

Ten lots for parkland agreeable with C.V.C.A.

Even without present funds to acquire the land, Credit Valley Conservation Authority is enthusiastic about acquiring ten lots east of Fairy Lake for park purposes.

The Town of Halton Hills has asked the C.V.C.A. to assist in purchasing the land from Rugby Construction Ltd., who wish to erect semi-detached homes on the property.

Situated south of the Elizabeth Drive entrance to Lakeview subdivision and north-end of the northern bow of Fairy Lake, the property would provide a valuable addition to the parklands, C.V.C.A. chairman, Grant Clarkson commented.

"It's a fantastic idea—I'll be glad to move it," applauded Authority member, Hazel McCallion.

The ten lots have a market value of \$10-18,000 each, according to appraisals.

"So we're looking at a total of \$160,000," queried Clarkson. "Where are we going to get the money from this year's budget?"

"Let's get cracking with it

anyway," quipped Mrs. McCallion. "By the time the wheels of politics get through the red-tape, we'll be into next year's budget anyway."

If approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources, the province will pay 55 percent of the total appraised price, the

Conservation Authority pays, 5 percent of the balance and Halton Hills, as benefiting municipality, picks up the tab for the remainder.

At last Thursday's meeting the Authority moved to proceed with seeking appraisals of the land in question.

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JIM SAXON AND Debbie Ruppert were top winners in the Optimists public speaking contest at Georgetown. Debbie placed second in the girls' classes and Jim first for boys. Both are Robert Little students. One of the judges was their former vice-principal Barbara Rennick now Kilbride principal.

Recommend Beardmore use sewage plant

Council Tuesday recommended to Halton region that 100,000 gallons a day of Beardmore effluent be accepted when the extension to the Acton water pollution control plant is built.

The Ministry of the Environment will be requested to carry out tests on the effluent before arrangements could be made to accept 100,000 gallons a day on completion of the addition.

Polutech Corporation would be analysing the situation at Beardmore. When the waste water treatment plant was built at Beardmore the company also hoped for relief through the town system. Only a small amount of domestic sewage now goes from Beardmore into the town system. All other plants in town are connected to the town system.

Pre-treated The pre-treated effluent from the tannery will hopefully be acceptable in the newly-extended system.

The 100,000 gallons are only part of the effluent produced daily in the tanning system. Beardmore would prefer to dispose of all waste soon, rather than hold it in beds.

Beardmore officials have already had talks with region officials and had hopes the effluent would be accepted when the new plant was built.

However, when regional councillor Jack Rafits spoke on the subject at the Rotary meeting two weeks ago, he

felt the effluent would not be accepted.

Halton Hills council passed the recommendation that the effluent be accepted Monday, on motion of councillor Joe Hurst.

Beardmore provides 50 per cent of the industrial assess-

ment in Acton and employs 450 people.

Councillors do not expect the addition of Beardmore effluent would much alter the population limits set on the extended plant. Present estimate is 10,000 people, after the new addition.

Plant step further

A recommendation urging R. V. Anderson and Associates be engaged for the design of the Acton pollution control plant will go before regional council today.

The Public Works committee has recommended design work for an expansion that would see the plant handle 1,000,000 gallons per day rather than the 650,000 gallons per day. That expansion will accommodate a population of 10,000.

Committee members expressed some concern with advancing on what is considered a minor expansion. Oakville Councillor, Bill Mason, wondered if it wouldn't be more economical to build a larger expansion.

Maximum allowed Acting Regional Works Director, Jack Corbett, indicated the 1,000,000 gallons per day was the maximum the ministry of the Environment would permit. "Water resource data collected to date would indicate that although there is minimal flow in Black Creek, the Acton sewage remains excellent."

"A caution is provided about chlorine toxicity in Black Creek. The field of chlorine toxicity, as well as the field of chlorine-BOD relationships, is largely unknown. It is hoped that these chlorine questions will be clarified in the next year or two. It is possible that

planned water quality investigations at Acton during 1975 will define biological problems relating to effluent chlorination. In the meantime, staff should ensure that the Acton plant is not over-shrinking the effluent," a MOE spokesman said.

Single accident

There was only one car collision in town the past week. A parked car owned by L. and I. Ford, parked on Mill W., was struck by an unknown vehicle. About \$75 damage resulted.

The accident happened Tuesday of last week.

Chopper drops in

The crew of one of the O.P.P. helicopters dropped in on their colleagues in the Acton detachment Monday.

Corp. Bob Arthur and Cons. Bruce McArthur went up to see the town from aloft and inspect all the equipment available to the local force.

The O.P.P. helicopters go to detachments wherever they're required. One of the choppers had visited here before.

They have already been in use in disaster and rescue work, particularly in northern Ontario.

The helicopter crew on their last visit had mapped out the best landing places, and Monday chose the Legion parking lot. Although the park is a suitable size and well located, they were concerned about the presence of children during a landing there.



Springing for Spring . . .

LINDA ROBINSON of 37 Churchill Road was jumping for joy in the warm spring-like weather on the weekend.

Turn down subdivisions

The huge proposed subdivisions, which would have doubled the size of Acton, will undoubtedly be turned down, planner Mario Venditti told the recreation advisory committee Thursday. The fact that the proposed new addition to the pollution control plant limits the town's population to 10,000 prevents this giant development.

The pollution control plant addition, even if speedily approved, could take a couple of years to be built. However he felt that new technology could be developed which could change things in the future. Developments might permit extended use of the Black Creek, or new methods of sewage disposal might be discovered.

The capacity of the Black Creek has been a big constraint on growth here.

There can be about 1,700 more people before the addition of 3,000 more after.

Sr. Citizens on Elizabeth?

A location north of Elizabeth Dr. and west of Main St. N. has been approved by Halton Hills council as a site for senior citizens housing in Acton. Ontario Housing Corporation has also approved the location, after looking at various sites in town. Negotiations for purchase are underway.

If the land south of Elizabeth Dr. is acquired from developers for parkland, the new senior citizens units will overlook park area and the end of the lake.

Officials felt the walk downtown would not be too difficult from this location.

Survey to see goals, life style

Right from the beginning you should preserve your own community. Halton Hills planner Mario Venditti told the recreation advisory committee Thursday. And his office plans to help Actonians discover what their community is and wants to be.

This summer, two planning students will conduct a door-to-door survey in Acton, asking a series of specially-prepared questions. Answers will give a picture of what Acton people want, and of how they want their community to be.

They will be asked if they want the town to grow, and how, for instance.

Different There will be a similar survey in Georgetown but Mr.

Venditti thinks the picture that results will be completely different in the two towns.

"We'll identify goals maybe nobody in this room would ever have considered," he predicted.

These formative years of regional government will be the most difficult and frustrating, he told the committee members present—Diane Spielvogel, Brendan Aherne, Gil Malcolm and Peter Papillon. "However, Halton Hills is a fact."

The questionnaire will ask opinions on growth, transportation, sewer and water capacity and recreation facilities. A consensus of life style will result. For instance, there can easily be more recreation facilities if people are willing to pay for them, through higher taxes.

Mr. Venditti observed that if the community stays the same size, it will stagnate. "I believe in growth—from slow to moderate—and if it's well planned all will benefit," he asserted.

The survey will be well advertised in the press before it begins, so people will be aware of its purpose when the caller arrives.

Although the feelings of the people are being sought, Mr. Aherne remarked philosophically that there will always be people of vision who must look ahead.

Planning must be done locally, Mr. Venditti stressed. Region planning department, with its larger staff, does not know the needs of Acton. "There will always be a north-south struggle. We must fight for our policies," he stressed.

Grateful Committee members were very grateful for Mr. Venditti's coming and explaining various things. "Your department have achieved a wonderful thing," Mr. Aherne thought and Mr. Papillon said, "It's been an education to us all."

Added Mrs. Spielvogel, "So much in the past 14 months had been 'after the fact.' This has got to be a step in the right direction. We want to stay part of this community."

More public skating benefit of new roof

Hope for more public skating, once the new roof is on the arena, were expressed at the recreation advisory committee meeting Thursday. The new roof will be extending the ice season.

Recreation co-ordinator John Cooper observed lack of public skating time is a common complaint everywhere. "Lots of kids would just like to skate," observed Peter Papillon.

"The competition of hockey worries me," added Brendan Aherne.

Mr. Cooper mentioned public skating is one main reason for outdoor rinks.

The new arena in Georgetown is coming along well, Mr. Cooper said. There will

be summer hockey school and power skating classes there this summer. Mr. Cooper also said a Legion hockey grant has been recommended by Halton Hills administration committee.

An umpires' clinic will be held at Stewarttown hall Sunday, April 13. Coaches, executive members and anyone associated with minor softball is eligible to attend. There's no cost, Mr. Cooper explained.

Moms and Tots skating and power skating are offered at Georgetown arena, and Mr. Cooper asked the committee's opinion on having them here in the fall. He will contact the figure skating club and other groups for their opinions, too. Members felt

the new classes should be tried.

Mr. Papillon suggested shrub growth along the shoreline behind Elizabeth Dr. be cut down.

Trial put off

Roseanne Brown, charged with murder, has had her trial postponed until the fall of Ontario.

The counsel for Roseanne Brown is out of the country and unable to attend proceedings which were to have started Monday.

Mrs. Brown was charged following the shooting death of her husband last November. He was a five year veteran of the O.P.P. force.

No walkway for Ransom St.

Acton will not have the walkway problems that have plagued Georgetown for years, if town engineer Peter Morris has his way.

The engineer recommended a walkway in a 17 single home subdivision on Ransom Street, planned by Windland Associates, be deleted. He said they were difficult to maintain and sometimes created problems.

Ray Wall, of Windland Associates, told Halton Hills Planning Board, he was willing to delete the walkway, and raise the width of the road allowance from the original 50 feet to 60 feet as recommended by the engineer.

Open Councillor Joe Hurst stated Council had ruled Ransom Street be left open, rejecting Windlands request to have it closed.

He said it may be needed in the future for another access to Fairview cemetery.

Councillor Les Duby claimed the road was town property. "That piece was never included in the sale of the

town-owned land, to my knowledge," stated Councillor Les Duby.

Mr. Wall said his company was now investigating the relocation of services now running across lot 17.

Councillor Les Duby said he was pleased with entrances on the revised plan, but claimed the question of lot 17 should be resolved.

Waste time Councillor Ric Morrow demanded to know why Windland Associates were bringing their plan in piecemeal fashion. "Why don't you bring it all at once, when it's completed, instead of wasting everyone's time any longer?" Morrow stormed.

Chairman Ernie Sykes pointed out the planning board can make no decision until there is a full report including the solving of the services running across lot 17.

The matter was referred back to Windland Associates.

Skatathon

There could be 500 or 600 young people circling the arena ice Sunday, April 6, when the Rotary club sponsors its first skatathon.

Pupils from M. Z. Bennett, Robert Little, Speyside, Limehouse school and the high school will all be skating 60 laps to raise money from pledges. Osprings school may also be participating.

The profits will be split 50-50, half to the sponsors for their community service projects, and half to the schools. It is expected the schools will be using the extra cash for field trips.

Classes, clinic The new arena in Georgetown is coming along well, Mr. Cooper said. There will

The event is planned for the last day of ice in the arena, the day after the figure skating carnival.

Celebrities Sports celebrities are being contacted to take part and the organizers also expect some councillors and other interested adults. Bill Symon, former Argo, is one of the sports stars expected to be here on blades.

Groups of 60 to 80 will skate together, with two pacers. A skater can drop out any time.

When one group has done 60 laps, another pack takes over.

Rate increases are proposed

The Acton Hydro Commission is going broke, and rate increases seem to be the only way in which to rescue it from its plight.

In the past two months, the commission has lost \$17,000 with no end in sight, according to secretary

treasurer, Audrey Urquhart. Rate increases have been looked into, and if approved by Ontario Hydro, would not be in effect until August, at the earliest.

There is to be a substantial increase in 1976.



THIS B.C. CABLE truck was parked on the south side of Highway 25, near 22 Sideroad just outside of Acton, last Wednesday, March 12 when it rolled over with its bucket extended. The ac-

cident occurred just before noon. Damage was estimated at \$1,000 to the crane section of the truck, according to Milton O.P.P. They further report that nobody was hurt.



SHANE Mitchell practises to be a scuba diver at Beavers. For more pictures see the Youth page.