

Clubs discuss pool program

Thirteen concerned citizens representing various groups in the town attended a pool programming meeting at the high school on Thursday evening.

The meeting was designed by the pool supervisor Anne Pickering, to get people to come forth with some good ideas concerning the pool, and also to show the public just what Miss Pickering has done in her time as supervisor.

The main topic on Thursday night was the different time allocations for each group or club in town.

The Board of Education has claimed the use of the pool every weekday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. except Wednesday afternoons from one to 3:30 p.m. At this time it is open to the mothers of pre-schoolers, and to the Honey Pot Nursery School.

Titles as swimming badge, etc. was discussed. This would be valuable both for the Scouts as well as to the pool.

Time can be rented for the use of the pool to various organizations. However, these may not be the most convenient times for all concerned.

The swimmers will be put into four levels of swimming ability. It is hoped there will be a day for screening students so they can be placed in the appropriate category. However, until Christmas there will be an unstructured system.

It is hoped that Sunday can be set aside for either adults or family swimming. Adult swimming on Sundays will be experimented with for the first while. The sauna will be available only to the adults during the week. If family swimming is accepted, the sauna will be closed during this time.

Sunday swimming will depend on how late the staff will want to work.

At the present time the staff

is 75 per cent Georgetown indoor and outdoor pool staff.

It is hoped more students qualifying for the job will apply. A minimum of 16 years old and the Royal Life Saving award is required to be eligible for this job.

The admission fees and the cost of lessons are going through council. Glen Gray of the Halton Hills recreation department, and Miss Pickering have been to Milton, Brampton and Oakville comparing the different costs. They have submitted what they feel is the average cost to council, according to Mr. Gray.

Categories of child, student, adult, family membership cards and single admission are being looked into.

The organizations represented at the meeting were the recreation advisory committee, the Lions pool committee, the Honey Pot Nursery, Acton Rotary, the Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides and Brownies. The arena manager Harold Townsley also attended.



STEVE LOUNDES of Georgetown keeps on his toes at Acton's new tennis courts behind the community centre. Good weather encourages players these days.

Mrs. Gibb will crack your code

In an effort to push the use of the postal code on mail, Mrs. Bernice Gibb has been hired temporarily by the post office to assist Actonians. She will take lists of addresses and add for residents the proper postal code for each name.

Machines A very small percentage of mail sent from here is coded, Mr. McKeown notices. The use of a code here wasn't pushed since it was due to change with house-to-house delivery.

Postmaster Gordon McKeown suggests industries may bring their mailing lists for coding, and citizens who bring their Christmas lists will be very welcome, too.

Machines which sort by code are already in service in a few cities such as Ottawa, Winnipeg and Montreal. Scarborough is due to start next month and Mississauga next June. There will eventually be a sorting unit in this area, possibly in Burlington.

Mrs. Gibb can look up the code for any address in Canada.

"We're committed to the machines now," Mr. McKeown comments. And it can't be done without the coding on letters.

Name schools

Two new schools in Burlington will be known as the Lester B. Pearson School and the Paul A. Fisher school.

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Procedural row

Booth strides out of meet

Councillor Roy Booth abruptly left the October 22 Halton Hills council meeting after arguing with Acting Mayor Ern Hyde. Booth said he refused to continue with a facade of procedure.

The whole incident unfolded after Hyde put forth a motion that the administration committee meeting minutes, of Oct. 14, not be accepted. He was objecting to the recommendation that a recreation co-ordinator be hired for wards one and two.

Hyde didn't think there was any need for a co-ordinator because there were citizens in

Acton who wanted to be involved and weren't getting the chance.

He said the recreation director, Doug Collison, wanted the co-ordinator because of his heavy workload. "He isn't using the help he has in the Acton Advisory Committee," Hyde charged.

After putting forth his motion and calling for a recorded vote Hyde gave his above mentioned reasons for not accepting the minutes.

"Under the rules of procedure, the chairman or mayor or acting mayor is the last person to speak. There-

fore by speaking to your motion you've stopped any further discussion from other members of council," Booth complained.

He then stormed out of the meeting.

Councillor Les Doby said there was a very real need of a program co-ordinator for Acton recreation if there was any hope for parity in Halton Hills. He blamed Bill 151, which set up regional government in Halton, as being at fault for the many problems which have been caused with citizen groups.

Doby noted Bill 151 doesn't recognize the usefulness of

citizens groups but Halton Hills does and wants to use the groups.

Booth returned to the meeting when Clerk Doug Prichard pointed out a councillor was not allowed to leave when a recorded vote had been called.

"The chairman spoke last on this motion excluding any further discussion from council. We must now follow procedure and you must call for the vote," Booth told Hyde, from his seat, after returning to the meeting.

"Are you questioning the chairmanship. Are you telling me I can't speak any further and no one else can speak either?" Hyde asked.

Booth countered he was not questioning the chairmanship but felt it was the right of council to speak before the chairman on any issue. He noted he was only questioning procedure, which he said had been flouted for the last two meetings. Booth concluded by requesting the chairman call the vote and not allow any further discussion.

Hyde countered by saying "the rules of procedure have been flouted for the last eight or nine months and I have the right to speak when I want to."

Councillor Mike Armstrong cited the rules of procedure which clearly gave the mayor, acting mayor or chairman, the final decision on all disputes of procedure.

"You can also exercise the right to exclude or expel any member of council you feel is not acting in a gentlemanly way," he added.

"We are getting into hassles over procedure which we never wanted to get into. I

don't care who speaks or when just so long as we get the work at hand done," Councillor Dick Howitt stated.

"I second Councillor Howitt's remarks", Councillor Joe Hurst said.

The recorded vote was then called and Hyde was the only one who voted against the hiring of a program co-ordinator for Acton.

Lots of public swimming at new Acton swim pool

There'll be lots of public swimming time at the new Acton Lions swimming pool, recreation director Doug Collison assured members of the administration committee of Halton Hills council Monday—rates would be reasonable and the pool self-sustaining.

The program he and pool supervisor Anne Pickering disclosed for tentative approval varies during the winter, spring and fall months to include public swimming three times from Monday to Friday and also periods through the weekends.

Councillor Les Doby noted this was one of his concerns—that many people like himself wanted to be able to enjoy the pool and felt they were too old to participate in the swimming programs under instructors.

Rates were gauged so the pool would be self-sustaining and not have to rely on taxpayers to bale it out each year. They checked them with other indoor pools to make sure they were in line, Collison said.

Rates are divided into three categories for lessons. They proposed \$10 for the first child for a series of 12 lessons, \$18 for two and \$24 for three or more children in a family. Instruction would be three quarters of an hour.

Yearly passes were tentatively set at: children \$13, students \$18, adults \$25, with sauna \$30, family rate \$55 and with sauna \$60.

Summer pass rates only

would be \$5 for children, students \$7.50, adults \$10, and the family rate of \$30. Five dollars extra is added for use of the sauna.

Questioned by committee chairman Roy Booth, Collison noted it was cheaper to operate the pool during the summer months than during the spring, fall and winter because of the availability of instructors and lifeguards.

The winter operation depends on part time guards who receive a higher rate. He indicated the rates could be changed and a deficit registered if council felt they were too high so long as they did not interfere with the rest of the recreation program.

Councillor Doby also felt that since the pool had been a

project of the Lions that the Lions club should have representatives on the advisory committee to help in the operation of the pool. "It is hard to just forget them when they spearheaded the drive to get a pool in Acton—especially since they salvaged the 1974 centennial aspirations for the community."

The committee agreed and proposed a pool advisory committee be established consisting of members from the recreation department, the Lions, Board of Education and a representative from the recreational advisory committee.

Rates tentatively proposed were also approved and referred to the advisory committee for their comments.

Who owns Glen hall?

The administration committee of Halton Hills council held over a request from Miss B. Smith regarding use of the community hall in Glen Williams for dances, because councillors did not know who owns the building.

Councillor Dick Howitt noted there had been no committee to operate the hall such as there was for Ballinacree hall or Stewart town.

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