

New high school to open in 1977

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ready to be occupied, but standing idle. He added that even more housing is being built within the town.

Outside the boardroom Mr. Lawson said he was reluctant to see the Milton school delayed but acknowledged that the projected enrolment in the area had just not developed.

Acton Trustee Tom Watson said after the meeting the existing Acton school was far behind the Milton school in layout and facilities.

He said that the need in Acton was for an academic school and those requiring vocational training would continue to be bussed out of the town.

Georgetown Trustee Ernie Bodnar asked whether or not provision for Georgetown had been considered by the committee. He pointed out the

school there had a rated capacity of 1985 and a projected enrolment of 1910 this fall.

Mr. Bodnar said the tender for a sewage plant extension was expected to be let in the fall, allowing the town up to 10,000 new people.

Assistant Director Em Lavender said the development south of Silver Creek would help solve the problem in Georgetown. He said the school was too big for an addition and without development south of Silver Creek, there wouldn't be enough students to justify construction of a second school in the area.

"One way," Trustee Watson told Mr. Bodnar that for six years Acton students were bussed to Georgetown and if Georgetown students were bussed to Acton for a few years, it wouldn't hurt. "Oh no, that's only a one way road, Tom," Mr. Bodnar shot back.



ACTON LEGION election of officers ushered Fred Allen in as president, Ab Irwin vice-president and James Milne second vice-president. Left to right are, Gord McCutcheon, Jimmy Milne, Fred Allen, Bernie Greenfield, Ab Irwin and Bruce McDonald.

Parks problems

Advisory committees as troubleshooters

The Recreation Advisory Committees may become troubleshooters for the town, by spotting maintenance problems in the parks and reporting them to the works committee.

Councillor Ric Morrow told Halton Hills council, Monday night, the Advisory Committees at a joint meeting with the administration committee, came up with the idea, which he endorsed.

The responsibility of parks maintenance has been a bone of contention in

town over the last two months.

Morrow said the members of the Advisory Committees have experience with park problems, and suggested the name be changed to "Recreation and Parks Advisory Committees." "There could be two sets of minutes, one for recreation which would be forwarded to the administration committee for action, and the other for parks, which would be sent to the works department," suggested Morrow.

He pointed out a separate maintenance

crew and equipment for the recreation department would be a costly operation, and urged council to try the idea for a while.

Councillor Les Doby said he felt the parks maintenance had been adequate, but agreed the advisory committees should have a role in planning parks.

Councillor Harry Levy said, "Now we have no-one to say this needs doing and that needs doing." He suggested a member of the works staff attend the

advisory committee meetings to help solve the problems.

Councillor Pat McKenzie suggested the amalgamation of works and recreation committees would accomplish the same end.

"At the Region when they joined a lot of committees, it really became a jumbled mess," commented Mayor Tom Hill.

The suggestion to give the Recreation Advisory Committees the added responsibility will be discussed further before a firm decision is made.



Refuse fence request

Halton Hills council went along with a decision of works committee not to share the cost of a fence between property owned by Mrs. B. Henry, 21 Knox Ave., Acton, and Knox Presbyterian Church.

Councillor Pat McKenzie contended the town has an agreement with the church to maintain the parking lot, and claimed the four foot chain link fence should be included in the maintenance.

McKenzie said the problem

was not caused by Sunday parking, but was a case of litter, and people cutting across Mrs. Henry's property. "We have an obligation," he added.

Councillor Ern Hyde said the town has an agreement only with the church, and has no agreement with a private individual. He said the property owner should take her problem to the church, then the church should come to the town.

McKenzie insisted the town

should let the church know of the problem. "But the church has not asked us," retorted Hyde.

Councillor Joe Hurst explained that the town of Acton originally owned a 36 foot wide strip of land from Knox Ave. back to the Pioneer Cemetery, but the land was sold back to Knox Church in 1962 with the town retaining a 20 foot right-of-way.

He said the town had an agreement to use the parking lot for municipal purposes and in turn would maintain it. Councillor Len Cox said he felt the town had an agreement to maintain it, and considered fencing a normal part of maintenance.

Councillor McKenzie said Mrs. Henry has three young children who can no longer use the backyard. He said the town only pays a dollar a year for the use of the parking lot. Hyde repeated he would reconsider if the request came from the church.

Councillor Dick Howitt said if Knox Church makes the re-

quest he felt the town should consider but not if from a third party.

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Hyde claims

Region can't handle sewers and water

Councillor Ern Hyde suggested Monday night that Halton Hills Council resubmit to the Region of Halton its desire to take back the responsibility for sewers and water and that the provincial government be petitioned to amend Bill 151 to give this responsibility back to the local municipalities.

"The Region is proving its inadequacy to cope with the service at a reasonable cost," Councillor Hyde claimed.

As a member of the Halton Region Council, Councillor Len Cox said he could see the benefit of what Councillor Hyde was suggesting, but he wondered about the timing of the request. He reminded fellow works committee members that Provincial Treasurer Darcy McKeough hinted in a recent speech that water and sewers responsibility might be given back

to local councils.

"I wonder if we couldn't give it a month to settle in," said Councillor Cox. "It loses credibility if you continue haranguing them about it."

Councillor Hyde said council had made the request once and had been refused. "Right now I think there is a mood to do just about anything," he suggested.

The motion passed unanimously with Councillor Cox assuring all that that although he is not in favor of the timing, he is in favor of the idea.

Classes

Halton high schools are still having classes although those in Wellington, Peel and Hamilton are all finished for the year.

New staffer for Acton Free Press

Peter C. McCusker, a graduate of Sheridan College Journalism program, will be working for the Acton Free Press as reporter-photographer.

Hailing from Guelph, he

has worked part-time for the Free Press over the past year. He appreciates photography as an artform and successfully adapts the visual communicative medium it is, in presswork.

Forged prescriptions

Two forged medical prescriptions were reported to police at 11:30 a.m. and noon yesterday (Tuesday) from Glenlea Drug Mart and Acton Pharmacy. By 3:30 p.m. police had arrested an out-of-town man and charged him

with two counts of uttering forged documents.

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No land freeze farmer tells council

Farmers in the south Esqueping area, between Steeles Avenue and the Tenth Line made it clear to Halton Hills Planning Board, Tuesday night, they want no part of a land freeze on their farms.

Rod Pinkey, spokesman for

the South Esqueping Land-owners Association, said his organization was made up of resident farmers owning more than 50 acres. He said they are concerned about the future use of their land.

"Some of us may have to quit farming in five or ten

years and we don't want our land frozen. If the land is frozen in agriculture and we can't sell, we won't have enough to live on." He claimed most of the farmers' assets are in buildings and equipment.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said the Halton Region Official Plan would be put before the people in 1976 and everybody would be given the chance to be heard.

Chairman Ernie Sykes said the town of Halton Hills is drawing up an official plan for the whole area, and this area would be considered.

Study rates uniform levy

A major study concerning water rates will be underway soon and is expected to be completed by the end of August, according to Halton Regional Treasurer Don Farmer.

Mr. Farmer said the study would include a review of policies, by-laws, rates and charges in effect in each area municipality prior to regional government.

The study will consider alternative rate structures, charges and the impact the alternatives would have on ratepayers.

Until then the region will have to go along with no-

official policies. The new policies could affect areas like Milton Heights that want to hook onto existing systems or have the existing systems extended so a hookup is possible.

Because the multiplicity of rates and fees charged by the various jurisdictions prior to regional government, the matter is a complex one. Regional public works and regional council have often considered the possibility of common water rates across the region.

The study is expected to provide some of the data required to make that type of decision.

Planner Mario Venditti said they were planning to meet with all organizations and farmers to get their views. He said there would be a series of hearings. "I don't think the policy would entirely freeze land, but the aim is to preserve as much prime farm land as possible."

"There really is not a food shortage in the world, as far as people who can afford to pay for it," claimed Mr. Pinkey. He said this part of the world is not really a prime producing area because of the temperature.

He said his association would try to submit a brief to the region.

Points pistol

A local man was charged with dangerous use of a firearm June 14 at 4:25 p.m. He had reportedly been pointing a pellet pistol out of the window of his home.

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