

Parks maintenance debate goes on and on

The great debate on the responsibility for parks maintenance continued Monday night, with council questioning the recommendation that recreation advisory committee act as trouble shooters by spotting problems and letting the committees know about it.

The administration committee recommended copies of the recreation advisory committee minutes go to both the works and administration committees, with their recommendations separated, so any items on parks maintenance and planning going to the works committee.

The administration committee also suggested the works superintendent or a representative attend the Recreation Advisory Committee meetings.

Councillor Dick Howitt said the advisory committees were concerned with more than programming and maintenance of parks. He claimed they are interested in planting and pruning of trees, creating flower beds, and expanding existing facilities.

Councillor Ric Morrow warned the alternative may be a complete maintenance staff for the recreation department, with the accompanying equipment. He said it would be cheaper to have the two departments work closely, with perhaps one extra man and truck in the works department to care for parks.

Councillor Ern Hyde contended they were making a mountain out of a mole hill, since in his opinion the parks were adequately maintained.

Councillor Len Duby said he has seen no evidence of neglect in the parks. "They are in as good shape as they have ever been."

"We're simply trying to send the recreation advisory committees to the works committee with maintenance problems," explained Howitt.

Councillor Ernie Sykes came up with a solution that found little favor. He suggested either the recreation committee take over works or the works committee take over recreation.

"Some of us wouldn't mind losing recreation," replied Morrow, "then we'd have 15 minute meetings."

The parks maintenance responsibility question went back to the works committee for further debate.



NANCY BRYANS of R. R. 4, Georgetown, is the Student Placement officer for Student Canada Manpower Centre for Acton, Georgetown and Brampton. Every Monday, Nancy spends her time in Acton seeking employment for the students who have applied to her. Her office is at the high school.

Canada Manpower is working for students

The Acton student employment situation is "all right", according to student placement officer Nancy Bryans. Every Monday, Miss Bryans of the Student Canada Manpower Centre in Brampton comes to Acton and spends half the day going to local industries, stores and farmers seeking employment for students.

Works for young In the afternoon, the University of Waterloo student interviews teens, and sends them out to available employment. So far, Miss Bryans has placed 35 students in Acton and Georgetown, where she also works two days of the week.

She finds the students most willing to take any of the jobs offered to them. Those who do not receive employment right away keep coming back to see if anything has turned up. Some are also going out and enquiring for themselves.

Since Miss Bryans started working in Acton, she has seen many jobs come and go with students filling the vacant positions. She admits there are not as many jobs open in Halton Hills as there are in Brampton, because of all the industry and stores there, but the situation doesn't look bad.

The Acton office for students is located at the high school. Before school was let out for the summer, Miss Bryans said there were many students coming in seeking employment. However, now that school is over, she feels the teenagers might have forgotten she is there. Some days in June she would receive up to 21 inquiries a day, but that figure has dropped considerably since that time.

Most of the jobs available, or formerly available, were for babysitting, waitressing, general labouring or haying. "Everything and anything," Miss Bryans said. "Kids will do anything."

There has been no problem of teenagers who are no longer in school coming in, claiming to be students wanting employment. Brampton has had some such cases, but the people involved are just sent on to the regular Manpower office.

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The Canadian National Institute for the Blind canvass was again a successful venture in Acton this year. While a goal of \$2,000 was hoped for, the amount raised was \$50 short of this total. It was an increase over last year, however.

Campaign chairman Vic Bristow says he feels the increase is due to the extra people now living in Acton, and gives credit to the diligent work of "the 64 wonderful people who gave of their time voluntarily, to call on people."

He also thinks the use of return envelopes helped add to the total received.

The Bank of Montreal flew the C.N.I.B. flag and the men of the hydro department helped raise and lower it. Mr. Bristow also praised the

newspaper publicity and Jake Kuiken for offering his sign at Halton Hills Furniture to advertise the campaign, and the people in industry who gave generously.

The canvassers who brought this year's campaign to a successful conclusion are:

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Liberal ticket Mayor rumored as candidate

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur is once again being rumored to be a candidate on a Liberal ticket in the new Halton-Burlington riding.

Several months ago the mayor declined an invitation from Liberal Leader Robert Nixon to run. That ended rumors that the mayor may attempt to step up to a higher office.

Since then however, rumors have been renewed.

In a telephone interview the mayor would only say "I haven't thought much about that." She would neither decline nor substantiate the rumors.

Julian Reed of Norval is the only Liberal who has publicly declared his intention to seek office. Mr. Reed is a professional actor and for some time headed up Norval's effort to keep the community school open.

Gordon won't run

Milton Councillor Don Gordon has declined invitations to run for the Liberal nomination for the new riding of Halton-Burlington. In a telephone interview this week the veteran councillor said that right now he didn't feel he would run and the answer in September or October would probably still be no.

"Honestly, I don't feel the job of the M.P. is really a job. The civil service determines what is to be done. I've been approached, but I declined."

Halton-Burlington Conservatives nominated Acton school principal Gary Dawkins last month and more recently the NDP named Bill Johnson of northern Milton as their candidate.

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HURRAY FOR International Women's Year! Three of four major prize winners at Sunday's Rockwood Trail Riders 30-mile Endurance Ride were local and female. Pictured here with their many trophies are left to right Wendy Johnson of Rockwood, Sheila Buchanan and Linda Russwurm of Acton. The event attracted nearly 50 entrants from all over Ontario.

Charges

Two drug charges were made by Acton O.P.P. last Thursday at 1:30 a.m. on Mill St. An out-of-town man and a local man were both charged with possession of marijuana. One is due in court Aug. 6, the other Aug. 20.

An out-of-town man was charged with loitering July 2.

Petless of the week?

An unusual lost item was reported to police this week—a lost monkey. However, the new owners of the pet left

their door open and after three hours or so on the loose, Jimmy the monkey came home.

Hot wait for cool air

Halton Regional police have ordered a new air conditioner for the Acton police office. The men of the

O.P.P. detachment just hope it arrives soon, before they leave, so they can put it to good use.

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