

Ward one outvotes council - Acton's bus will run



ROY GOODWIN of the Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee and Lakeview Centre solicits donations from merchants to provide a free bus service for ward one, Acton, residents to the downtown area for Christmas shopping. Cathy Frizzell curls the hair of three-year-old Ann Franklin in Fashion Trend West while Mr. Goodwin collects. The ten-day service will begin on December 13.

Ward one has outvoted council, declared Chamber of Commerce president Mike Worthington delightedly Tuesday.

The Christmas bus had just about passed into oblivion following council's decision not to finance it, last week. Only councillor Les Dudy favored council supporting the Acton project, when Halton Hills council last week received the request from the Chamber of Commerce.

Council and the Chamber of Commerce began the service in 1972, to make it easier for people to get around and do their shopping in Acton. Costs were shared.

The following year council again ran the bus, without the financial help of the then-poor Chamber of Commerce.

This year the subject was raised at council by councillor G. W. McKenzie, but was turned down.

By Thursday the community service project seemed doomed. However, Mike Worthington began seeing people and making calls. He was joined by Roy Goodwin on Saturday. They canvassed 61 people and got 54 who said "yes" at once. Their cash contributions are completely covering the cost of the bus for 10 days, and on Tuesday the two Ted Tylers threw in another full day of operation as their own contribution.

Costs covered

The cost for 10 days is \$620. Worthington and Goodwin had collected \$618 when the Chamber president, full of good will and enthusiasm, added the last \$2 out of his own pocket.

"I'm almost overwhelmed with the response," he said. "And I couldn't have done it without Roy Goodwin."

He hopes the people will now make full use of the service and top the record carried — 2,434 in 1972.

The figure was lower in 1973 when a 10 cent charge was instituted. This was likely caused by a marked decline in students riding the bus.

Contributing to cover the cost of the bus are Lakeview Centre, TD Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia, Moss Pro Hardware, Family Cleaners, Mister Music, Guelph Mercury, Royal Cafe, Acton Family Billiards, Blue Springs flower shop, John Ross Opticians, Joe's barber shop, Ed's In and Out variety, Acton Restaurant, Acton Pharmacy, First Line TV, A-B Supermarket, Bank of

Montréal, Family Barbers, Bank of Commerce, Toddlers to Teens, Nielsen's Clothing, Fashion Trend West, Canadian Tire, Acton Delleatessen, A C Carpet, Sweetman's Shoes.

Cam and Belts Catering, Acton Free Press, IGA, Wil-Print, Gay Cartage, Hulsman Holland Shop, Gals Pal, Family Pool Sales, Eatons, Foodland, Smoke Shop, C.K. Brown's, Mackenzie Buildall, Russ-Mac beauty salon, Manning Electric, Acton Bowling Lanes, Acton Home Hardware, Acton Home Furnishings, Profile Beauty Salon, Watson's restaurant, Lovell Bros. butchers, Station Hotel, Halton Hills Furniture, Civiero Construction, Dominion Hotel, Denny's Insurance and Halton Hills community credit union.

In 1972 the bus ran from Dec. 13 to Dec. 24 inclusive, but records were not kept on the last day. Total carried was 2,434, at a total cost of \$594. The cost per day was split, the Chamber paying \$27 and the town of Acton \$27.

In 1973 the bus ran from Dec. 10 to Dec. 24 inclusive, carrying 1,377 people, at a total cost of \$754. The town paid the total cost of \$38 per day. The total cost was reduced to \$616.30 by the 10 cent charge.

This year the contributors alone will pay \$62 a day for the service.



THE BUS WILL roll again—thanks to contributions from 54 merchants and businesses. Bus service, from Tyler Transport, will begin Thursday morning at 9 a.m. Chamber of Commerce president Mike Worthington urges everyone to make good use of the bus, which will have a regular daily route through the entire town. No charge! But the merchants hope you'll shop at home more, with this service.

Three routes set 20-minute service

The 11-day free Christmas bus service being sponsored by the Acton merchants through the Chamber of Commerce, will start this Thursday morning, Dec. 12 at 9 a.m. It will run every day, except on Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until and including, Tuesday, Dec. 24.

make its rounds every 20 minutes. It will leave route one, on the hour; route two, 20 minutes after the hour and route three, 40 minutes after the hour. Passengers will be able to flag it down anywhere along the way. It will be possible to board the bus in one area of Acton, get off and shop in another part of town,

and be back home again 60 minutes after re-boarding the bus. A large sign reading Town will be identifying the vehicle as the special Christmas shopping bus. Mr. Tyler compares the efficiency of the system to that of the dial-a-bus, used in metropolitan Toronto.

Mr. Tyler says there could be changes made as the time progresses, but start-off driver for the routes will be Don Beamish of Kingham Hill.

Routes: Route one will be the Glenlea, Peel, Arthur and Mill St. area of town. Route two will be the central area including the Crescent, Bovis subdivision and Warren Grove. Route three will cover the west side of Acton, including Kingham Hill, Senior Citizens' apartments and Lakeview.

Mystery report

How did Windlands Associates get an appraisal, ordered by Halton Hills council, before any councillor saw it?

That was the question raised Tuesday night, when Mike Brodigan of Windland Associates began a discussion on the five percent land to be dedicated to the town by Acton Legion branch in their proposed subdivision, and produced a copy of the appraisal.

The appraisal was ordered by the town when council and the Legion could not agree on an amount to be paid to the town in lieu of parkland.

Councillor Harry Levy said, "We asked for this appraisal, we haven't even seen it, and someone from the outside comes in here with it."

"We don't know where they got it," commented Mayor Tom Hill.

Assistant clerk administrator Delmar French said, "I want to make it clear it did not come from the clerk's office."

Council decided to refer the matter of the cash payment in lieu of parkland to the planning committee, and be discussed only after each member of council receives a copy of the appraisal.

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ANDY AND JAMIE Ellerby examine Christmas trees being sold by Bill Toth at his Shell service station on Mill Street.

Spring sidewalk in Lakeview area

Halton Hills works committee told a group of concerned Acton parents that a sidewalk for Highway 7 at Lakeview Avenue will be a top priority for construction this spring.

Both Hurst and committee chairman Len Coxie wondered if the residents were prepared to pay for the sidewalk under a local improvement program.

The request for a sidewalk came from Brian Cargill and friends who are worried about their kindergarten-age children walking on the highway on the way to school.

Cargill said they would pay if they had to but understood the subdivision agreement stated some means of access to the residential area behind would be provided.

Deputy engineer Bob Austin told the committee and delegation the Ministry of Transportation and Communications is planning to re-design the road in the area but a sidewalk isn't part of their plans. The work is to be done sometime in 1975.

After discussion it was realized by those in attendance there had been a mix-up on the agreement between the point where Acton's committee suggested a sidewalk be installed by the developer and the point where Acton council approved the subdivision plan. Somewhere along the line a sidewalk was left out.

Cargill pointed out to the committee the province has been going to do the work for four years now and still haven't.

"I think we all recognize the need for a sidewalk there so we just have to decide the payment policy. Since the sidewalk can't be built until spring we should leave the payment question until later."

"They don't think a sidewalk is necessary. All they are going to do is widen the shoulder and redo the ditches," he explained.

Both Hyde and Mayor Tom Hill suggested the problem be left with the engineering department to decide the cost and a decision be made this winter.

Swimming pool lockers arrive

The Acton swimming pool now has its lockers.

The lockers arrived yesterday and will be ready for use by today, according to pool supervisor Anne Pickering. The cost for the use of the lockers will be 10 cents each, but the cost of the entry into the pool will be lower by the same amount.

There were 54 ladies' lockers arrived and 78 men's.

The pool will also be closed on January 3 for maintenance work. For some reason, unknown to everyone, the bottom of the pool is flaking. The situation is hoped to be remedied within three days, according to recreation director Doug Collison.

The pool will close on December 24 at 4 p.m. and

will reopen again on December 27. This is to enable the staff to have a merry Christmas.

Court cases



BOB WILLMOTT is the new member on the Acton detachment.

A man charged with having a forged medical prescription in Guardian drugs appeared in court this past week and was sentenced to 60 days. He was arrested in October.

In another Acton case, a woman was charged with assault causing bodily harm, following an incident in Kingham Hill some months ago. She was already in jail on two charges of driving while her license was under suspension.

Thousands daily post office busy

Although the official Christmas rush has not really started yet, according to Gord McKeown, the Acton post office has processed 5,000 more letters a day than usual this week. A normal day would see approximately 2,000 stamped letters a day.

Past Christmas peak periods have dealt with 15 to 20,000 letters a day. Mr. McKeown commented that before the restricted mailing dates were enforced, there could be as much as 20,000 going through the office in a day.

Sentence will be passed Jan. 23.

As for the postage sales, so far there has been 5,000 to 10,000 six cent stamps sold a day. "However, tomorrow, there could be hardly any letters coming through and very little stamps bought. The public is unpredictable," Mr. McKeown said.



MICHAEL TAMBLYN helped his dad's group, the Outers, on their monthly paper drive on Saturday. However, as he was sorting, a bit of news caught his eye so he decided to read it. Dr. Paul Tambllyn is his father. More pictures inside today's Free Press.

Gibber questions suspected Soviet spy

Soviet sports officials, Aleksandr Gresko, Andre Starovoirov and Valery Sych whose names appeared in a Toronto daily newspaper story Monday in which chief Canadian hockey negotiator Alan Eagleson questioned Gresko's easy access to Canada were panelists at a press conference attended by Free Press Sports Editor Denis Gibbons in Moscow, Wednesday, June 12.

at Montreal's Loyola University. Gresko and Enos had worked together to arrange the study tour to the USSR, of which Denis was one of 100 Canadian participants.

Eagleson has expressed wonder at Gresko's easy access to the Prime Minister's office.

It was revealed in the story that Gresko was expelled from Britain, September 24, 1971, as one of 90 Soviet diplomats believed by British intelligence agents to be involved in espionage at that time. Subsequently, Gresko surfaced as chief of the powerful Winter Sports Committee of the Soviet Union and was instrumental in arranging both the '72 and '74 summit hockey series between Canada and the USSR.

Gresko has also been named the Soviet Union's official attache to the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal.

"You have to wonder about our lack of security, if Gresko is as big a spy as stories now suggest," he said. "Trudeau's supposed to be running the whole country. Can he afford to let a suspected spy into his office?"

Gresko was in Canada in May making final arrangements with WHA officials for the '74 series, here again in September for the first leg of the series and back again in November, when he visited the office of Prime Minister Trudeau in Ottawa along with Dr. Ed Enos, Director of the Institute of Comparative Physical Education

Eagleson claimed the RCMP have known about Gresko's suspected activities for a long time, yet he has always had easy access to Canada. "The Eagle" also told the Toronto daily that, if he was looking for a spy, he would be more apt to watch Sych, a tall muscular blond, who maintains a stern expression, rather than Gresko who has been very obliging in negotiations with Canadians. He said he was warned to watch out for Sych.

During the June 12 press conference Gresko, Starovoirov and Sych answered questions about the '74 summit series for Canadian students, including Denis. The three had just returned from Canada where they completed arrangements for the series. Philadelphia Flyer coach Fred Shero, Dr. Ed Enos and Aggie Kukulowicz, who accompanies many Canadian hockey teams to the Soviet Union were also at the press conference.

According to the story, during the 1972 series Canadian hockey authorities had been alerted by External Affairs officials to watch Starovoirov, secretary general of the Soviet Ice Hockey Federation. Sych is Starovoirov's assistant.

In spite of the accusations against Gresko, Enos maintains that it was chiefly his efforts that brought about this year's three week sports and physical education study tour, the first of its kind in Canadian history. At a closing banquet at Moscow's Leningrad Hotel the same night Enos singled out Gresko for his excellent co-operation. Gresko speaks almost impeccable English.

"The belief," Jukes said, "was that Starovoirov may be the Communist party man in Russia's hockey hierarchy."