

Eramosa Council gives go-ahead for Rockwood sewers, water

Eight years of discussion and sidewalk debates ended for Rockwood residents Monday evening when Eramosa township council approved the installation of a sewer and water system.

A special committee consisting of Eramosa councillor John Hewitt, Rockwood trustee Allan Osborne and Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit Inspector Roy Hills was formed about a month ago to investigate the matter, and reported Monday.

Mr. Osborne told the council he had not been in favor of the systems until the investigation. The group had taken 22 samples of the water in the river, and 20 had proven to be so high in bacteria count it was unsafe for humans. It was this that finally opened his eyes, he went on to say.

Mr. Osborne said he felt the major pollutants were in the river, "and then you go down and see kids in swimming! If we had one case of typhoid we would look like idiots after six years of just talking."

The committee members agreed that the major fear of the installation of sewers and water in the village was the developers moving in. "I do not think we should sacrifice housing for the village's health right now," Mr. Osborne said.

Mr. Hewitt wanted the other councillors to know that in no way did the committee receive any outside influences. The decision was entirely their own.

Councillor Dave Masson expressed concern over the

village of Eden Mills, which is downstream from Rockwood, after a sewage treatment plant is built. He did not have sufficient proof that the water downstream would be unpolluted coming out of the proposed plant, he said.

Deputy Reeve, Betty Lou Clarke was also concerned about this, as well as Guelph's drinking water. She pointed out to visiting members of the Ministry of the Environment that the city's water supply comes from the Eramosa River.

"I think we have a moral obligation to the people downstream from us," Mrs. Clark said several times throughout the meeting.

Mr. Masson did feel the system was necessary, but he was not in agreement with the design of the proposal as it stood at an Ontario Municipal Board hearing in 1972.

At the present time, the plant has been suggested for a site north of Hwy. 7 just west of Rockwood. Mr. Masson would like to see the site moved elsewhere, which is

being looked into.

Three alternatives Mr. Hewitt told the meeting the only other alternatives were: residents would have to boil any drinking water, or stair-still filters would have to be installed at a cost of \$50 or the tanks would have to be pumped regularly. He pointed out that the latter two methods have to be cleaned regularly, which can get costly.

The tanks would have to be cleaned every 16 days to keep within health regulations.

Each pumping would cost \$25, working out to over \$500 a year. These figures were based on a family of four with a 2000-gallon tank.

Moderis H. Toza, the project manager for the Ministry of the Environment, told the councillors and attending village trustees that some municipalities have requested waters and sewers and have to wait for three years before work can start. In the case of Rockwood, there

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STAFF SERGEANT Bernard Ward of the Halton Regional Police sits in his Georgetown office, division headquarters, precinct 11, making final arrangements before moving to Acton office precinct ten on September 1.

Bernard Ward to head police

Halton Regional Police Staff Sergeant Bernard Ward says he has a tough act to follow when he moves into his Acton office on September 1.

He was referring to the regional police extension into Acton, and the Ontario Provincial Police leaving. Staff Sgt. Ward feels with the O.P.P. having been in the community as long as they have, and current Citizens of the Year, it will take people a while to adjust to the new law enforcers.

"But we want people to know we are there to carry on a service." The co-operation of the public will be greatly needed, he says, "and I would hope the people of Acton and the township of Esquesing provide us with their co-operation. We, in turn, will work hard to provide them

with the service they deserve," Ward stated.

He has been visiting Acton and area for the past several weeks "doing his homework". He has got to know the bank managers, hotel owners and some of the people in general. By next week he should be no stranger to town.

In 1959, Bernard Ward decided to become a policeman. From then until 1967, Constable Ward worked at general patrol duties within the town.

1967 was the beginning of the "hippie sub-culture", and "Sergeant" Ward was assigned to work for a year in youth, domestic and drug cases.

He found himself getting quite an education in this line.

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Four hamlets covered by Georgetown police

Four hamlets in former Esquesing township won't be covered by the new Acton detachment when Halton Regional Police assume full control of Halton Hills on September 1.

Among the hamlets covered by the Acton detachment will be Ballinacree, Limehouse, Speyside, Scotch Block, Terra Coita and Hornby.

The new Acton detachment will take over police duties in ward one from the Acton OPP and in most areas of ward two from the Milton OPP. Milton OPP have also been covering the areas of Esquesing which now come under the jurisdiction of the Georgetown detachment.

Building permits here value totals \$36,475

There were 47 building permits issued for Acton during July, for a total value of \$1,355,370. Two were for swimming pools valued at \$6,395.

Nineteen were for single family dwellings with a total value of \$508,000. Twenty-two were for semi-detached houses, making 44 dwelling units, valued at \$796,800.

One demolition was valued at \$5,000, one residential garage at \$1,200 and one minor commercial addition at \$1,500.

The building permit for the repair and modification of the wall at Acton high school set the value at \$36,475.

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Band first again at CNE Sunday

Another first is added to the record of Acton Citizens Band, following Sunday's competition at the Canadian National Exhibition. Acton garnered 80 points, followed closely by the Brampton Citizens Band with 79 points.

The band had several thirds, one second and two firsts at C.N.E. competitions over the years. They did not enter last year, unable to muster enough players in August.

Bandmaster George Elliott

was delighted, especially since the last piece is probably the most difficult piece attempted to play. It was *Mirabella* by Gounod.

There was an alternate test piece, *Elegie Heroique* by Healey Willan, which Brampton chose.

Acton's second selection was an arrangement of *Greensleeves* by Alfred Reed. Adjudicators were Kenneth Elloway and Charles Minelli. They said Acton band showed

fine promise, and errors in some cases were technical ones.

The band made the trip to the Ex by bus and cars on Music Day.

They were entered in the International class. However, the only international entry, *Bonsall Military Band* of Sewell, N.J. didn't arrive to compete.

Players for competition included some of the band's youngest, Paul Bray and Jeff Saxon, as well as stalwarts,

Fight produces seven charges

A crowd gathered quickly Monday evening about 7 p.m. when a disturbance broke out on Church St. A local man is in jail in Milton and an out-of-town woman in Barton St. jail, Hamilton, following the altercation.

The man is charged with two charges of common assault and one charge of causing a disturbance; the woman with a charge of assaulting police, two charges of common assault and one charge of causing a disturbance.

Two officers stopped the fight, and Corp. Arbour was later treated by Dr. McWilliams.

Schools open Wednesday

Expect 2,000 17 new staff

The three Acton schools will have a total of 17 new teachers and a projected enrolment of almost 2,000 pupils next Wednesday. About a quarter of the town's population will be in the classrooms after Labor Day.

Twelve teachers throughout the town have left their Acton posts either for positions elsewhere, or for retirement.

In addition to the 17 new teachers, there is one new principal.

The high school reports the highest number of new staff.

will be Harold Mahatoo and Bill Taylor will teach history, Dean Pink from Lord Elgin

highschool, Burlington, is the new principal.

Mrs. Sheila Wilson and Mrs. Betty Cole are new in the office.

Teachers departing are Miss Shirley Menifce who is going to Perdue, Oakville; Miss Paula Curran, to Toronto, and Stefan Gyns, who is going to Lord Elgin in

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"YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET", says Rud Whiting in best Al Jolson style, as Dr. Frank Philbrook congratulates Julian Reed after his

nomination as Liberal candidate for Halton-Burlington. In the background is Bill Sykes, publicity man for Reed's campaign.

Reed gets Liberal nod

Julian Reed, a 39-year-old actor from Norval won the Liberal nomination for Halton-Burlington riding by acclamation Thursday night and he's off and running.

Reed told reporters he would run his campaign from headquarters in Norval School. It was the closing of that school that spurred Reed to take an interest in provincial politics.

He is credited with fighting and keeping that school open for three years but in spite of continuing protests from Reed and residents of Norval, the school was finally closed by Halton Board of Education.

fighting a government arrogant with majority."

Reed criticized the Davis government for never bringing in a balanced budget. He said a Liberal government would mean moving to financial responsibility.

Which job?

On Bill Davis, he said "instead of minding his own business he's out castigating the federal government. I hope he continues. Sometimes I wonder whether he wants to be premier or leader of the opposition in Ottawa."

Reed promised that a Liberal government would mean people could "feel the fresh air of public scrutiny."

Reed claimed Ontario people would relax once again, knowing that their children would graduate from school knowing how to read and write.

In nominating Reed, Hugh McFarlane said the candidate would be sensitive to the rights and needs of people.

Reed told reporters that Bob Nixon, if elected premier, would provide compensation for the forcible removal of landowners' rights in special areas like the parkway belt and Niagara Escarpment area.

Reed said he didn't know how much that program would cost. A second Nixon pledge conveyed by Reed would see the province pump more money into area municipalities and less in the regions, in an attempt to bring about the decentralization of government.

Burlington Councillor Don Carter and Milton Councillors Don Gordon, Jim Watson and Marjorie Powys attended the meeting. Watson seconded Reed's nomination.

No golf in parks or cemeteries

Playing golf in both public parks and cemeteries is now prohibited in Halton Hills, following third reading and passage of a by-law at a meeting of council Thursday night.

The original by-law mentioned only prohibition of golf in parks but Ward One Councillor Les Dudy requested cemeteries be added since there were problems in Acton's Fairview Cemetery.

Refuse to pay

Halton Hills administration committee won't pay for \$884 worth of roof decking, dropped from Acton arena roof.

Facility Superintendent Pat Sheehan said the material was dropped from the highest point. "Now they (Welcon Ltd.) say we agreed to retain the material."

He claimed the contractors liability insurance would cover it, if the metal roof decking was secured so it would not fly off.

Councillor Roy Booth said the town had not paid for the material and it was still the company's property. "In fact their property is sitting on our property, we should ask them to remove the scrap material immediately."

Councillor Les Dudy said there was no way the town should pay the invoice from Eastland Metals for the replacement of the roof decking.

The clerk was instructed to write to Welcon Ltd. asking them to remove the scrap material within 30 days.

Check address on today's paper

Today a new system of mailing has been introduced for The Free Press. For all mail subscribers, the address on the front of the paper will be a newly-prepared one.

An improved addressing system is being introduced at the plant for mailing the various newspapers printed.

Would mail subscribers please check their addresses? If any corrections are required, The Free Press would like to have the address torn off the page and mailed back.

The name, street number, town or city and postal code should all be correct.

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VICTORIA RODRIGUEZ was busy at the Edmondson home on Orville Rd. Sunday making decorations for the Muscular Dystrophy Carnival to be held at the arena tomorrow (Thursday) evening. It was Victoria's birthday that day.

Maltby fills vacant council seat Howitt moves to region



DICK HOWITT New voice at Region

George Maltby, unsuccessful candidate for Ward Two Area councillor in the December 1973 election, was appointed to Halton Hills council, Monday night, to fill a vacancy created by the death of Councillor Len Cox.

Councillor Dick Howitt, who topped the poll in Ward Two, was appointed regional councillor and will move up to take the late Councillor Cox's position.

A regional councillor represents his ward at the regional level and also sits on the local Halton Hills council.

The decision to appoint Maltby and move Howitt was made at a closed meeting of council, early Monday night. The by-laws officially making the appointment will be passed at the next council meeting.

George Maltby served one year on Esquesing council before the amalgamation of the three areas into one town. Maltby, the only other candidate, lost out in his bid for Halton Hills councillor for Ward Two, trailing the second place candidate Russell Miller by 219 votes. The results of the poll showed Howitt with 1609, Miller 1544, and Maltby 1325.

Mr. Maltby is a sales administrator with the Atlas Alloys

firm. He lives with his wife Gail and sons Gregory, Guy, and Geoffrey on the Third Line just north of Highway 7.

Mrs. Maltby was recently appointed to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Councillor Dick Howitt said he accepted the appointment as regional councillor with mixed feelings. "It's an honor to replace Councillor Cox, but I'm unhappy it's necessary to do so." He thanked council for their confidence in him.

Prior to being elected to Halton Hills council Howitt served three years on Esquesing council. A lawyer, with a practice in Georgetown, he lives with his wife Carol, and daughter Sarah, on 10 Sideroad between the Fourth and Fifth Lines.

According to the Municipal Act, council has the power to fill vacancies by appointment or by calling a by-election. There is some conflict with the Act setting up the Region of Halton. In it, the vacancy must be filled within 30 days.

Halton Hills council could have appointed a regional councillor, then held a by-election for area councillor. It is reported the majority of council felt a by-election



GEORGE MALTBY Fills vacancy

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