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## Approve rezoning for 17 homes despite Beardmore objections

Despite the strong objections of Lorne Youngblut, secretary-treasurer of Beardmore, Halton Hills council sitting as the planning board recommended the rezoning of 3.4 acres of conservation land at Highway 25 and Ransom St. to permit the building of 17 single-family homes by Windland Associates.

Mr. Youngblut claimed his company had been told the Acton disposal plant was inadequate and had been refused, when they wanted their effluent treated there. He claimed if any more sewage was treated, it should be from the Beardmore plant rather than new homes.

access to the sewage plant. The secretary-treasurer claimed Beardmore had spent one million dollars on sewage treatment and are working continuously on the problem. Mr. Youngblut said a higher density of population in the vicinity of a tannery would create more problems. "Tanneries sometimes do get a bit smelly!" he admitted.

He stated the new residents would probably not be employed in the town. "We employ 375 people and have been a real mainstay of the community for years and years."

use the sewage plant facilities. Mr. Youngblut contended that was true, but emphasized building homes close to a tannery would create a particular problem. "Would you be willing to buy the land to protect yourself?" asked councillor Ric Morrow. "We won't bargain in that manner," retorted Mr. Youngblut.

Mr. Morrow said he discounted the argument on sewage since the Beardmore representative admitted he would be opposed to any development. He pointed out the argument about building houses close to the tannery was dubious since there were existing houses much closer.

He warned council people would move in. "It won't be their bread and butter and they'll band together and get up petitions." "You mean for once there'll be enough people in Acton not afraid of losing their jobs who will demand the place be cleaned up?" jeered councillor Morrow. "If there's room for these subdivisions there must be room for our sewage," countered Mr. Youngblut.

## Townhouses get the nod

An 11-unit townhouse development right next to the Beardmore plant in Acton received a tentative go ahead from Halton Hills planning committee Tuesday night. The committee recommended the solicitor prepare an agreement subject to further comment by the engineer and recreation director. Ron Dodokin, appearing for B. Lorrinman, said the land across from Cobblehill Rd. was zoned for high density but planning committee previously had advised a maximum of 12 townhouse units.

ed favorable comment from the department heads, with the exception of a driveway on to Main St. that concerns the engineer. The planner came up with a new twist to combat any smell from Beardmore. He suggested a \$200 electronic air cleaner be added to each unit. Venditti claims it would take more than 90 percent off the smoke and odors from the townhouse. "Then people won't have to open their windows and won't smell any tannery odor."

had accepted the site last year. Lawyer Ron Dodokin explained one unit had been cut from the condominium townhouse plan. "They are now 11 units all with three bedrooms." Close "Just how close to the existing tannery wall are these units?" asked councillor Len Cox. "I guess 60 or 70 feet," replied Dodokin.

advised a cutback on visitors' parking which he termed generous with the space to be added to a children's play area. The planning committee recommended an agreement be drawn up after the engineer and recreation director have a chance to comment further. Included in the agreement would be the planner's suggestion of an air cleaner in each unit.

Mr. Morrow suggested a clause in the sale agreement acknowledging the tannery was there. "I wish that had been done in the past," replied Mr. Youngblut. Councillor Ernie Sykes stated the Ministry of the Environment report had never said the Acton plant was inadequate. The Beardmore secretary replied he had been told it was inadequate and suggested "We're getting the ramaround."

## Leave meet

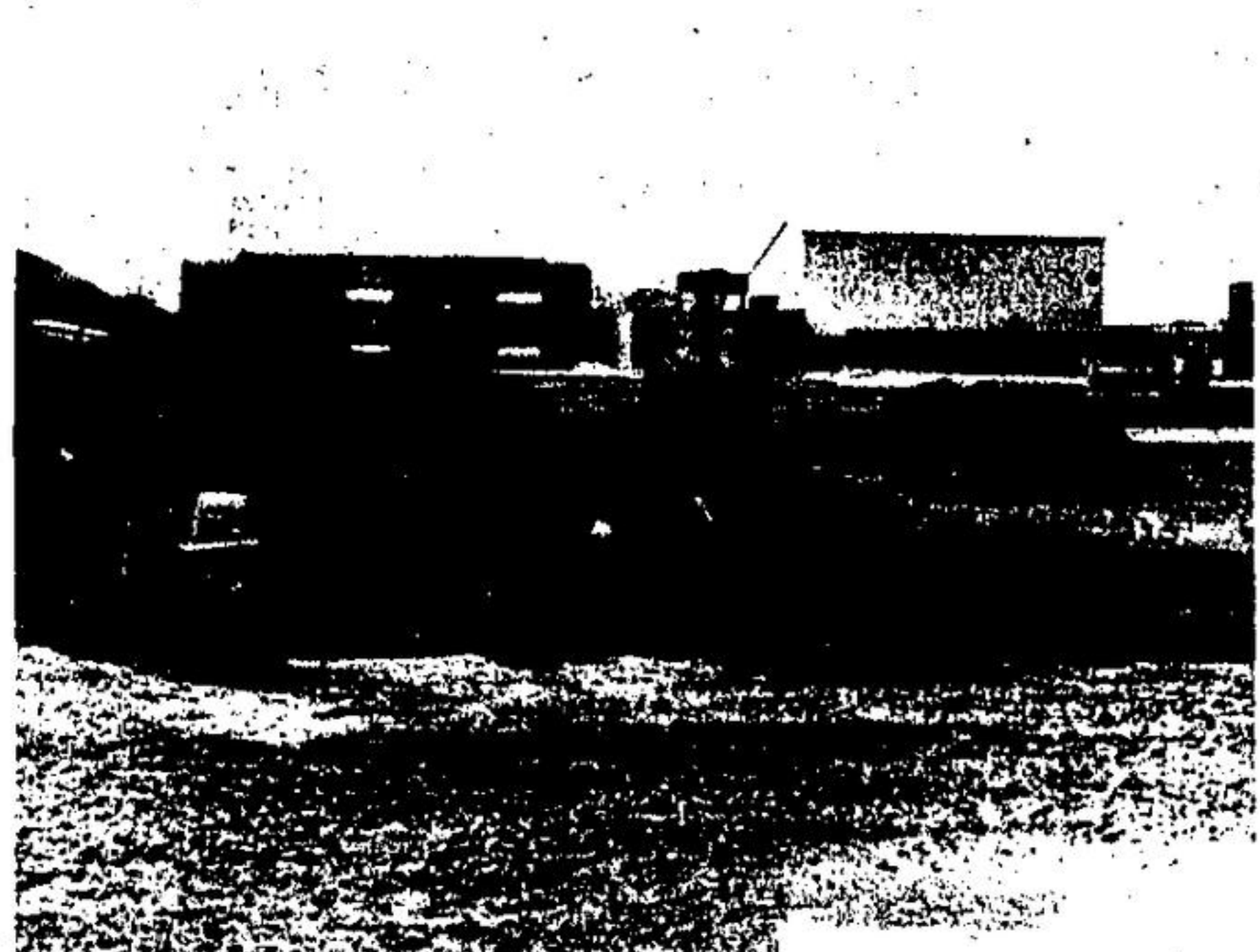
Councillors Roy Booth and Ric Morrow hurriedly left the council chamber and municipal building after a closed door meeting where Councillor Ernie Sykes was appointed chairman of the subsidiary planning board late Tuesday night.

## Clarification

Councillor Les DUBY said he may have a conflict of interest since he works at Beardmore. He said he would not vote but would clarify a few points. In reply to Mr. Morrow's statement about buying the land, Mr. DUBY said Beardmore has 16 acres under roof and another 400 acres for possible expansion. He said the present Acton disposal plant could handle a



WARM OCTOBER days continue to bring players out to the new tennis courts. Susan Ancker wallops a ball with her right while holding another ball in her left hand. Play is a lot easier since fencing went up a couple of weeks ago.



ALL IN THE interests of swimming, this hole was gashed across the high school playing fields. New pipe was laid to carry away the water from the new pool when it was found the route out through Acton Blvd. sanitary sewers was inadequate. Work's done now and the field patched.

## Tuesday swim? maybe

Another tentative date has been set for swimming in the new pool. Would you believe next Tuesday? Work was completed Monday on the laying of new piping to connect the pool runoff to the sanitary sewer on Churchill Rd. N. The problem of backwash into the insufficient sewers on Acton Blvd. was the only holdup to

approval from the Ministry. Fees set Committee recommendation for pool fees goes into full council Monday, so this could conceivably be implemented on Tuesday. Pool supervisor Ann Pickering is ready, and about a dozen wishing to work as life guards have all applied. Their hiring isn't final until

they work out which applicant can work which evenings and days. Some of them are students. Three applied from Acton with training, the others from Georgetown. A series of delays has held up the opening of the pool, the Lions centennial project. They plan an Open House after everything's "go".

## Town band grants not in harmony

Public plebiscites held years ago in Acton and Georgetown are creating a problem for the new town of Halton Hills. According to a vote of Acton citizens, Acton Citizens' Band receives 82 1/2 per cent of half a mill, and the Junior Pipe Band receives the remaining 17 1/2 per cent of the half mill. A similar plebiscite in Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band, but after a few years with the rising cost of every-

thing, council upped the amount to \$1,500. Halton Hills Finance committee Monday night was faced with a request from the Acton Citizens' Band for \$4,750 and from the Georgetown Pipe Band for \$1,500. Treasurer Harry Henderson said he understood there was no Junior Pipe Band now, as its members had been absorbed into the Acton Citizens' Band. Councillor Pat McKenzie told the committee Acton council had granted the Acton

band \$4,600 last year. Councillor Harry Levy pointed out the bylaw setting the Acton grant was passed in 1958, when half a mill was much less than it is now. "I hope the half mill is not supposed to be based on the whole town of Halton Hills now," commented Councillor Ernie Sykes. Levy said it looked as if the Acton band had been relying on council for support and had not been raising money themselves. McKenzie defended the

Acton band, saying they built and paid for a hall and maintained it themselves without help from anyone. "It must be worth \$75,000 or \$80,000 so don't say they didn't raise money themselves." Levy pointed out the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band pay for their own instruments. "It seems ridiculous to treat two different bands in two different ways." McKenzie reminded the committee this was the way the two towns had operated in

the past. He said when the mill increased, there was a gentleman's agreement which received only what they needed. "There seems to be a lack of parity," McKenzie conceded. "There certainly is," commented Sykes. "From \$1500 to \$4750 is a disparity." The treasurer pointed out the whole Acton band's budget has been drawn up based on receiving the money, and stressed it would be a hardship not to receive it

this late in the year. Levy suggested council needed advice on the status of bylaws passed by public plebiscite, now that the individual municipalities are dissolved. Clerk administrator Doug Pritchard said they just can't be repealed. The Finance committee voted to recommend the payment of \$4750 to the Acton band and \$1500 to the Georgetown band for this year, but to seek advice from the provincial government for future years.

## Three car crash \$2,200

A three car collision between vehicles driven by Mary Graham, R.R. 1, Georgetown, Charles Chambers, Mississauga, and Herbert Lockhurst, Acton, resulted in \$2,200 damage during the past week. The Millon detachment of the O.P.P. reported only Chambers was hurt in the crash.



## Quiet week for police

Only car accident of the week occurred Tuesday at 10 p.m. on Mill St. Glenn Alliston, Georgetown, was the driver involved and police report he reversed into a parked truck owned by Canadian Pittsburg Industries, Brantford. A district man was charged with dangerous driving Monday at 12.10 p.m. He'll appear in court Dec. 11. It was a very quiet week, the detachment reported.

Director of Education for Halton County, Jim Singleton has announced his retirement at the end of the school year. He has been involved in education in Halton for 15 years. Story on page 6.

## Air recreation snarls list recommendations

Specific recommendations, aimed at improving relations between the Acton recreation advisory committee, the administration committee of council and the recreation director will go back to council. These were agreed upon amicably at a special meeting held in Acton library last Wednesday evening. Attending the meeting were recreation director Doug Collison, councillors Les DUBY, Dick Howitt and Roy

Booth, and recreation advisory committee members Diane Spielvogel, Peter Papillon, Brendan Aherne, Gil Malcolm, Ed Wood, Barry Insoe and Lou Bonnette. In Acton Halton Hills council had agreed to hire another program co-ordinator and this meeting agreed to a recommendation that this new person be located in Acton. Second recommendation to

go to council will be that representatives or members of each recreation advisory committee (Acton and Georgetown) attend the meetings of the general administration committee, with agendas received in advance. ("That should solve 90 per cent of the problems," commented Lou Bonnette.) Interviews Two members of the advisory committee will attend interviews of applicants for

the new program co-ordinator's position with Doug Collison. Councillor Les DUBY will be recommended as the liaison person between council and the local committee. It is also recommended that meetings be convened as required of the two advisory committees and the administration committee and the recreation staff, to discuss matters pertaining to



WE'RE HERE TO BUY a pumpkin 21 children of the Robert Little kindergarten class hiked with their teacher, Berna Ormsby, up Mill St. to Foodland to purchase a pumpkin. Seen clustered around their teacher are Stacy Hillier, Duff McGillivray, Donna Oakley, Corrie Arpa, Laura Hachey, Susan Lindsay, David Hayward, Tracey Gould, Gillian Fryer, Lori Fountain, Julia Ball and Deanna Berry.



HOME AGAIN, HOME AGAIN, and the children return to the school last Thursday pulling their pumpkin behind them. Excitement of the event was choosing the biggest and best one they could buy and the teacher cleverly allowed her charges to make the choice of her suggestion. It's destined for Hallowe'en decorating.



TUESDAY WAS CUT-UP day and the children learned that pumpkin heads are created, not grown. The children drew the face on the pumpkin ready for teacher's carving. Explaining the procedure Mrs. Ormsby let them feel the inside and seeds as they removed them from the pumpkin. She talked about the pulp, and how it can be used. Michael McGrenere, Maria Brillinger, Aaron Johnston, Michael Bowers, Wesley Romano, Terry Murphy and Shannon Dowle are very interested.