of Acton residents having to help pay for the Town of Georgetown's new sports complex, Mayor Duby said it had been laid down by the province that only the benefiting municipality must pay if present council approved such projects. However, the new Halton Hills council's decisions was another matter and he refrained from comment.

Councillor Coats suggested that council endorse the Lions Club swimming pool by making it the town's centennial project but Councillor Elliott cautioned against proceeding too far. "It's their project," he said, "and they might object to making it the town's project."

By the same token they want help from every source said the deputy-reeve Peter Marks.

"We must give them credit," said Coats.

Council minutes revealed a delegation of Lions consisting of Lion Chief Tom Fountain and Art Gordon discussed the proposed swimming pool adjacent to Acton high school with the administration committee the previous Tuesday. Art Gordon said cost of the 25 metre pool would be in the neighborhood of \$200,000, complete with sauna baths.

The Lions intend to canvass the town and area for funds, they will contribute out of their funds and asked the town to contribute a sum as well.

The clerk was asked to investigate grants available through the Community Centres Act and the Winter Capital Works Project fund. Members of the centennial committee, which like its predecessor the centennial commission has been running smack into disinterest and other drawbacks, met in closed session with council prior to Tuesday's meeting.

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Georgetown motion clears ballot recount

Georgetown council jumped the gun last week to ensure Acton deputy-reeve Peter Marks a recount of votes in the Ward One (Acton) regional councillor race.

Tuesday night they had to repeat the previous motion and pass an identical one in order to conform with the Provincial Election Act which states any request must wait until after noon of October 4. The three day delay is to allow the returning officer to check the count of each poll.

Marks and Reeve G. W. (Pat) McKenzie of Acton were only two votes apart in the October 1 election with McKenzie polling 874 votes and Marks 872.

Georgetown council had to take the necessary recount action despite the fact it was an Acton candidate who made the request, because the clerk of Georgetown, Doug Fritchard, served as returning officer for the election.

The motion stated that in council's opinion a recount would be in the public interest and the judge of the district court should be advised accordingly.

Mayor Bill Smith said the motion had to be passed that night so the recount could be made before the October 18 inaugural ceremonies.

No date for the recount had been set at time of going to press but Monday, October 15 was mentioned as a likely date.

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Students plan chariathon to aid March of Dimes fund

Acton's main street will temporarily be turned into the "Via Milia" Friday, October 19, the day the Acton High students' council has set aside for a chariathon to raise money for the March of Dimes.

A parade of makeshift Roman chariots down Mill St. will precede the big event which will get underway at the park track at 4.15 p.m.

A chariathon operates much like a marathon or walkathon with sponsors paying entrants so much a lap, except that sponsors may also buy advertising space on the chariots themselves.

Open construction Charliots may be constructed out of almost anything. The only regulations are that they must have two to four wheels and be drawn by human horses who fast-walk not run. This allows younger students from the M.Z. Bennett and Robert Little schools to compete on an equal basis.

Old wine barrels, bath tubs, wagons etc. have been transformed into chariots for previous chariathons held at area high schools. In Georgetown the students' council raised \$1700 for the March of Dimes. One enterprising young man allowed friends to write their names on his chariot for five cents apiece and ended up with \$150 which he turned over to the worthy cause.

Issues badges The students' council plans to issue "ID" badges to students canvassing for sponsorship.

A group of AHS students, all members of the Acton Citizens' Band has offered to provide marching music for the pre-chariathon parade down Mill St.

This year's students' council slate of officers includes president Angelo Albano, vice-president Rick Bonnetto, secretary Susan Kamal and treasurer Susan McPhail.

The March of Dimes Disability Fund aids handicapped adults in Ontario in living a reasonably normal life.



\$12,900 to repave

Acton Council accepted the \$12,900 tender of Graham Bros. for the paving of Acton Boulevard at a meeting Tuesday.

Work is to start immediately on the street which has had extensive reconstruction during the summer months. Mayor Les Duby said the town was fortunate to get a paver at such a late date.

An estimated \$127,945.37 has been spent resurfacing Acton streets during the past few weeks and council decided to initiate a three point program recommended by the town engineer to obtain longer road life. The program includes cleaning storm sewers, checking and regrading ditches and half-load limits on roads in the spring.

\$10,000

Acton councillors got two separate dollar bouquets Tuesday night which brought delighted grins.

Clerk Grant Usher informed them the \$14,000 they thought had been overspent was only \$600. He explained one \$14,000 entry had slipped through "the machine" twice, causing the error.

The clerk added gravy by advising Councillor Insoce that the town had been granted \$10,000 for renovations done on the arena over the past three years.



TEAMWORK PAID OFF for the Acton Rotary Club, as they staged a very successful Thanksgiving fowl supper at the M.Z. Bennett school Friday night. It was the second in a series of four community dinners the club has planned.

Veteran restaurateur Tom Watson (top left) and Rotarian Fred Dawkins watch the vegetables boil in the kitchen. Rotarian Dave Manes supplies a bowl of

spuds to one of waitresses (bottom left). Karen Manes (top right) gets ready to serve pumpkin and apple pie to a tableful of hungry customers. Digging in (bottom right), the Neeley family, Dave, Donna and son Donald appeared to be enjoying themselves. The club is planning a spaghetti and pizza night for January.

(D. Gibbons photos)

Hill's lead 189

An error in the Esqueing advance poll reduced Georgetown mayor Bill Smith's totals by 60 votes in last week's election. The count now stands at 3651 for mayor-elect Tom Hill and 3462 for Smith, giving Hill 189 votes more than his closest pursuer.

The error occurred when the Esqueing advance poll was reported as six and then corrected to seven by crossing out the six. However, both numbers remained on the board and were added as 67 votes instead of six and seven.

Traffic stopper

A slow-up of Highway 25 traffic south of Acton on Saturday afternoon led to general consternation of several drivers who assumed that Chudleigh's apple picking popularity was stretching further afield than usual.

Everything was soon under control however and motorists learned that the jam was confined to only a few dozen cars which were held up just outside of Acton due to a terrified turtle toiling towards the centre of the highway causing a terrific traffic tie up.

The motorist in front of the line-up had seen the turtle, stopped his vehicle, and taken the time to transport the Testudinata to the safety of the adjacent field.

Approximately \$130 in cash and silver was reported missing after a break and entry at the Olympia drive-in.

Coats takes Marks, Free Press to task

Councillor Bill Coats said deputy-reeve Marks and the Free Press had been misrepresenting council regarding approvals to housing developments which allegedly could put a strain on the town's water pollution control plant.

Speaking in a discussion about R4 zoning in the third phase of the Bovis Acton Meadows development, on the former Seynuck farm, Coats claimed both Marks and the Free Press had made it appear as if councillors were just making random guesses about approving developments in town when actually they followed a long study in which professional planners and engineers played a large part.

He pointed out plans of subdivision were appraised by planning board, professional engineers and then additional professional advice before council gave them their seal of approval from a layman's viewpoint. He said council had also been critical of developers' plans and often sent them back for changes but the deputy-reeve and the Free Press made it appear as if it was a haphazard guess.

The deputy reeve said council frowned on developers who came along and pointed out where they wanted R4 parcels. Individual citizens on the other hand must prove why it can't be done. The double standard also extended to when the developer said it was within the capacity of the town when they should be compelled to prove their point.

"You should have been hollering about six months ago, not now," Councillor Earl Masales retorted, noting negotiations were now well advanced and had been going on for months.

"I did," claimed Marks. He said Coats was misrepresenting what he and the Free Press said, and in essence was, "Let's stop and take a look." He told council previous professional advice had been paid consultants had been faulty such as figuring gallons in U.S. instead of Imperial measure and it was council's duty to probe and take steps beyond consultants who now had taken the town to a situation which the province thought excessive.

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Police committee chairman and Councillor Earl Masales, roads chairman, made the presentations. The awards were made by the Hamilton Automobile Club on behalf of the Canadian Automobile Association at a luncheon in Hamilton attended by Reeve G. W. McKenzie.

Corporal Arbour said much of the credit for the enviable safety record should go to crossing guards.

"Let's pass by," said Councillor Orv Chapman. "The election's over—it's time we did some work."

Later council passed a resolution not agreeing to objections with Marks and Councillor Insoce opposed but not before Councillor Elliott, another exponent of developmental "brakes" explained why he favored going ahead. He said the Bovis R4 development had been approved in principle earlier than development already completed at Kingham Hill Estates and it wouldn't be fair to try and stop it now.

"I'm still convinced there should be a moratorium on land not approved," he said. "We're all of the same mind," the mayor concluded.

CRACKING THE WHIP Acton High student's council president Angelo Albano started his horses working this week in preparation for the exciting Chariathon the AHS students council will stage, Friday, October 19 in the park to raise money for the March of Dimes. Following a parade from the school down Mill St. chariot competitions will be held on the track in the park. Sponsors may purchase advertising on the sides of makeshift chariots which may be constructed out of almost anything or offer so much a lap to competitors. Students from M.Z. Bennett and Robert Little schools will also take part. Horses back to front are, Keith Porty, Bill McCabe, Pete Pavli, Glen Lee and Bob Vinski.

(D. Gibbons photo)

Oppose relocating Third Line West

Residents of the Third Line made it clear to Esqueing council, last week, they violently opposed Indusmin Quarries' plan to relocate on the Third Line farther west.

In a lengthy brief, presented to council by William McArthur, the residents said they distrusted the company on past performance. They cited 24 hour noise, blasting, destruction of foliage, pot-holes and traffic on local roads, loss of water supply, failure to rehabilitate land, and weed infestation on farm holdings.

Objections Residents claimed relocation of the Third Line would be primarily for the use of gravel trucks, and cause residents to travel farther. The trees would be denuded and property values lowered, continued the brief. The list of objections included safety as-

pects, lack of adequate road-bed which would add to taxpayers' cost, and the elimination of a direct north-south route. "It would result in a saving to Indusmin, and no advantage to the people," said the brief, and warned the relocation could set a precedent where any company holds large tracts of land.

In defence of the present location of the Third Line, the brief stated: present route is most natural for people in the area; present Third Line acts as a noise baffle; provides a direct north-south route; eliminates further curves in roads; maintains tree and cover belt for wild life; eliminates added road expense; and prevents erosion of road per Pitts and Quarry Act.

Two tongue-in-cheek comments questioned the relocation when the company claims it would not benefit them. A second said the panoramic view of the Indusmin proposed lakes and parkland, when the rehabilitation lakes place, would be seen much better from the present Third Line location.

A final argument stated delocation could establish a precedent for the benefit of a USA owned company to the disadvantage of Esqueing residents.

The petition concluded by asking council to ensure proper grades are maintained on the Third Line, trees and foliage are maintained for ever, and Indusmin made to post a bond guaranteeing it; water supply to be maintained at Indusmin expense, if the supply is adversely affected by quarry workings.

"It's an excellent brief," commented Coun. Howitt.