

# Propose sewage plant expansion

A report recommending an expansion of the pollution control plant at Acton will go before Halton's Regional Works Committee this afternoon.

A senior engineer in the regional engineering department said the expansion would increase the capacity of the Acton plant from 650,000 to 1,000,000 gallons per day.

That capacity would allow Acton to expand to a population of 10,000. The town's population is about 6,000 now.

Engineer Ray Cripps explained that ministry officials are confident the plant can be expanded without harming Black Creek. Treated effluent from the plant runs into the creek.

Cripps noted that further expansion to the plant beyond the

one million gallons per day could be more than the creek can handle. In other words, Acton could have considerable difficulty growing beyond 10,000 if it was to depend on the plant to handle effluent.

The report going to committee this afternoon will recommend consulting engineers be engaged to prepare plans for the expansion.

Halton Region is planning on pumping millions of dollars into pollution plants in the region. The region is currently arranging financing for a \$5,000,000 expansion to the Skyway plant in Burlington. That covers the first phase of the contract and the project is expected to cost about \$16,000,000 and bump

the capacity of that plant to 20,000,000 gallons per day.

Cripps noted there were also expansion plans in Milton. The Milton plant is built to accommodate a population of 18,000 and an addition would allow the town to expand to a population of 28,000.

Both ministry and regional officials have expressed concern about further expansion in Milton causing serious pollution of the 16 Mile Creek.

Polotech, a firm of specialists in the field, is currently determining ways the Milton plant can be expanded to allow Milton to grow to 28,000 without further elevating the level of pollution in the creek.



SATURDAY AT Acton high school 150 majorettes were in competition for dozens of trophies. Winner of the senior division was Kathy Morton of Guelph, above. Marching runs in the Morton family as her father has been associated with the Guelph Royalaires Drum Corps for many years. More Pictures Page 11.

## 150 majorettes strut Saturday

By Peter McCusker

Georgetown Majorettes and Drum Corps hosted 150 girls attired in silk and sequins in a majorette competition at Acton high school Saturday.

Karen Morton of Guelph captured first place in the senior division in a field of competitors from all parts of southern Ontario. Ages ranged from four to 18 which dictated the classification of competition.

The contest was the first of the Spring season and was not sanctioned by the National Baton Twirling Association. Baton twirlers have two seasons, Spring and Fall.

Five areas of competition were modelling, basic strut, military march, t-strut, solo and championship classes which are a combination of strut and twirl.

Robin Rolufs, Juvenile Miss Majorette of Canada, took part in the weekend contest placing second in her class. The ten-year-old's father, Vern Rolufs, said

that Robin represented Canada at the North American championships last year at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana.

He said the majorette movement is not well known as a competitive business but it is a widespread and popular activity.

He said the girls learn poise and how to lose gracefully.

Rolufs also said it is expensive. Costs to the individual in a contest include food, transportation, entry fees, housing or hotel rooms. Largest expense, outside of lessons, is costumes.

"Robin has three new ones and she has just given away two others," Rolufs stated. He said some of the trimming on the girls' outfits runs to \$21 a yard.

Robin has been in competition two full years and has collected over 160 trophies.

Girls six and under compete in the midget division, seven to 10-year-olds in the juvenile. From 11 to 14 years are in the junior class and 15 to 21-year-olds compete in the senior.



REGULAR TRIP to the dump ended in injury and damage this week. Bill Marshall makes the trip twice a week for Ridley Cartage but Friday, with snow and ice on the track, the truck skidded

into the locomotive of a passing freight train. Mr. Marshall is still in hospital with a broken shoulder, cuts and bruises. The truck is a write-off.

## Rest home in Legion?

The former Acton legion hall on Main St. may become a rest home for senior citizens.

William F. Yundt, owner of the building, told Halton Hills' planning board Tuesday night, that Mrs. Catherine Kelly wanted to rent the legion hall to operate as a rest home. At present, Mrs. Kelly operates a nursing home on Hwy. 25, south of Acton.

Mr. Yundt emphasized this

would be a rest home for residents able to get around. He claimed the building was ideally suited for the purpose. He said renovations to the main floor and partitioning in the upstairs banquet hall would be necessary. He described the downtown location close to parks and shopping as ideal for elderly residents.

Spot zone Planner Mario Vendetti pointed out a rezoning was necessary and recommended

the spot rezoning of that particular piece of land. He said he could foresee problems in a general amendment to the official plan since then rest homes could legally be built in any commercial area.

Councillor Rick Morrow suggested a site plan agreement with all the necessary conditions be included. "We should pay particular heed to all department reports, particularly

the fire chief, to insure the protection of the residents and the town," he stated.

Needed

Councillor Joe Hurst said he fully supported Mr. Yundt's application as he stressed the need for such accommodation in the area.

He pointed out rest homes are governed by Ministry of Health regulations which would have to be met before a licence to operate is issued.

Councillor Les Duby said he agreed completely with Mr. Hurst. He emphasized the residents would not be confined to bed. "This home would be for people who are up and about, and there is great need for such an accommodation," added Mr. Duby.

"What is entailed in a site plan?" asked Mr. Yundt. Mr. Morrow explained the site plan agreement would set out a master plan of the proposed renovations. He said the town wants assurance everything would be done as promised.

Requirements

Mr. Yundt said he and Mrs. Kelly had already met with the fire chief Mick Holmes, medical officer of health, Dr. Joe Chamberlain, and have twice attended the committee of adjustment. Mr. Yundt said requirements listed by Mr. Holmes included smoke sensors, door buzzers, emergency exits, and a long list of other fire equipment.

The town planner said the requirements would be spelled out in the zoning amendment and site plan agreement.

Mr. Yundt was told to make application for a zoning amendment with a site plan, and was advised by chairman Ernie Skyes to consult with the planner.

## One town one call Dominion Day plans at park

Tuesday was the day all of Halton Hills was hooked up to one fire dispatcher.

Red Asseltine now handles fire calls from Acton as well as Georgetown and Esquesing areas.

Area One fire Chief Mick Holmes reported the cost of the hook-up was half of the original estimate, \$99 instead of the quoted \$185.

Acton Firefighters and Acton Rotary Club will again pool their talents to hold the annual Family Day on Dominion Day.

Administration Committee of Halton Hills turned the matter over to Recreation Director to make sure the Tuesday, July 1 date for the use of Acton Park was clear.

The Recreation Director indicated there would be no problem with the dates.

Acton Rotary club barbecue the chickens and serve the eager guests while the Acton Firefighters handle the fireworks display that attracts crowds to the park.

## Bird, beasts bewildering

A robin has been seen in town, and reported to the reporters. However, with the mild winter, it may have been here all along, as some people speculate.

Another wildlife phenomenon has rural residents puzzled. This year they are seeing black squirrels for the first time. Neighbors can't figure out why the sudden appearance of these skittery creatures.

## Tall pole high cost

A flag pole at Acton municipal office could be an expensive proposition, Halton Hills administration committee learned Monday night.

The estimate is close to \$500 to install a 40 foot pole in the open space in front of the former clerk's office.

A report from Alf Duby of the works department said a cement base would have to be built to hold the aluminum or steel pole.

Councillor Les Duby said the cost was high, and any decision should be deferred until the ownership of the property is clarified.

## Loose lion?

Rumors of an escaped lion on the loose have not been substantiated by any findings or searches by the Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. Officers combed an area around the Fifth Line and 20 Sideroad Monday, following a call received at 7:30 a.m.

A spokesman for the OPP said there have been no reports of a lion missing from zoo or game farms. No further details were revealed to the press.

An OPP helicopter, six

officers and a Department of Lands and Forest snow machine made the search.

The Halton Hills Animal Control investigated a call yesterday where a resident on Lower Base Line said a week before he had lost four sheep. Three were found but the other must have been carried away according to the investigator. The investigator said they found footprints similar to those of a dog but spanning four inches. They could have been those of a St. Bernard or a Newfoundland dog.

## No cat controls

Halton Hills cat lovers, rest assured—you won't have to get a license for your favourite feline—at least not yet.

George Herrington of the Halton Hills Animal Control told Finance and Personnel Committee on Monday night that "There is no way you can control cats. If you do, you will be the first municipality to do so."

Mr. Herrington went on to say that if the time comes when cats have to be licensed, proof of rabies shots should be given before the license is granted.

Russ Miller, acting chairman in Cr. Harry Levy's absence, said, "In the rural areas where they have to have cats, I cannot see why they have to be licensed. It wouldn't be practical."

Mr. Herrington expressed the concern of rabies transmitted by cats. "The majority of cats carry rabies, but will not catch it." He continued to say that even though nothing can be done at the present time, he would like to see all cat owners make sure their pet has rabies shots, and some form of identification.

## Truck skids into train

A pickup truck skidded into a CN freight train Friday morning at the town dump crossing, and driver Bill Marshall, R.R. 4, was injured.

Snow was blowing and the tracks were covered with snow when Bill Marshall was making his usual trip to the dump. He goes regularly twice a week, for Ridley Cartage.

When he was leaving, the truck skidded into the locomotive of the train and he emerged from the truck with cuts, bruises and a broken shoulder. He was treated at

Glenlea Medical centre right after the accident. He is still in Guelph General Hospital.

The Milton detachment of the OPP investigated and an officer took Mr. Marshall to the doctor.

Write-off

The police estimated \$1,500 damage to the truck, but owner Jack Ridley says it's a write-off. Damage to the locomotive of the freight train was estimated at \$50.

Engineer on the train was Al MacKay of Stratford. The train stopped, but proceeded after a short wait.

Police say no charges were laid.



ACTON'S Jocelyn MacMillan placed third all-around in the Halton East High School gymnastics meet.

## Ratify contract at Beardmore

The contract between Beardmore and the union was ratified in a decisive union vote at the Legion Tuesday. There were 255 union members at the meeting of a total membership of 295, with 210 in favor of accepting the agreement.

Union president Bill Spielvogel says he is "quite pleased. We have the best agreement in Canada in the leather industry."

Talks had been underway for several weeks.



FIRST SIGHT of snow delights Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Melbourne of Nassau in the Bahamas. Even putting on the necessary warm gloves was a strange experience. Mr. Melbourne was guest preacher at Churchill community church Sunday and the couple were guests of friends Mr. and Mrs. Art Cooper, R.R. 2.