



Gord McCutcheon was one of the speakers at the official opening of the new Legion hall this fall



No full time lawyer

Councillor Iric Morrow wondered Monday night if Halton Hills was at the point they should hire a fulltime solicitor on staff.

The question arose when council authorized the payment of \$25,000 to the town solicitors.

Councillor Harry Levy pointed out \$7,000 was recoverable.

Morrow said the cost was higher than the region paid for one solicitor. "Their solicitor's salaries total \$47,000, plus secretaries and office."

Levy said the finance committee had discussed this, but decided the town couldn't get the type of service they are now getting for the price. "All the solicitor's staff is involved for that price," said Levy.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said it was not a good year to use as a comparison. He said he was happy with the solicitors the town has now.

Morrow agreed, but said the matter of a fulltime solicitor should be looked at in the future.

Hampers

Rotary club and Lakeside chapter of the I.O.G.E. are making arrangements to send Christmas hampers - a project of many years standing.

First-time award to "Mr. Legion"

The highest award of the Royal Canadian Legion, the Meritorious Service Award, was presented Friday to branch treasurer Gord McCutcheon. The surprise award was made during the monthly general meeting in the new Legion hall.

President Bob Angell called Mr. McCutcheon "Mr. Legion" as he commented on the well-deserved award. This is the first time it has been presented to an Acton branch member.

The award is made for

outstanding devotion to the aims and objects of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Plaque, medal
He receives a medal to wear, and a plaque for the wall.

A life membership was presented to Mr. McCutcheon in Sept. 1969 for his services to the branch.

25 years
Another special presentation was made, when members due to receive their 25 year pins came marching briskly forward, in old World

War II style. These were Alex Commando, Norm Douglas, Bert Hinton, Cam Leishman, Joe Massey, Martin Miller, Hugh O'Rourke and Don Ryder.

Three others qualified but were not present, Grant Allan, Ken McDonald and Gord Wagner.

Presentation
In applying to the Honours and Awards committee of Provincial Command for Mr. McCutcheon's award, the branch wrote:

"Comrade Gord McCutcheon has been affiliated with every poppy campaign since 1948. He has been affiliated with and given assistance to each service officer since 1948. He has been affiliated with many youth programs, minor sports, etc.

He has represented the branch with other organizations in town toward entertainment and comfort for senior citizens. He has been responsible for assistance toward many veterans and veterans' dependents. All have been beyond the duties

of his role as treasurer of the branch.

Com. Gord has devoted time to Legion in general beyond the role of treasurer to all interests of branch in all money handling, minor sports, branch sports, ways and means, branch entertainment, etc.

He was responsible for the organization of branch facilities toward temporary classrooms after a fire in Acton public school. Untold number of hours were spent on all negotiations toward the

addition of our present branch and to a new branch which is now in progress.

Many hours
It is impossible to enumerate the hours of personal time and professional talent Gord has devoted not only to Branch 197 but to other clubs and functions in and around the community for the benefit of sports for children, for senior citizens and for veterans and veterans' families.

For the services rendered

by Comrade Gord McCutcheon too numerous to mention above the few above, we the executive of Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Branch 197 Acton feel that only by the granting of a meritorious service medal can these services be fully recognized."

This was signed by Bob Angell, president, Fred Allen first vice-president and Gord James, second vice-president.

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Learn from paper must re-apply

Recreation advisory committee members had a copy of the Free Press with them at their monthly meeting last Thursday and learned from a news story there that they had to re-apply for their positions.

From Mr. Collison they learned the deadline was the following Monday. He thought there had been an advertisement in the Free Press to the effect present members and anyone wishing to serve must apply. (There hadn't).

Not all members had seen

the article.

Two days
Knowledge of the necessity of application left two days of mail delivery during the Christmas rush for their applications to arrive in Georgetown.

Mr. Collison assured them there was no rush.

Each must re-apply individually.

The policy of applying for all positions, used in Georgetown, was adopted this year by Halton Hills council.



NEW CEDAR post and chain link fence has been erected at the entrance to Sir Donald Mann park in Glenlea subdivision. Its purpose is to prevent trucks entering the park and playground area. Recreation director Doug Collison expects there'll be vandalism of the fence.

No applications for vacant spot

Nobody applied for vacant spots on the Acton Recreation Advisory committee.

Due to lack of response, council decided to re-advertise for the vacant spots on the Recreation committee.

The discussion was held behind closed doors.

Last year's recreation advisory committee in Ward 1, whose one year term expired at the end of this year, consisted of J. S. Malcolm, E. Wood, L. Bonnette, B. Incoe, Mrs. Diane Spielvogel, G. Ahearne, and P. Papillon.

Co-ordinator hired

John Ross Cooper has been hired as area recreation co-ordinator for Wards 1 and 2. The appointment was made by Halton Hills council Tuesday night.

More details next week.

Feathered friends are OK

The arena staff is looking after the birds, members of the Acton recreation advisory committee were assured at their meeting last Thursday.

Concerned neighbors had been worrying about the wildfowl at the lake being iced in, or not getting enough to eat.

They are being fed every day, arena manager Harold Townsley promised the committee members. If

someone from his staff doesn't do it, Esther Taylor does.

The bubbler has been installed recently which ensures that the ice will not freeze over completely during the winter.

There are more birds wintering here than ever before, probably attracted by the food. Canada geese had been expected to head south long before now.

Police - Council in camera

Halton Regional Police Chief Ken Skerrett and Glenn Magnuson, of the Halton Police Commission, met with Halton Hills council behind closed doors, Monday night for 55 minutes.

No clue of the subject discussed was released, but it presumed the regional policing of territory in the former township of Esquesing, now policed by Milton O.P.P., was one of the topics.

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Appointments

Year end appointments to the Credit Valley and Halton Region Conservation Authorities saw Mayor Tom Hill and Councillor Ernie Sykes appointed to the former and Councillors Len Cox and Dick Howitt to the latter.

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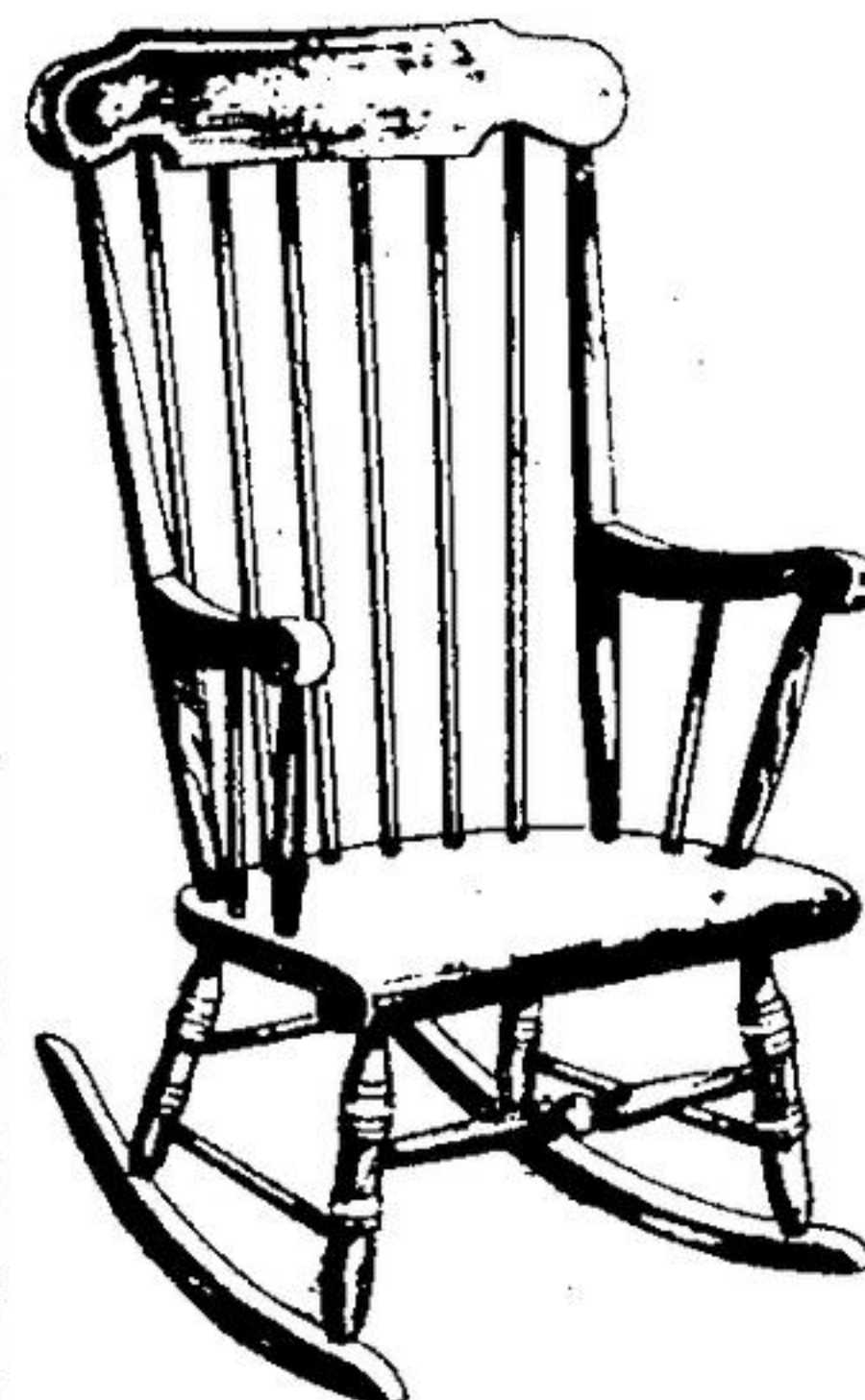


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