

Erin council debates gravel, park, arena

At their regular meeting May 1, Erin township council:

- Considered a request from a Fourth Line property owner for approval of hydro installation to a small trailer. The trailer is to be used during the summer and weekends previous to building, and hauled away for winter storage.
- After a brief discussion, approval was given to A. H. Canning.
- Passed a motion to pay Grand River Conservation Authority \$2,174, one third of the annual fee.
- Were notified that Credit Valley Conservation Authority had acquired Meadowvale Botanical Gardens for \$450,000. Erin township will be billed \$2,785. They agreed to pay the amount in three payments as part of their annual levy.
- Passed a motion to pay \$335 for 1974 membership to the Guelph and Suburb Planning Board.
- Complete draft that planners Dryden and Smith had completed the draft of the zoning by-law.
- Erin township lawyer Hungerford stated in a letter he had examined the draft and found it to be a sophisticated bylaw which would serve the township's

purposes. He had no revisions to suggest.

- Received a letter from the Ballinacraig Community Centre Board suggesting a small park be made on the Seventh Line adjacent to the cemetery in the village.
- Roeve Lloyd Lang instructed the clerk to inform the Board that ALL board members should be notified of meetings, as Russ Miller and Bill McLean had received no notification of the meeting where the park was discussed.
- Regarding the acquisition of the land, Council decided to ask for more details.
- Received a request from Erin Horticultural Society for a donation to further their work in beautifying the town and cemeteries.
- No Precedent
- Were asked for permission to move a house into the township. In the opinion of council moving was more expensive than building a house, and also they couldn't permit one to be moved in and not others. They declined to set a precedent.
- Read a letter from Mike Brodigan of Windland Associates requesting inspection of the subdivision culverts, road base, and water mains for a substantial completion certificate.
- Deputy-Reeve Don

Matheson informed council that inspection showed there was not enough gravel on the roads or by the culverts. Also, stonework to prevent washouts behind Lovell's Garage was not done.

- Approval for the certificate was not given.
- Contraventions
- Passed a motion paying \$218.60 for livestock deaths.
- Met with building inspector Jim Delaney who notified council of two contraventions of the zoning bylaw. A Ninth line resident had applied for a permit for a double garage but was using it as a body shop.
- Another resident had four apartments in one house when only two were permitted under the zoning bylaw.
- Councillor John Reid commented there was no point in having rules if the township was not going to enforce them.
- Clerk Elmer McKinnon was instructed to write the owners to inform them their present usage did not conform with the zoning bylaw.
- Investigate
- Were requested to investigate two small lots, each with a barn, one with one pony and two horses the other with four cows, one pony and one horse.
- The resident in between

was concerned with the resulting piles of manure stalling "We as land-owners are denied the right to enjoy our own property because of files and odor."

- Building inspector Delaney commented that the properties were not in a residential area but in an agricultural one, adding "Bylaws governing barns were not in effect when they were built." He offered to discuss the matter with the residents and come to some solution.
- Donate profit
- Met with representatives of the Hillsburgh Arena Association who asked approval of enlarging the hall at the Community Centre by 18 feet. Council was informed that the Potato Fest Committee would donate their profits from the '73 Fest for such a project.
- Council gave their approval and also appointed John Reid, Dave Sherratt, Russ Somerville, and Jerry Ladouceur to the Hillsburgh Community Centre Board for 1974.

—Were told by Fire Chief Bob Cheyne that the fire department had found in a test run to the southwest of the township messages relayed by radio on the mobile unit were indistinct. Messages would have to be relayed by phone.

- Deputy-reeve Matheson informed council he had attended a two day conference on problems and potentials of Ontario quarries and gravel pits and spoke briefly of the aggregate aspects of the aggregate business, saying the largest gravel deposits in Ontario are around Toronto; those in operation will run out in about 20 years; to process rock in the north would cost roughly \$15 per ton after shipping, not counting cost of necessary equipment; 14 ton per capita is used per year in Ontario.
- Mr. Matheson concluded by telling council the planners are now saying "Since there is no substitute for gravel, gravel areas should be protected, not built on."

Acton third branch of Fobert



READY FOR BUSINESS at the Fobert Real Estate office newly located at the Acton plaza on the corner of Queen St. and Churchill Rd., is real estate agent Helen Atkinson. Mrs. Atkinson lives in Stewarttown but works from the Acton office. She is pleased at the reception the Fobert firm has received since starting up in the town.

A new sign decorates a store window in the Acton plaza since the Wed. May 1 opening of the Acton branch office of Fobert Real Estate Ltd.

The company which has had its headquarters in Georgetown for the past 12 years also has an office in Milton, operating successfully for two and one-half years.

A spokesman for the company, agent Helen Atkinson, said the firm has been considering setting up an office in the town of Acton for several months but location was difficult to acquire. "We mainly wanted to round out our service in the district of North Halton," said Mrs. Atkinson.

Better business

The real estate agent is enthusiastic about working in the Acton area. She finds the residents friendly and apparently pleased to see them in the town. According to Mrs. Atkinson, the district is not unfamiliar to the staff of her company as many sales

and real estate deals have been conducted in the area for the past three years. "But our company feels it is easier to have offices located right in the communities," she said and explained that it is more efficient to conduct business that way than working from a distance.

The office manager of the Acton office of the Fobert firm is Dan Timmons who will be on the job every day at 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Besides Mr. Timmons and Mrs. Atkinson, there is one other agent, Roy Wright.

According to Mrs. Atkinson, there are 20 members in all on the three staffs of Georgetown, Milton and Acton, with two more soon to be added to the Acton branch. "We work together as an area team," she said. "That way we are able to better serve the entire community of the North Halton region."

Students have just five weeks of school before the summer break.



ELIZABETH WILSON of R.R. 2, Acton, daughter of Bill and Pat Wilson, proudly shows the award won by her thoroughbred mare, Autumn Gold, at the Sam-Son Farms Open Schooling Sessions for 1974. Total points from the 'six' shows made Gold champion of the Hunter Division and reserve champion of the Jumper Division. Gold is an imported mare from England and this is her first year in the Canadian show ring. 16-year-old Elizabeth is justifiably delighted with her.

Brookville girls get area aid

The newly-formed Brookville junior girls' softball team has attracted players from Milton and Acton to bolster its roster for play in the competitive Southern Ontario Junior Ladies' Fastball league.

Mary Curtis and Debbie Wilson of Milton will aid two Brookville minor softball association products, Sue Thomson and Linda Dennis in the pitching department.

Kathy Rusk, Anna Willats, Susan McCallum, Carol Coulter and Patty South of Milton have also joined the Brookville team along with Maureen Gerth and Jennifer Krapke of Acton. Maureen has played for the Acton team in the Halton Ladies' league and Jennifer with the Acton 16 and under girls team.

Brookville graduates Kim Henderson, Shelly Ismond, Cathy McLeod, Sandra Ingis, Debbie Rippon and Mary Jane Galloway of Moffat will be putting their minor softball experience to good use in the new junior league.

Teams from Brookville, Oakville, Burlington, Brantford, Kitchener, Simcoe and Grimsby are entered in the league.

Brookville will play its home games at the Badenoch diamond on Tuesday nights, until their new diamond is ready at Brookville near the end of June.

League opener for the girls in Burlington Sunday afternoon was postponed because of rain. The girls will probably open against Brantford at the Badenoch diamond next week.

The Mia Chemical Company of Mississauga will sponsor the team through the generosity of Brookville area resident Cope Smith, who has always been active in minor softball programs in the village.

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Grant for Eden Mills

The Eden Mills Community Centre recently received a grant from the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

The cheque for \$5,896.53 is a provincial contribution to the centre and has been sent by the Hon. Rene Brunelle, to Lloyd Hindley, clerk of Eramosa township for forwarding.

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