



STUDYING EVERY aspect of planning in Halton Hills this summer are Bill Gault (left) and Philip Wood (right). They talk over Acton's problems and future with councillor Joe Hurst (centre) Tuesday. A report is expected to be done by the end of September.

Planning survey has fall goal for report

Where is Acton going? How is Acton growing? What's ahead for business, industry, subdivisions?

The fall will bring answers to many questions about the future, after the planning department of Halton Hills has completed its survey which is underway.

Two student planners have been assessing all of Halton Hills, and are at work in Acton right now. Bill Gault of Toronto is a student in planning at Ryerson Institute and Philip Wood, Toronto, is a planning student at the University of Toronto. They're going over every square inch of town, and they will assemble all the details and facts they amass for a report to Halton Hills planner Mario Venditti, residents and council in September.

The two young men have also studied Georgetown and the rural areas of Halton Hills. Mr. Venditti says, however, they are spending more time in Acton and the country, since fewer studies are already available of these areas.

Meetings

Meetings in Acton and the district are planned, so local residents may hear of the planning department's conclusions and proposals when the study is over. Input from citizens is important to Mr. Venditti.

Then the presentations go to council, to see the reaction there. "This winter will be busy," commented Mr. Venditti Tuesday.

He foresees proposals coming forth from September right through to December. The people and council will have to decide how to proceed, and discuss costs which will be surely entailed in any plans for improvement.

An official plan will be the final result of months of study and discussions.

The two student planners in Acton are taking a close look at land use.

Downtown

They are contacting businessmen and expect to have recommendations relating to the downtown core. Roads, stores, parking and lighting will all be considered in a proposal for downtown improvements.

They are also checking out all the industrial areas with a view to the future. Planner Mario Venditti thinks the time is coming soon when Acton will be the chosen location for industry. Much of the prime locations near

Toronto are already gone. Industries will be searching for new homes, and the Toronto boom will extend out to Milton, Georgetown and Acton.

Of course, he adds, the availability of labor is another factor industrialists will be taking into consideration. Other towns, like Acton, have discovered that families move to new subdivisions and the breadwinner still drives many miles to his former job in, say, Toronto. However, when industries open in his own area, he is very willing to change jobs and be employed at home.

Residences

Residential expansion will also come under the trained eyes of the two young men. They are counting up the different kinds of units available—houses, duplexes, apartments.

Parks rate another part of the study. They are looking over all previous planning documents related to the town, including a University of Toronto study done in 1963. However, in effect they are "starting from scratch" by outlining everything in their studies.

The two men come under the direct supervision of Mr. Venditti.

Twenty per cent of the cost is paid by the town and 80 per cent under a government program called Involvement in Municipal Administration.

They have had talks with councillors Les Duby, G. W. McKenzie and Joe Hurst who are eminently knowledgeable about the town, and are the three representatives on the new council.

Questionnaires

Letters and questionnaires have gone out to industries and commercial places to assist in the work.

The planners were meeting Tuesday with a group of Hornby ratepayers, to talk over their ideas for their own community.

There will be nothing definite ready before the end of September, according to Mr. Venditti.

He had hoped originally to have door-to-door surveys made in Acton, but this proved impossible. There was not enough time for the two students to undertake such a time-consuming project. However, Mr. Venditti would still like to see it done sometime.

\$300,000 request for administration site

The town of Halton Hills will ask the OMB to approve \$300,000 debentures, for acquisition of land for a new administration building, and a feasibility study if necessary.

The original 1975 capital budget of \$505,000 was cut to \$272,000, through increased community centres grants, and the use of reserve funds and current operating funds for other projects.

The \$272,000 was slated for an aerial fire-fighting unit at \$192,000, an addition to the ambulance garage at \$30,000 and municipal building study at \$50,000.

The three items were replaced by the \$300,000 amount for land for a municipal building when Councillor Ern Hyde came up with a plan reshuffling present departments, with the works yard centralized on the Seventh Line and the Maple Avenue works yard becoming headquarters for the fire department.

He claimed the present Chapel street fire hall could accommodate the ambulance service and the ambulance hall could easily be converted to a house and sold, with the money going toward the works yard expansion on Seventh Line.

He stressed the importance of a centralized works yard, saying this problem should be solved before any administration building is considered. He said the ambulance building should not be expanded until the whole relocation question is settled.

Councillor Harry Levy agreed and termed the aerial ladder "premature", but said the study of the needs for a new municipal building location was needed.

Hyde suggested the town could come up with the land needs and size of building themselves, making a study unnecessary. He reminded council the building committee of council had been reinstated. "I'm suggesting we ask for money to acquire land".

Councillor Dick Howitt agreed saying he would be prepared to forget the other

two items, meaning the aerial ladder and the extension to the ambulance building.

Levy said he felt the town stood a better chance of

receiving approval if the request to the OMB was lumped together in the \$300,000. He said the present ambulance hall is

inadequate, and council said they were going to do something about it. "We have to do something."

The revised capital budget

originally included \$70,000 for the reconstruction of Sargent Road, which was to be debentured. It will now be done from current funds.



MEMBERS OF THE Loyal Orange Lodge 467 of Acton placed a wreath at the cenotaph on Mill St. and took part in the July 4 Orange Day celebration parade in Oakville Saturday. George Holmes reads while Jack Campbell, Daniel Holmes, Roy Arnott, Bill Carnochan and Mrs. C. K. Browne prepare for the presentation.

Kerr rejoins Ontario cabinet

Halton West MPP George Kerr is expected to rejoin the Ontario cabinet as Solicitor-General, following an announcement made by Premier William Davis Monday.

Mr. Kerr had resigned his

cabinet post last February when testimony at a preliminary hearing of the Hamilton harbour dredging trial suggested a \$10,000 contribution had been made to his campaign, in return for support.

Premier Davis had accepted Mr. Kerr's resignation last February, promising to reappoint him when his name was cleared.

The trial ended in Hamilton last week and Mr. Justice Callon stated there was no evidence Mr. Kerr "was involved in any impropriety".

Charged

Former Hamilton harbor commissioner Kenneth Elliott and business consultant Reginald Fisher were found guilty on 10 charges of fraud, conspiracy and uttering when the trial concluded.

Mr. Kerr commented "I'll pick up where I left off in February." He was first elected in 1963.

300 calls

Illness strikes youths at camp

Officials of the Ukrainian Youth Camp Weselka on the Fourth Line Halton Hills are still awaiting a report to be released by investigating officers of the Halton Regional Health Unit on why 18 youths were sent to Georgetown hospital over the weekend.

A food poisoning scare which was reported by radio stations throughout southern Ontario and which caused nearly 300 parents to call the camp for information, had been deemed false by camp director Bahlan Prus.

The 18 youths who were sent to hospital complaining of stomach cramps were from a group of 160 attending

the camp, most of whom are from the Metro Toronto area. Police cruisers and ambulances took the youths to Georgetown District Hospital, Milton and Acton OPI provided the cruisers.

Dr. T. B. Moore of Acton attended campers at the scene. Mr. Prus said it was not food poisoning at all and said that he is still awaiting the report from health authorities. An official investigating officer of the Regional Health Unit confirmed that it was not food poisoning the youths suffered from as first thought.

The initial symptoms of stomach cramps were those of food poisoning. The usual symptoms of nausea and diarrhea didn't follow and food poisoning was set aside but not ruled out by investigators.

Upwards of 30 youths may have felt the symptoms but all have been released from hospital and are presently well. Of the 18 youths who were admitted Saturday, five girls and three boys were held overnight for observation. Police did not release names but said all were 10 to 18 years old, and that 14 of them were from Metro, three live in Hamilton and one is from Mississauga.

Food samples have been sent away for testing to a Toronto laboratory.

Cut out one council meet

The number of Halton Hills council meetings will be cut in half, unless it is absolutely necessary to meet more often.

Council has been meeting Monday and Tuesday nights, every other week, but now have decided to limit their meetings to the Monday night, unless the business is not finished. In that case they will continue on Tuesday.

Councillor Pat McKenzie pointed out delegations were used to coming on Tuesdays. Chairman Ern Hyde pointed out delegations would now be heard Monday night at the beginning of the meeting. Councillor Russell Miller was opposed to the change saying "we'll be all muddled up, and back to the first system we had."

Councillor Harry Levy admitted it was a return to the old system, but claimed the change to two nights in a row was made necessary by the work load. He said business was now running more smoothly and could be handled at one meeting. "We finished our meetings the last few weeks at 8:30 or 8:45, then met the next night. That is ridiculous."

Playgrounds weekly themes

Halton Hills summer playgrounds for 1975 began on Monday, giving more than 200 vacationing Acton school children an answer to the "I've got nothing to do" blues.

The playgrounds, totalling 13 throughout the town, are under the supervision of Marti Walker for Georgetown and area and Rich Hoehner for Acton and area. The two have been working together training leaders, planning programs, registering children and taking inventory of available playground equipment.

There are playgrounds located at Robert Little school, M. Z. Bennett school and Prospect Park in Acton, George Kennedy school, Harrison school, Centennial school, Joseph Gibbons school and Park school in Georgetown, Speyside, Limehouse, Ballinlad, Glen Williams and Pineview in the rural areas.

Weekly themes

Each playground has two leaders who keep the children occupied with quiet games such as arts and crafts, and active games such as leap frog, horses and jockies etc. There is also one continuing theme a week, which the children concentrate on and work their games around.

This week's themes are a Gold Rush Week at Prospect Park, Indian Week at Robert Little, Pirate Week at M. Z. Bennett, Space Week at Limehouse and a Halloween week at both Ballinlad and Speyside. Each group prepares for a special day in which each theme is highlighted. For instance, with

the Pirate Week, Captain Hook is going to visit the children, who will be dressed up in pirate outfits, on Friday.

Each week the themes change, bringing in new ones which the children have thought up themselves.

Also planned for the coming weeks are a Frisbee contest, and weekly trips to such places as the new Toronto Zoo, Kelso Conservation Area, Dundurn Castle and Botanical Gardens in Hamilton and Ontario Place.

The company which makes Frisbee is supplying three free discs to each playground. The children will choose one day during the summer to have a throwing competition within each playground.

Only six at playground

Poor attendance at the Limehouse summer playground has disappointed the Acton and area playground supervisor Rick Rocher.

Approximately six children attended this week, with no encouragement as to whether more would join.

Leaders plan to go knocking on doors in hope of a better response. They do not want to have to cancel the program. Mr. Rocher fears if very many of the group drop out, the playground would have to be closed altogether.

At the present time, however, the playground will continue, but parents are urged to send their youngsters out to the Limehouse school.



BUBBLE, BUBBLE, toil and trouble, as Audrey De Vries stirs the girl guides' lunch for Saturday noon. Miss De Vries was working on her Canada Cord, the highest award in guiding, along with Judy Pink.



Barb De Wolfe



Yvette LeRoy

Two additional scholars named

Two more Ontario scholars have been added to last week's announced lists.

Barbara De Wolfe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard De Wolfe, 103 Elizabeth Drive received 82.3 per cent. Yvette

LeRoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertus LeRoy, R.R. 2, Rockwood, received 80 per cent.

To be an Ontario Scholar, a grade 13 student must have an average 80 per cent or over.



Milton, Guelph hook-up July 19

Acton telephone customers will be able to dial Milton and Guelph without toll charges in 10 more days.

Bell Canada introduces the new extended calling area here on Saturday, July 19.

Acton presently has two-way calling with Georgetown. Now Milton and Guelph will be included as local calls. After July 19, there

will be no need to dial 1 before a Guelph number, or 1-416 before a Milton number.

Changes are being made in Acton switching centre on Church St. in preparation for the extension.

Area manager Lloyd Denby explains the basic monthly rate for Acton callers will increase.

At a later date, Campbellville will also be included in this calling area, Mr. Denby says.