

To subsidize or not to subsidize?

A talk on the philosophy of recreation became a discussion on whether sports and recreation programs should be subsidized by the town, during the January 27 meeting of the Acton and Esqueing Recreation Advisory Committee.

The subject has been on agendas for several meetings, but always tabled due to lack of time. However, the committee finally got a chance to talk over the matter.

Recreation program coordinator, John Cooper explained to the group that his department would like to establish a philosophy of where they are going, what they are trying to provide for the people, and how they are doing so.

Subsidization

Mr. Cooper posed the question of subsidization to the committee. He asked if senior citizens' groups, children's programs, handicapped groups and other disadvantaged people should receive some form of help.

As an example he cited the handicapped children's program. Mr. Cooper explained that such a program was offered, after receiving good indication of attendance from parents. Two children registered, and the program was cancelled. The parents involved went to their councillor, who in turn managed to get the program back on its feet. Mr. Cooper explained that such a program is subsidized because enrolment was insufficient to break even

on the costs.

He asked the group if everything should be subsidized, including all recreation programs and organized sports. In this way no programs would have to be cancelled.

Ron Mitchell suggested helping only the handicapped or the disadvantaged groups. Elmer Dunn agreed with him.

All or nothing

Chairman Ed Wood pointed out that some people have got groups going successfully themselves. He suggested the rec. department help these groups along instead of "pouring money into new programs."

Kerwin McPhail said he felt the individual groups of people should set up their own programs. He suggested the recreation department look after everything, or nothing at all. "How can you sit there and say you are going to help some groups and not others?" he retorted.

Mr. McPhail continued to say he would never be in favor of any recommendation to council that the department is going to pay for some groups and not others.

As examples he pointed out the figure skating club and minor sports groups as compared to recreation programs.

Mr. Wood suggested every group be subsidized "in some way" or not at all.

Mr. Cooper suggested subsidizing children's programs, but not adults.

Because of late hour, the committee decided to discuss subsidization at the next meeting.



THE DROPPING TEMPERATURES chilled many car batteries. Service men were called by many would-be travellers who discovered they were not going anywhere until they had used their jumper cables once again.

Davis presents Coat of Arms

Premier William Davis presented Regional Chairman Allan Masson with the Region's official coat of arms at a meeting in Hamilton last week.

The region recently received its letter of patent for its crest.

The design was created by Miss Dorothy Stone of Halton Hills.

She attended the meeting and received personal commendation from the Premier. He referred to her as a talented and very creative person.

The main purpose of the meeting was for cabinet ministers to discuss with municipal officials the need for economic restraint.

Town mileage rate up

A bid by Councillor Ern Hyde to have the new mileage rate for town employees who use their own cars increased, failed at Halton Hills council Monday.

Halton Hills finance committee last week decided the mileage rate should be upped from 18 cents a mile to 19 cents a mile but Hyde pushed for an increase to 20 cents a mile.

He noted the request from employees who use their cars for town business was for 20 cents a mile and was afraid some employees might decide they can't afford to use their own cars for municipal business. Then, he said, Halton Hills would have to buy cars.

"These days anyone who uses their own car when working for someone else is into a losing proposition anyway," he added the workers' request wasn't out of line.

Finance committee chairman Ernie Sykes noted the

committee had discussed the subject thoroughly and checked to see that Halton Hills' rates were the same as other area municipalities.

"Why move it up just because it was requested. We are under constraints," Sykes reminded council.

Councillor Levy noted the recent gas cost hike meant it would cost employees another half-cent a mile to run their car and the town gave them a full cent increase.

Mayor Tom Hill noted the regional rate would soon be going up to 20 cents a mile.

Hyde also wanted the rate for under 5,000 miles a year upped from 11 cents to 12 cents and the rate for over 5,000 miles a year increased from nine cents to 10 cents.

The finance committee had upped both rates from 10 cents to 11 cents and from eight cents to nine cents. The monthly rate remained at \$60.

Council rejected Hyde's idea.

J. Carpenter heads lodge

New officers of Walker Lodge were installed at the January meeting.

They are W. Bro. Jack Carpenter W.M., W. Bro. George Hargrave I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Near S.W., Bro. Elmer Grischow J.W., W. Bro. Melbourne Blow Chaplain, W. Bro. R. H. Elliott Treasurer, V.W. Bro. H. L. Ritchie Secretary, Bro. Gary Dawkins S.D., Bro. John Carney J.D., W. Bro. Roy Knapton D. of C., Bro. Richard Cow I.G., Bro. Jack Talton Tyler, Bro. L. Slingerland S.S., Bro. Kenneth Hodgson J.S., Bro. Bryan Alder Organist.

Can't reach mail box

Snowbanks and ice have prevented mailmen from being able to make their regular deliveries to some houses in town on a few days. When they can't reach the box the mail is kept at the post office and may be picked up there.

Town wants D. Stone to design a badge

Halton Hills wants to put artist Dorothy Stone back to work.

Miss Stone, who designed the town's coat of arms and played a big role in having it registered by the Lord Lion King of Arms, will be asked to design a municipal badge based on the coat of arms.

In a report accepted Monday by Halton Hills council, clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard outlined what the town is allowed to do with its coats of arms.

He said the municipal arms can be used on the mayor's chain of office, the town's corporate seal, the building where the council meets and council chambers, on official town stationery, as a blazer badge on jackets worn by councillors and senior employees, on non-clothing gifts to other elected government officials and on council's gavel.

As a shield only, the municipal arms can be used as gifts for retiring municipal officials and visiting dignitaries. These gifts can include jewellery, certificates of merit, plaques and silver dishes.

A problem arises because council cannot grant use of the arms by "residents and local organizations of the municipality wishing to

express their sense of community and loyalty," Pritchard said.

There have been several instances when groups wanted to give copies of the municipal arms to visitors but couldn't because the town doesn't have a registered badge.

Pritchard recommended Miss Stone "be approached to complete the design of a badge at the earliest opportunity." He added the badge would be "premised on the municipal arms."

Pritchard said residents could display the town's badge on their property, as a flag, and it could be used by sports organizations on jackets, sweaters, cuff links and other jewellery. He added merchants could also display the badge on items for sale to the public.

He suggested the badge could be produced under the direction by council for design quality control and the town could approve outlets that sell items with the town badge displayed.

If Halton Hills had a badge, groups in the community could use it in gifts presented to visitors such as hockey teams that came here over Christmas from Sweden and Finland.

Johnny Cash film coming

This Sunday evening in the Baptist church a new Johnny Cash film will be shown. The new release is filmed in Israel.

Those who have seen the film, *The Gospel Road*, say the viewer feels himself to be part of the presentation. The film is supported by specially written songs in keeping with the text. The film reverently portrays its message, supported by an outstanding cast. It is a product of World Wide pictures.

The film will be shown at 7

p.m. (See advertisement in today's paper.) Lacquer can be used to finish a car. So can liquor, says Ontario Safety League.

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Tinker Bell Nursery needs volunteers

There's a writing on the wall of Tinkerbell Nursery for the Mentally Retarded that reads "If we understand their frustrations and their anger, share our knowledge with them, enjoy their successes and listen to their experiences, we will together enjoy the islands of excellence and not sail past them on the sea of despair."

It sums up pretty well the intentions of 85 persons who are staff and volunteers and who work with the pre-school youngsters at Tinker Bell. At least 26 additional volunteers are needed for the nursery.

Five days

Jenny Kuiken, director of Tinker Bell, says her volunteers come from the Georgetown, Acton and Milton areas, but more are needed from

Milton.

She and her staff, Carol Robertson, PEGGY McAndrew, Sue Evans and Jan Van Soelen, conduct five volunteer development days throughout the year. Last week 35 volunteers and the staff visited the Oaklands Regional Centre for the Mentally Retarded in Oakville.

Volunteers needed

Similar development days are held showing general basic techniques in helping the children, films of work with the mentally retarded, volunteer aids and listening to speakers.

People wishing to volunteer as little as two hours a morning should call Jenny Kuiken at 878-7656 or pre-school chairman Edith Hillman at 853-2588.

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