

Rec. 'empire' under attack

Halton Hills' recreation department was again the target of heavy fire during a stinging attack by Councillor Len Coxe at Monday's works committee meeting.

"Sometimes they run it like a two-bit operation but it isn't. It's costing us millions of dollars for our recreation program," Coxe charged.

He complained that for three weeks the furnace at Hornby community hall hadn't been fixed and it took days to get someone down to the hall to clean up the mess which resulted from recent flooding. Coxe explained procedure for maintenance is for the recreation department to inspect damages and then ask the works department to fix it up.

"He's spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to build these fancy places that you will need a top hat and tails to go into, yet things we have owned for sometime, and didn't cost us a cent, require people to wear hip waders and heavy coats because of poor heating and flooding," he stated.

Coxe noted the town is getting everything under the sun in the way of recreation facilities but can't seem to arrange having a furnace fixed or some water cleaned up.

"We pay in the \$20,000 bracket in salaries for these experts. Well the only time they are experts is when it comes time to negotiate salaries," he suggested.

Coxe pointed out the recreation department didn't have to make the repairs themselves just let works staff know what needed to be

done. He said he couldn't understand why they never got around to informing the works department that repairs were necessary. Coxe accused the recreation department of "diddling around" and suggested at some time council must steer the recreation director away from "all this fancy stuff."

"At some time we have to start standing up to these people and make them do their job," he said.

Coxe claimed there was poor co-operation at the recreation end of things and wondered how the works staff was expected to make repairs to town property if they weren't told there is a problem.

"I'll tell you one thing. There is no way I want to see this just filed away like other things have been. I want to see the recreation director start working with the rest of the staff and start cutting down on expenses," Coxe stated.

Engineer Peter Morris suggested the recreation department should be instructed to check the facilities every week. He said some of the problems probably arise because places like the Hornby, Stewarttown and Ballinad community halls aren't used all the time.

"They will say they check it every week but I know they don't. I tied a thread across the door and it hasn't been moved. They have to be told that checking the buildings for needed repairs doesn't mean sitting in their offices or just driving by the building," Coxe noted.

He said there was just no reason for these things to happen and for ratepayers to be forced to call councillors about complaints. Coxe continued that ratepayers should be able to phone the town offices, voice their complaint and know the problem will be fixed up.

Councillor Ern Hyde suggested if the recreation department can't get around to policing their buildings for damage then maybe the works department should take over all the facilities.

"Why don't we take over Hornby hall and the others. Then we will know it is being taken care of," he added.

Coxe wondered why the works committee should be expected to look after other people's works since they were already willing to take care of the repairs. All the works staff wanted was to be informed when repairs were necessary, he added.

"This is just another example of his empire building," Hyde charged.

"Well we are just going to start attacking the empire," Coxe vowed.

Committee chairman Joe Hurst said he was in full agreement with the councillor and suggested the works staff take over the maintenance of all recreation buildings in the town.

Mayor Tom Hill cautioned against this because the recreation department should be taking care of their buildings. He said the recreation director should be instructed to co-operate with the works department and expected to

have an explanation if they didn't.

Hurst thought it might be a good idea if the problem is thrashed out next week before the entire council.

Mayor Hill was also upset because someone instructed people in Hornby to take the

flag down which has been flying in the park. He vowed he would find out who issued the order and said he had told people in Hornby they could fly a flag and suggested they put the flag up again.

Coxe concluded with all the staff the recreation department had there was no reason for other departments to do their work for them.

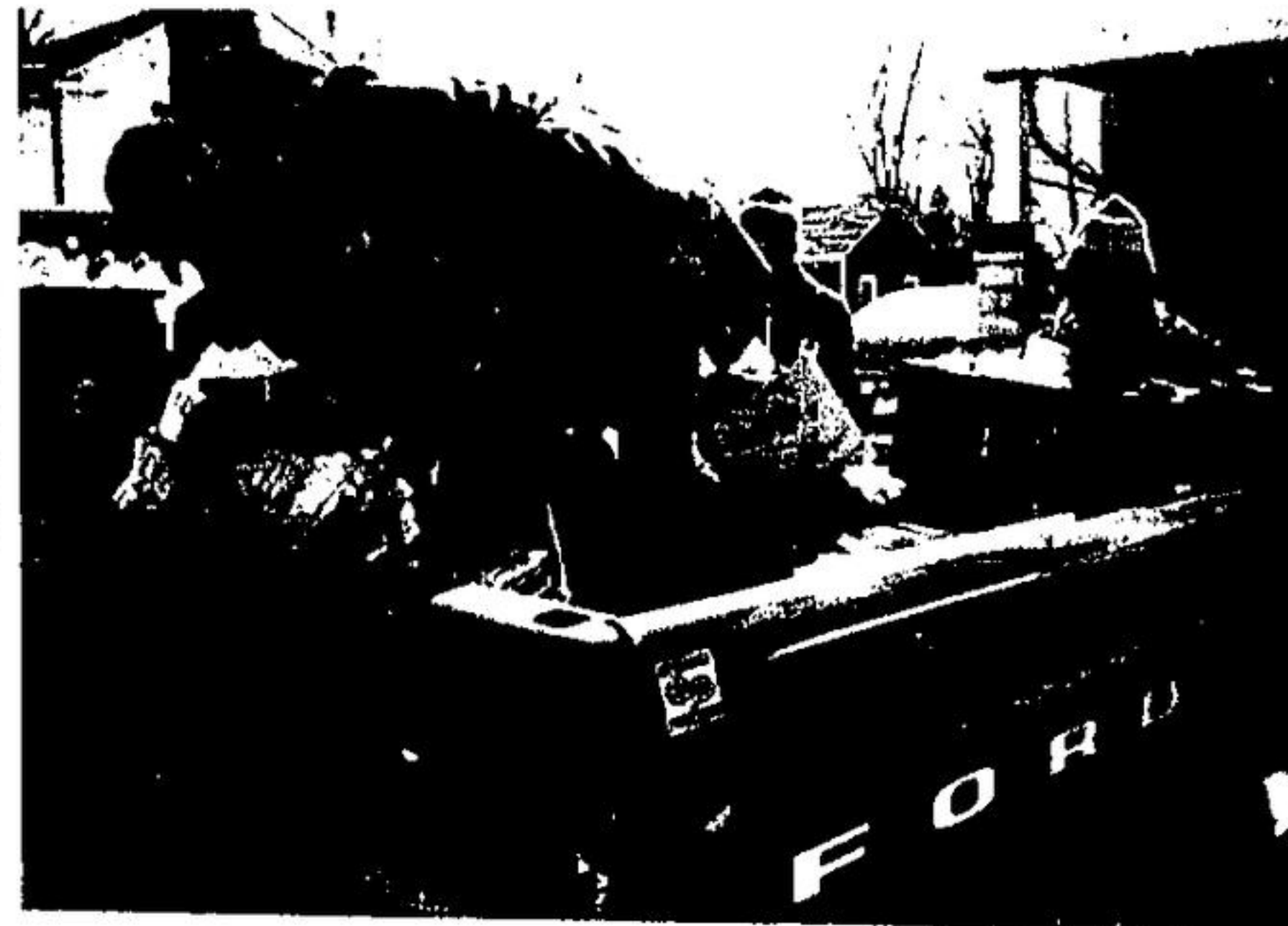
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PILES OF PAPERS and bottles filled the back of a pickup Acton High School Band was using to collect. The early Saturday morning pickup is run monthly by members of the band.



HARDWORKING MEMBERS of the high school band, Brenda Kingsmill, Stan Petric, John Thompson and Peter Zions toured the town collecting papers and bottles to raise funds for the band's activities. The collections were run by the Outers Club of Acton High School but they discontinued them months ago.

Vandals stealing new rural signs

Council is upset about vandalism in the rural areas of Halton Hills.

It was announced at works committee Monday night that both traffic signs and the new rural street signs are being ripped down. They are also walking off with the signs.

Engineer Peter Morris informed the committee each sign costs between \$35 and \$40 and suggested the Milton

O.P.P. be advised of the problem and asked to keep an eye on them. Police will be asked to try and catch more of the culprits and prosecute them to the full letter of the law.

Councillor Ern Hyde said a good deterrent might be to have the next person who is caught stealing a sign replace the signs and do the work of erecting them.

Councillor Len Coxe speculated that it was probably college kids who were ripping the signs down and they were putting them up in their rooms as decoration.

The committee decided on a number of different steps which will be taken to apprehend the culprits and solve the problem but decided they should remain secret so that thieves won't know the town's plan of attack.

Levy waiting

Councillor Harry Levy is upset with the lack of response from the region to Halton Hills' requests.

Levy informed council on April 8 he has been waiting a year for an answer from the region on two of his requests: one for a transit system in Halton Hills and one for a correction of sewer problems in the Duncan Drive, Weber Drive and Raylawn Crescent area of Georgetown.

He said he has sent letters to the region on both problems and that council has asked the region for answers but to no avail. Levy warned there will be problems in that area of Georgetown again this year because the sewer situation hasn't been cleared up.

Councillor Pat McKenzie concluded studies for transit systems in both Halton Hills and Milton are being considered by the region.

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Y sub-committee to promote organization

New life is being breathed into the Acton Y these days, under the able hand of recently-elected board chairman, Helen Van Sickle.

A public-relations sub-committee meeting was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Lorraine Barton. Under chairmanship of Mrs. Sue Robbins, the committee's purpose is to examine ways of promoting the Y as an im-

portant function in the Acton community. Findings are taken back to the Y board for consideration. Also on the committee is Helen Robertson, an Acton high school student.

Conclusions reached
How to draw attention to Y activities, how to create more interest through publicity and what function the Y really should have, were all points under discussion. General

conclusion was, that at the present time, there was little to be done as existing programs are already being advertised. They did feel the need to let residents know the Y is a working organization. Members felt, with community backing, it could retrieve its former role as an important place where programs of health and culture for both body and mind could be conducted.

Times of regular meetings for the group were set tentatively for the first Wednesdays of each month. The chairman also suggested that, as a program gets on the road, more public-relations people will be required on the sub-committee. Tuesday's meeting was one of investigating new ideas.

No quorum

A regular meeting of the Acton recreation advisory committee, scheduled for Stewarttown hall Thursday night had to be cancelled when only two committee members and recreation co-ordinator John Cooper showed up.

Committee members Ed Wood and Brendan Ahearne attended, while Diane Spielvogel, Pam Sheldon, Barry Inscow, Gil Malcolm and Peter Papillon were absent.

Mr. Cooper reported that Mrs. Spielvogel had telephoned in advance to say she would be unable to attend and that he was aware Mr. Papillon was away in Eastern Canada on business. He said

some mix-up about the meeting may have resulted from the fact he had been unable to mail out minutes of the previous committee meeting, since he had been involved in an auto accident during the April 4 snowstorm and lost a day of work.

Mrs. Sheldon told the Free Press this week she was unable to attend because of illness. Mr. Inscow indicated Mr. Malcolm and himself had expected to hear from other members about whether or not there was a meeting. The committee has been meeting at different sites in Wards 1 and 2 of Halton Hills to better acquaint themselves with facilities available for recreational activities.

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The Canadian Radio-Television Commission will hold a public hearing beginning on May 6, 1975 at the Holiday 150 King Street East, Hamilton, Ontario to consider the following matters:

GEORGETOWN, ACTON, MILTON, ONTARIO (750008500)

Halton Cable Systems Limited, 37 Main Street South, Georgetown, Ontario.

Application to amend its cable television broadcasting licence for Georgetown, Acton, Milton, Ontario

—to change its rate structure from a basic service (channels 2 to 13) and optional converter service (additional channels) to basic service with converter service (no option).

	RATES
Installation fee	PRESENT MAXIMUM RATES
Basic Service	\$10.00
Converter Service	\$10.00
Monthly fee	\$5.00
Basic Service	\$7.50
Converter Service	(Including converter equipment)
	PROPOSED MAXIMUM RATES
BASIC SERVICE WITH CONVERTER SERVICE	\$15.00
Installation fee	\$15.00
Basic Service	\$15.00
Converter Service	(converter at later date)
Basic and Converter Service	\$15.00
	(Installed on same date)
Monthly fee	\$6.00
	(not including converter equipment)

The above are maximum rates, however, the applicant has special rates for additional outlets, bulk contracts, FM outlets and converters and these are detailed in the application.

Location where the application may be examined:
37 Main Street South, Georgetown, Ontario.

INFORMATION ON APPLICATIONS

RIGHT TO COMMENT: Anyone may lodge a complaint with or make any representation to the Commission with respect to any matter within the powers of the Commission that is not directed to any application by submitting a brief submission setting out the nature of the complaint or representation to the undersigned.

Anyone may submit comments on any application by submitting a written intervention to the undersigned at 100 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2 and by serving a true copy to the intervention upon the applicant on or before April 21, 1975.

The intervention shall contain a clear and concise statement of the relevant facts and the grounds upon which the intervenor's support for, opposition to or proposed modification of the application is based.

Be sure to attach the postal or messenger receipt to the copy for the CRTC, giving proof that the applicant has received his copy.

VIEWING OF DOCUMENTS: Anyone can view the applications at either the office of the CRTC, 100 Metcalfe Street, Room 1601, Ottawa, Ontario or at the local address given in this notice for examination of the application.

PROCEDURE AT HEARINGS: Read the CRTC Rules of procedure to find out the rights and obligations of the parties to a hearing. Copies are available from Information Canada.

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Guy Lefebvre,
Director-General of Licensing.

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