

Speed bumps, 20-25 m.p.h. limit proposed to curb Blvd. speeders

Speeding vehicles along Acton Boulevard, in front of the high school, could be curbed by a 20 to 25 miles per hour speed limit or a series of speed bumps, the works committee has suggested to Halton Hills council.

But some members of council weren't sure the bumps or the lowered speed limit was the solution to a problem Councillor Joe Hurst says has a long history.

Councillor Pat McKenzie brought the subject up after minutes from the works committee were perused Monday night and Mayor Tom Hill suggested the town

should use caution because the mayor of Oakville got into trouble when bumps were installed in Oakville.

Want it solved? Councillor Ernie Sykes suggested perhaps the Acton O.P.P. expressed an interest in the problem now because they knew the regional police would soon be taking over, but Mayor Hill said the O.P.P. were very interested in solving the problem.

Councillor McKenzie reminded council that Staff Sergeant Bernard Ward is already taking over from Corporal Arbour and the Acton O.P.P. detachment, so

it was a joint problem to be solved by combined forces.

Councillor Hurst, chairman of the committee of the whole, said he lived close to Acton Boulevard and traffic was running rampant on some occasions. "The speeding is out of this world," he told council. Measures such as taking the stop sign out at Arthur St. did not seem to help and now the street extended into the new Bovis subdivision problems with speeding multiplied.

Two schools Councillor Les Duby reminded council there were two schools along Acton

Boulevard which made the problem serious but he felt bumps installed on the road were not the answer. He suggested there should be more surveillance of the street for proper control.

Councillor McKenzie didn't agree. He pointed to the town of Fergus as an example of a municipality where bumps had been installed and they were doing the job.

Council decided the matter was best left with the police and the town engineer to consider methods of control, the recommendation which emanated from the works committee.



Region mill rate is down

While most ratepayers in Halton will realize a slight reduction in regional mill rates, Milton's rate will increase in most areas of the town. The region's budget is up about 13 per cent over last year.

The budget being recommended to council today (Wednesday) stands at \$22,200,592—up approximately \$3,600,000 from last year. Halton Hills and Burlington mill rates will drop while most areas of Milton and Oakville will jump slightly.

In Halton Hills decreases ranging from .04 in Acton to 1.32 in Georgetown come into play. That part of Halton Hills formerly in Esqueping jumps .09 while former Oakville area jumps 1.18 mills.

Milton Treasurer Don Lougheed said rates in the town vary. On a house assessed at \$3,000 a one mill increase would work out to about \$30.

In the older part of Milton the urban residential and urban commercial areas realize a drop of .06 and .07 respectively. The rural residential and rural commercial rates in the former town jump by about 1.36 and 1.60 mills.

Former North Burlington jumps by 1.10 while homeowners in former Nassagaweya will see an increase of 1.63 mills, the former Esqueping area is up 1.28 mills and former North Oakville jumps by 1.08.

The total being raised from municipalities for regional purposes is \$11,317,377.

The city of Burlington picks up 42.81 per cent while Oakville pays 35.42 per cent, Milton pays 3.76 per cent and Halton Hills pays 13.01 per cent.

Two factors allow the region to reduce mill rate jumps in some areas and control them in others. The greatest factor coming into play this year is the influx of provincial moneys in the form of additional police grants and per capita grants. The second factor is the increase in assessment within the region.

The highest urban mill rate for regional government is in Milton and that stands at 18.94 mills for residential and 22.27 mills for commercial. Georgetown has the lowest rate at 10.47 and 12.32 for residential and commercial respectively.

Councillors question tennis club monopoly

Halton Hills council is questioning the operation of tennis clubs on municipally owned land.

The question was raised when Councillor Roy Booth said the proposed constitution for the new Georgetown Moore Park Tennis Association should be approved by council.

Councillor Ernie Hyle said members didn't have a copy of the constitution so didn't know what it contained.

"I do know we have one tennis club in town operating on municipal land on courts built and given to the town by Georgetown Lions Club," said Hyle. He pointed out he had been opposed to turning

them over to the club at the time and was opposed to the turning over of the Moore Park courts to another club.

Hyle said other clubs such as hockey and baseball operate in town but don't take over the facility. He claimed the clubs should be accommodated but not given exclusive use, or the operation of the courts.

Club. Sykes said the constitution does not make the clubs answerable to the municipality.

He said he would like the entire matter of tennis clubs in Moore Park, Acton, Joseph Gibbins park and the proposed four new courts at the arena, reviewed. He said he would like to know how other municipalities handle the problem.

Sykes said he would not be opposed to the clubs forming a federation then reporting to council, "but it should not be in the hands of private individuals."

Sykes stated he was opposed to the one day a week use by the public, and the rest

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See close vote PC nomination

A large turnout from Acton is expected at the Halton-Burlington Progressive-Conservative nomination meeting this Thursday at the School for the Deaf in Milton.

Declared a candidate is M. Z. Bennett school principal Gary Dawkins. The other person who has indicated he will stand for nomination is George Gray of Georgetown. However, there are rumors there could be a last-minute nominee from Milton.

Buses from here At least four buses have been arranged to take Acton supporters to Milton for the nominations. The buses leave

the high school at 7 p.m., making a stop at the Toronto-Dominion bank corner.

Voters may register starting at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Hon. William Stewart, Minister of Agriculture.

A very close vote is expected, Acton PCs report. The local executive is making all the contacts it can to get people out Thursday.

Bob Maddeaux is president, Morris Staley vice-president, Marie Shadob secretary-treasurer, and Donna Aikhen second vice-president. Ross Ballentine is vice-president in charge of Esqueping.

Garbage goes twice weekly

Twice a week garbage collection began this week, but many people missed the date as announced in the Free Press.

Garbage was left outside many homes Monday on the streets where garbage pickup was due Tuesday under the new schedule.

The town is divided. South

and west of the tracks pickups are Mondays and Thursdays.

North and east of the tracks, York, Maria, Poplar, Crescent, Eastern and Hillcrest have pickups Tuesdays and Fridays.

No extra equipment is needed for the increased pickups.

Secret signature secures cycle

On Thursday a local man was charged with possession by Acton O.P.P., after they discovered a bicycle which had been stolen from a garage on Tyler Ave. last Tuesday.

Although the man had changed the handlebars, taken off the license and added a kick stand, the owner of the bike could identify it. She had her name written on it in a hidden spot.

The man appears in court August 6.



DANCERS SWIRL and stomp on opening day of the Ukrainian Youth Camp on Sunday. Over 500 young people from several points in southern

Ontario converged to the Fourth Line retreat for opening celebrations. More photos of opening, see second section.

Who does what in care of parks?

Councillor Pat McKenzie told Halton Hills council he didn't know who to call to complain about lack of maintenance in the parks. After half an hour's discussion he said he still didn't know who to call.

McKenzie claimed people are unhappy about the parks maintenance, and get the brush off when they call. He asked if it is the recreation department or the works department who should receive the complaints.

Councillor Len Coxie said the works department do the

physical labor after being asked by the recreation department.

McKenzie said "one is passing the buck to the other."

Councillor Ric Morrow said council tried to decide the allocation of responsibility, and wanted it under the works department, because they feared "an empire in the recreation department with their own vehicles and grass cutters." He said it was cheaper to maintain the parks by works department employees.

Morrow urged the works department to pay more attention to the parks, and pointed to complaints by the Georgetown Baseball Association, who said they had to cut the grass themselves before games. "Day to day maintenance is the responsibility of the works department," he concluded.

McKenzie said the picnic tables were still stacked last weekend, when people would want to use them.

"They're certainly out in Acton, in fact four of them are in the lake," retorted Councillor Joe Hurst.

Councillor Ernie Hyle said the recreation director is responsible for parks, and he asks the works department to do the labor. "If anything

goes wrong it belongs to the administration committee and if anything goes right it belongs to the works department," quipped Hyle, a member of the works committee.

Councillor Mike Armstrong said the whole subject had been discussed in detail two weeks ago, and claimed the works and recreation departments were now working closely.

Councillor Les Duby said parks and recreation are inseparable, since the recreation programs have such an impact on the parks. "There's too much administration on Main Street, the administration is here." He said the town has a problem right now and has had for

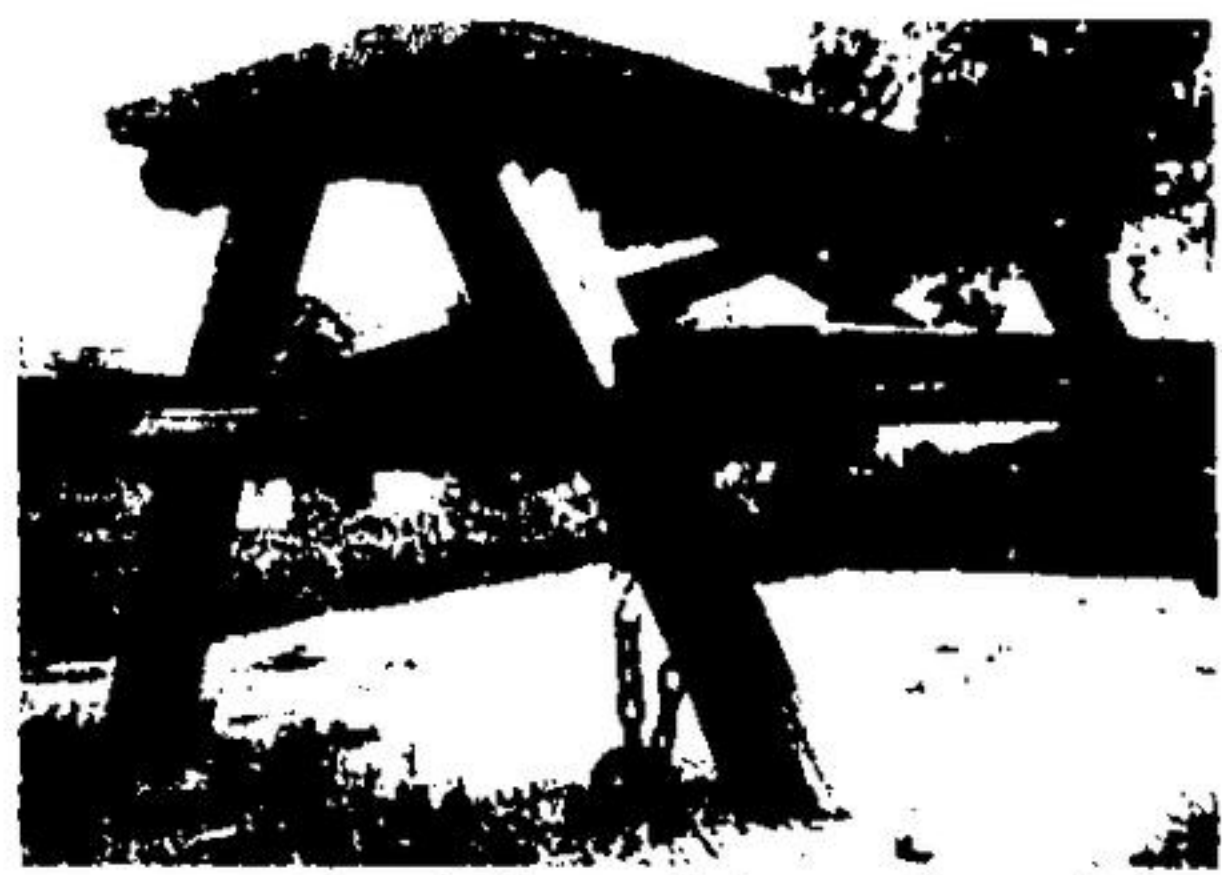
some time with parks maintenance.

Councillor Ernie Sykes contended it was a problem between two department heads—works and recreation.

Morrow said the Recreation Director has no authority to tell anyone to cut the grass. He claimed it would be the town engineer, while the recreation director is responsible for scheduling the use of the parks.

Coxie said it was more complicated than that. He said the works department does the work but the money comes from the recreation budget.

Hurst said it could only be resolved by closer cooperation between the two department heads, and McKenzie said he still didn't get an answer.



PICNIC tables which were being used as rafts by youths in Acton's Fairy Lake, have been chained down to halt the dangerous practice. The town works department attached the chains after last week's Free Press photo.

Picnic on ground?

If youngsters persist in throwing picnic tables into Fairy Lake, the tables will be taken out of the park altogether, warns works superintendent Frank Morette. The tables nearest the water have already been chained to concrete.

However, young people are dragging them from farther away for the pleasure of dumping them in the water.

The tables won't stand it, says Mr. Morette. They're worth \$50 apiece.

Morette says

Same service for all parks

"Acton is not getting second class service" as far as parks maintenance is concerned, Halton Hills works superintendent Frank Morette insists. "Both Acton and Georgetown are receiving the same level of service."

(At their last meeting, members of Acton recreation advisory committee had criticized the condition of the park.)

Alf Duby, superintendent of services, schedules the work for parks.

Lots of green "It's great grass growing

weather," Mr. Morette pointed out. The town simply doesn't have the equipment to keep up with growth like that at this time of year. However he hopes as soon as the budget is approved the town will add to the "fleet."

A tractor has been rented from the arena here for use in mowing grass this spring.

All the parks areas are being cut. Students are already on the job and they follow behind the town men and town equipment, trimming up with hand mowers.

The flower beds are all planted, with extra plants at the library corner.

Mr. Morette went on to say his department will likely have this special collection twice a year, rather than once as had been done in Georgetown. He expects the second one this year will be about the end of September.

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Surprise garbage

Today (Wednesday) is the day Halton Hills garbage men will accept a challenge—what can you give them?

They were to start out early in town and pick up unwieldy items that they won't normally accept in the regular garbage collections.

They were expecting to get fridges, stoves, hot water heaters and branches, among other unwanted, unloved and useless items.

There are some things we do reject, says works superintendent Frank Morette, who has run this kind of collection in Georgetown before. A car, for instance, or a whole tree. It happened—in Georgetown.

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BAND PLAYED in the shade of lofty evergreens as groups went throughout Fairview cemetery planting geraniums and placing bouquets on

graves of families and friends. Gunner Moore, whose grave is showing, was killed in the Boer War.