

# Final development commission recommendations

Not knowing who will continue their plans and programs, Acton Development Commission held their last meeting Wednesday in the council chambers. An annual report was prepared by chairman Ted Tyler and is published in full below.

Jack Carpenter attended with a slide presentation which he used to promote the town in centennial year.

It was decided to order nine additional Christmas light standard decorations, to extend the lighted section further in each direction along the main streets. Development commission has met regularly all year but the meetings are not open to the public. At the end of the meeting members enjoyed Chinese food together as they exchanged wishes for a merry Christmas.

Report of Acton Development Commission to the Council of the Town of Acton for the period January 1st. to December 1973.

At the present time the Commission consists of five members, Messrs. E. Tyler Jr. (Chairman), J. H. Goy, C. F. Leatherland, W. Yundt, and W. D. Coats, Mayor L. A. Duly and secretary Laura Ditch.

Business of the Commission has been conducted in regular monthly meetings in conjunction with the budget approved by Council for the year 1973. Correspondence took place with Mr. George Kerr, Mr.

John Root and Mr. Ross Malby and The Department of Transportation and Communications with regard to the present state and future plans for Highway No. 7 between Acton and Guolph. Also a meeting was held with the Department regarding a No. 7 by-pass for the town. There appears to be no future plans for either of the aforementioned.

The Commission gave a good deal of consideration to the parking problem in Acton and recommended to Council that the use of Legion property should be investigated. "Walk" and "Don't Walk"

signs were necessary at the four corners, left turns into the I.G.A. parking lot of northbound Main St. traffic should be prohibited.

Guest speaker Mr. Ron Cooksley, Director of Industrial Development for the Town of Oakville, was invited to be a guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Development Commission and Planning Board. Mr. Cooksley spoke on regional government, its effect on Acton, expansion of the Town etc. He recommended that the town's plans and desires for the future should be presented to the Regional Council by January 1, 1974.

This Commission suggested to Council that a comfort station was necessary in the downtown area and as a result of their recommendation one facility was made available to the public and all senior citizens and service clubs were advised of the fact.

Industries and offices who use postage meters were approached in this regard to having a special insert on their meters, advertising Acton's Centennial. Response was good and the Commission ordered these imprints for the

various firms who are now using them on all their mail. Advertisements were placed in the Globe and Mail

regarding business and commercial opportunities in Acton, but the response was negligible.

Planters on Mill Street were filled with fresh bedding plants in the spring. These have been replaced with con-

crete planters on Mill and Main Streets together with evergreen trees. Provisions have been made to have flowers in the planters for spring 1974.

Four new signs have been made and erected at the four entrances to the town. These are to be illuminated and there is space on the signs for current events to be announced by the various clubs and organizations in town. Concrete benches are on order, which will be delivered in the near future and placed at strategic points in town.

Many enquiries have been received for industrial land and for existing factory space for rent or sale. The Industrial Park subdivision plans have not been approved and the present owners are unable to give title to a purchaser and no other industrial space is presently available. Even with these obstacles the Commission was able to accommodate Commercial Shearing Inc. by showing them the Acri building which was vacant at that time.

Plaza Simpson-Sears indicated their interest in establishing a shopping plaza downtown and a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce retail division was called to discuss this matter.

Other companies have also indicated their interest in the same and Mr. Tyler has been in touch with their representatives, suggesting locations, etc. but nothing definite has developed as yet. The Commission is investigating the possibility of installing a fountain in the downtown area.

Town film The Commission is having a film produced of Acton, and purchasing a portable cartilage projector, which after showings at local schools can be exhibited at various trade fairs etc. and kept at Acton Public Library for future use. The Commission has purchased additional Christmas lighting to complement and extend existing lighting.

Other recommendations: The town expand in all directions, if possible, to retain the present downtown as a centre commercial area. The town support the establishment of a downtown shopping plaza rather than a small plaza on the outskirts of town.

The town prepare now for additional parking requirements that will be needed in the future.

The town assist the present owners of the Industrial Park in obtaining the necessary approvals so it can give clear title to purchasers so that Acton does not lose any potential industries.

The council of Halton Hills re-appoint this Development Commission or appoint some other board to assist in the development of Acton in 1974.

A Ward one area office remain in Acton to service the residents and the councillors of this area in their various requirements.



OUTERS CLUB and volunteers gathered a record amount of glass and newspapers throughout town Saturday. Taking papers from vans and bundling them on a tying machine at Dills Printing are a group of the students. Glenn Lee is operating the machine with Maria Pataky on the left.

## OUR READERS WRITE:

### Strike . . . dedicated teachers laugh

Dear Mr. Editor: . . . Huhl Minnie Bennett, Daley Foster and Jean Barber would have laughed at it.

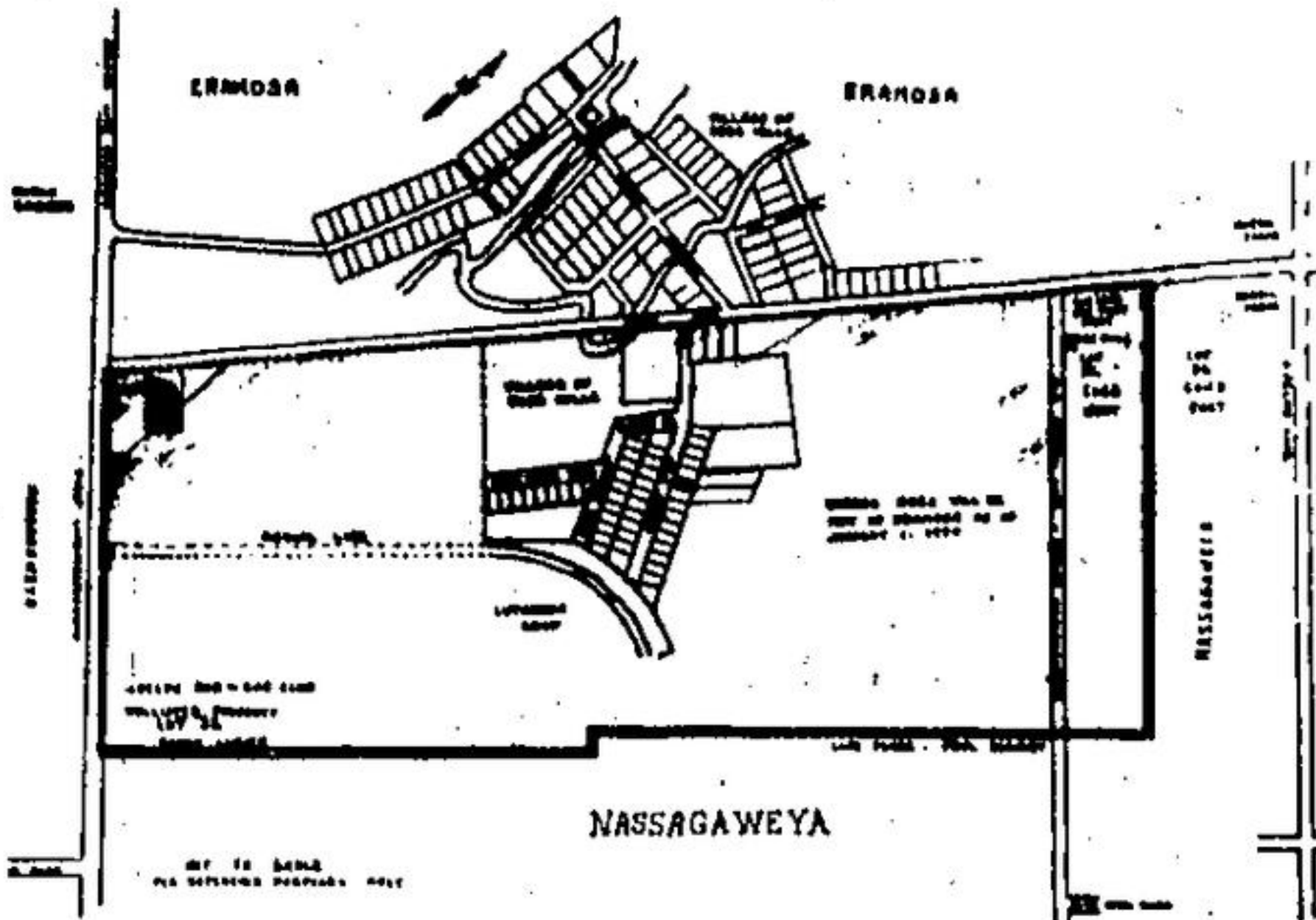
The only strike these dedicated souls used was the one across your knuckles when you were gazing out the window dreaming about becoming a kingpin when the road to success was actually right in front of you in the 'readin', writin' and 'rithmetic books you could never have mastered without their help.

Yes and that was for a piddly little 600 bucks a year with no field trips, no Christmas parties and chess tournaments to give them a breather from their arduous

task. You can bet these young pups scheduled the strike for Tuesday so it wouldn't interfere with Wednesday's trip to Storybook Gardens in London, Thursday's basketball game or Friday's Christmas concert.

And what will they do all day Tuesday? Likely rest up for next summer when they'll have to once again bask in the sun all day on the grassy campus of Wilfrid Laurier University for six weeks and pick up their credits which are handed out here like pickles, bits of cheese and biscuits are in the Food Products building at exhibition time.

"From the old school"



## Eden Mills now completely served by Guelph O.P.P.

Effective 12:01 a.m. January 1, 1974, those citizens of Eden Mills formerly residing in the township of Nassagaweya, will receive police services from the Guelph detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, telephone area code (816) 822-7250.

The Guelph detachment in charge of Staff Sergeant Claude J. Kruger, has a staff of 34 uniformed police officers and 9 civilian employees. The area was formerly patrolled by Milton O.P.P.

Guelph is one of 17 detachments within O.P.P. District No. 6 with headquarters at Mount Forest, Ontario, under the command of Superintendent Roger F. Andrew.

In an effort to ensure prompt and efficient service the O.P.P. is urging these new residents of Eramosa Township to record the police telephone number and place it in a prominent location convenient to their phone.

ARTHUR A. JOHNSON O.D. OPTOMETRIST  
218 Main St. Milton 878-3673  
Acton—Wednesday and Saturday

## Christmas party for Y families

A Christmas party held recently in the Y proved to be a great success as members and their families gathered for an afternoon of Christmas fun and games. The fish pond designed especially for the small fry proved to be quite popular and exciting. Little faces gleamed with an joy and surprise as Santa and his two helpers arrived to present them all with a new toy.

Supper A delicious pot luck supper followed in the banquet room with Y's Men's president Ross Ribey saying the grace. After dinner, everyone enjoyed a sing song conducted by Y's Menette Anne Usher and two films were shown by Rick Coe to conclude a very pleasant day.

## Smiles 'n Chuckles Christmas wrapped boxed chocolates

also Black Magic - Dairy Milk - Rowntrees - Neillsons - Moirs "Pot of Gold" - "Blue Bird" toffee in tins - "Gaiety" chocolates.

English Biscuits in attractive cookie tins reg. \$5.00 sale \$3.99  
Christmas Cakes 3 lb. size reg. \$2.49 special \$1.99

CHRISTMAS CANDY: Festive Mixed - Gums - French Creams - Cut Rock - etc. (In bulk or Cello bags)

Christmas napkins, table cloths, plates, party sets, Christmas crackers, candles, table centre, nut crackers in fact all your festive table needs.

Hinton's 5¢ to \$1 Store  
The store that gives you a better choice, a better quality and a better price.

# Zellers

IN THE GEORGETOWN MARKET

Attention Ladies

Make Christmas Gift selection easy for the man in your life

**BRING HIM TO ZELLERS THURSDAY, DEC. 20th STAG NIGHT**

FREE GIFT WRAPPING  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Men only

While you complete your family shopping, one of our hostesses will be pleased to help him select the right Christmas Gift

You may shop until 10 p.m., but you must be in the store by 9 p.m.

**Use your friendly Zellers Charge Account**

FREE COFFEE IN THE SKILLET  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Ladies only

Gentlemen our HOSTESSES will help you choose the right gift for HER