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Business increase vs. narrow streets

In the past few years summertime malls have grown in popularity, the most well-known being the Yonge St. mall in Toronto. The mall seems to be successful in these larger cities, but would it work in Acton? Would the people of Acton want a mall?

Mrs. Helen Rowe of 130 Longfield Ave., thinks that a mall would be more attractive than the way things are, presently. She doesn't see any way that it could take away from business for Acton. She thinks traffic would probably be diverted to Church St.

"It would be better business for the stores," said Yvonne Vander Heyden. If there was a summertime

mall the stores would have to have the right kind of merchandise, though, to cater to the customers, she said.

A summertime mall— "Sure!" That's Diane Macsween's response. She thinks it would be better for shopping then. Acton would benefit from it because it would bring more business. She thinks traffic should be diverted onto Church St.

Hector Daigle likes the idea of a summertime mall. He thinks that it would improve the town because then "there would be more things to do." He also thinks the merchants would get more business.

Margaret Frizzell can just picture a summertime mall;



Diane Macsween
Sure!

"sidewalk sales, farmers' markets, more business for the town, jobs for students."

Tinnie Masales would not like a summertime mall. He thinks the town's too small and the streets are too narrow. Also the traffic would have to be diverted, which he thinks would be detrimental. Tinnie lives at 1 Elgin St. He has resided in Acton for 70 years.

Whenever Matt Vuk goes shopping he takes his children, so if there was a summertime mall, his children would always want to go shopping. That is why Matt would not like the mall. Heather Ackers has lived at



Merv Nesset
It's like a mall now

10 Rosemary Rd. for the past year and she generally doesn't like the shopping in Acton. She likes the idea of a mall but, she thinks that first first, the town should improve the shopping.

The idea of a Yonge St. mall and a mall in Guelph doesn't appeal to Merv Nesset and he doesn't think it would be right for Acton. First, Mill St. is too narrow and there is not enough business. Also people would still be attracted to the larger stores. "In a way, we already have a mall," says Merv. He is referring to the centre of activity in the main shopping area, also the fact that a lot of people are either sitting around or standing

Confrontation passes

Be more responsive - Campbell

After more than an hour and a half of discussion and constructive dialogue, members of the Halton Renaissance Committee and trustees of the Halton Board of Education vowed Thursday they'd work together for the betterment of education in Halton.

The meeting followed a series of public meetings and a regular flow of press releases from Renaissance Chairman Ken Campbell. During the meeting Thursday, Campbell refrained from calling educators tyrants and avoided personal and malicious attacks that had earlier become the hallmark of the Renaissance committee.

For the better part his comments and those of his colleagues who joined him at the board table were constructive. The anticipated confrontation faded when both parties adopted a constructive attitude. The mood was a congenial one.

Director Jim Singleton who had suffered blunt, personal attacks during the early stages of the Renaissance Committee campaign left the room after the meeting started and did not return until both the Renaissance delegation and a delegation concerning the Norval School closing had been dealt with.

Board Chairman Bill Priestner set the tone for the meeting when he welcomed Campbell and suggested there was "much we can learn from one another." Priestner said he had read the committee's brief and found there was much he couldn't agree with and indicated that Campbell might better understand some of the problems and obstacles in education once he understood the intricacies of the system.

In a prepared statement Campbell recalled why and how he'd become infuriated with some practices carried on within the schools and how he sought to find ways to effect changes in the system.

Unresponsive
The major theme in Campbell's statement dealt with the unresponsiveness of the board to the parents who entrust their children to it and the ratepayers who pay for it.

He noted the committee had worked on a budget of \$10,000—most of which was donated in small amounts from interested persons. He noted his committee had accepted an invitation to meet with Tom Wells, Minister of Education on Sept. 3.

Trustees had many comments and questions following Campbell's comments. Trustee Doug Wood said that when the county board was formed the board looked forward to encouraging public participation. He said strides had been made and he had found it heartening.

He noted however that efforts made to get an audience to listen to proposals met with apathy. Only small groups registering private concerns rather than a cross section of public opinion were found to be available.

Feel helpless
Campbell said the cause of apathy is what his group wanted to look at. He claimed the public experienced a sense of helplessness when pitted against the large county system. He claimed there was a popular feeling that educators had developed policy before going to the public meetings and the meetings were merely window dressing.

Wood claimed that statement was not necessarily a factual one.

Campbell claimed even trustees were in a position of selling what Queen's Park had insisted on. He claimed too often trustees followed directives from above, instead of their own conscience.

Priestner agreed, noting trustees were obligated to carry out laws set by Queen's Park. "We have two choices. Do it or quit. We try to change what we don't like but have to do it within the law. Education is still a provincial responsibility."

board's attitude concerning the controversial book list and its decision not to censor books. He claimed his committee's household survey was more symbolic of public opinion than Superintendent of Program John Bolch's "straw poll".

Several trustees noted the designation straw poll was unfair and noted that they had not accepted Bolch's advice alone, but had talked to people whom they represent and cast votes on that basis.

Campbell complained that no parent is consulted concerning booklists and teaching materials. He said it is only by chance that parents know what is going on—if they know at all. He claimed parents were kept in the dark as much as possible while educators tried to liberate children from the parents' hangups.

Vice-Chairman Judy Alexander said she had found no problem in finding an audience for a specific problem dealing with a specific school, but with the broader problems it was difficult to attract the public.

Campbell said the public was skeptical about the sincerity of such invitations the door was more than open. He said the committee's brief made no mention of the board's published policies and goals. He said the lack of that kind of homework caused and doubted they could have any input on policy decisions.

Alexander said she felt the committee's recommendation to have an open door policy in the schools was the first step towards that goal. She noted, however, that she felt that policy exists within the system now.

Trustee Don Venus said any interested parent would find him to ask questions. "If you read our policies I think you'll find we talk the same language."

Campbell said he was aware of the documents. "We like the wrapping but not the product. Somewhere between the ideal and the practice it goes belly up. We'd like the gap closed."



KEN CAMPBELL, chairman of the Halton Renaissance Committee, presented a brief to members of Halton Board of Education Thursday. The meeting was conducted in a quiet, constructive manner. Some observers had visions of confrontation between the two parties.

Parents too
Discussing the matter of morals and scruples and what is taught in the schools, Venus said the board employed 2,200 school teachers, many of whom are parents. He noted they wouldn't advocate standards for students unlike standards they encourage for their children.

Campbell suggested the teachers were under the control of the administration and it was for the good of their health and continuation of employment that they do what they are told.

Priestner countered. He suggested that under the rigid system of rules, regulations and accountability urged by Campbell, teachers would have to do what they were had attempted in the past to work out a team approach, still retaining the chain of command.

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