



## Councillor McKenzie reports

**Opposition to Municipal Building Merely a "Ploy"**  
I trust that the readers of the Acton Free Press have read between the lines and have seen through the politics used to stall the addition to the administration building on Trafalgar Road in Ward II.

The approved proposal uses existing town-owned land and buildings and allows for a modest addition to house the administrative staffs for all departments. Since everyone agrees that the addition is needed a delay of two or three years would only escalate costs. A good example of escalation of costs is the addition to the sewage disposal plant in Ward III and IV which was recommended for approval at an estimated cost of 1.2 million dollars in 1973 and finally approved this year at a cost of over 4.5 million dollars. Since we plan to finance this building by the sale of municipal-owned properties and lot levies the amount to be debentured will be within reason.

Only one councillor stated that he was totally opposed to the proposal and the rest of the opposition was just "political maneuvering".

### Let me illustrate:

1. We were told by one "supposed ardent opponent" that he would gladly support the proposal if it was to be built in one of the two urban centres of Halton Hills. The gentleman in question was not a ward I councillor. Such a recommendation would more than double the estimated cost.

2. Other councillors stated that we had the wrong priorities and that our first consideration should be to the arena and library-theatre complex in Wards III and IV. Surely everyone knows that council has agreed to repair the old arena in Ward III and we did in Ward I and that the financing has been approved. The need for additional library facilities in Ward III and IV has been there for many years. It is gratifying to know that Ward I dealt with this need in 1967.

3. Other Councillors wanted proof that there would be a Halton Hills government 25 years from now.

We all know that Regional Government in Halton was not established by a democratic vote and already some councillors in Halton Hills say that there will be a one-tier government in Halton in the near future and therefore the addition is unnecessary. However the majority of councillors are working for a strong Area Council capable of assuming more regional responsibilities should the next government at Queens Park deem it advisable. A central administrative building using existing land and buildings in Ward II will improve the efficiency of our local staff, will have a unifying effect, and will show that we are capable of administering to the needs of the people in Halton Hills.

If the proposal had called for a new complex in Ward IV or to shelve it to build a library-theatre complex in the same ward most certainly it would not have been endorsed by your Ward I councillors. When the proposal is complete in 1978 it will provide Halton Hills with an adequate administration building between the two urban centres that will serve our present needs and allow for expansion if it is ever needed in the future.

I was pleased to be associated with councillors from all Wards that set aside "political ploys or ambitions" and voted to provide for the needs of the town in a central location.

G. W. "Pat" McKenzie

## Ford expansion means 400 jobs

A \$60 million expansion to Ford of Canada's assembly plant in Oakville could mean a few more jobs for North Halton residents.

Ford's Oakville office, car assembly plant and truck plant presently employ 289 residents of the North Halton area, according to Ford's public relations officer Tony Fredo. That includes 105 from Milton, 52 from Georgetown, 55 from Acton and the balance of the 289 workers living in Carlisle, Campbellville, Hornby, Kildee, Norval, Palermo and Rockwood areas.

An estimated 400 new jobs will be created by the expansion. Ford Econoline vans and Club Wagons will be assembled in the 135,000 square foot extension to the Oakville

plant. Work is to start this month and be completed next spring.

Wide area  
There are 5,400 in Local 707 United Auto Workers at Oakville and only 2,000 of those live in Oakville. The remainder come from North Halton, the Toronto-Hamilton area and as far away as St. Catharines, Barrie and Brantford.

The Ford plant opened in Oakville in 1953. Econoline vans were made there until 1965, when production was transferred to Lorain, Ohio. Contractors have yet to be chosen for the expansion but Ford spokesman Fredo said about 1,000 people will be employed by contractors and sub-contractors during construction.



"THERE'S NO FISH in this lake!" says Rick Holmes of Acton as he tries in vain to hook a pike for Sunday's fishing derby.

## Began Monday

# Good registration for summer playgrounds

Registration for most summer playgrounds in the Acton and Esqueping areas was good, according to playground supervisor Rick Rocher. The program began Monday.

At the M. Z. Bennett school playground, over 100 children registered, with 60 showing up at Prospect Park. Ballinadfad playground had 24 children sign up.

Mr. Rocher said there was a low turn-out at the Speyside and Limehouse playgrounds. These two places run only

half days. Last year, registration was low at Limehouse in the beginning but picked up considerably during the second week of operations.

Weekly themes  
The playgrounds will operate much the same as last summer with the children all choosing weekly themes. This week, Limehouse and Speyside are using the space age theme. Yesterday (Tuesday) a baseball game between the mountain people and the valley people saw quick action. A hike through the wilder-

ness is planned for Friday when the children will be dressed up in costumes relating to the stone age. A dinosaur egg hunt will end up the day.

Indian week has been proclaimed at Ballinadfad playground.

Boob tube  
For the boob tube fans, TV week is underway. Each day of the week, the youngsters at the M. Z. Bennett playground declare various days. Monday was space day, Tuesday, western day, today (Wednesday) is Disney day, Thursday is police day and Friday is game day.

Prospect Park playground had a scavenger hunt yesterday, a splash party today and a sale on Friday.

Playgrounds in Halton Hills run until the middle of August and are free of charge. Each week is full of exciting activities for the young, and helps to eliminate summer boredom.

## Complex approved on one vote . . .

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not due to anyone around this table."

Councillor George Maltby said any town-owned land deemed unnecessary should be sold and the money placed in a special account to build the complex. He contended this way, the complex would be delayed a few years, but \$50,000 or \$60,000 in interest on debentures would be saved.

Councillor Joe Hurst stated the municipal complex is not a luxury and suggested the library service provided today is a luxury. "We don't need them to be in competition with commercial enterprises."

Councillor Ric Morrow put forward the motion to vote on the by-law authorizing the construction of the building, saying, "No one member has

the right to ask it be held up after he counts noses."

He maintained the committee was authorized to proceed only as far as the architect's design. He said he was opposed because of the extra burden on the taxpayers. He claimed council has set mill rates and budgets without sounding out the taxpayer. He said the staff is completely housed, and \$20,000 is being spent to accommodate the engineering department.

Morrow suggested a million dollar building might generate more business if built in the urban areas of Georgetown or Acton. He said people can relate to the present building as well as a Taj Mahal.

Councillor Ern Sykes said everyone seemed to be in favor of the building but not at this time, and reminded

council about the big jump in the Georgetown sewage plant cost from \$1.1 million to \$5 million because of delay.

"This is the time to do it," Councillor Roy Booth retorted he was opposed both to the building and the timing. He claimed centralization had proven unsatisfactory in big business, and now the same companies were now decentralizing. He said there are no figures showing what the operation costs now, and what it will cost under one roof. He said he preferred to see the office in the towns and villages. "People don't want to change, they don't want a large city, that's why they came here," commented Booth.

Replying to Hurst's statement, Booth said, "contending a library is in competition with commercial business is like saying the recreation department is in competition with the 'Y'. The addition to a library would not compete with book stores."

Hurst said he was not talking about book stores, but did not elaborate.

Councillor Les Doby said the need for the complex is justified in his mind. He said it was up to the first council of the town of Halton Hills to carry it out.

Hyde said he would have to vote against the complex that

## Pedestrian hit during collision

Pedestrian Doug Bennie, 27 Church St., was slightly injured when struck by a car Wednesday of last week. One car hit another, causing it to strike Mr. Bennie. He was treated for cuts and bruises.

Drivers involved were Jim Higgins, 299 Arthur St. and Edward Edmundson, 318 Orville. Estimated damage was about \$1000 to the Higgins car.

## Levy pursues public transit

Councillor Harry Levy is still on the track of public transit.

He reminded all councillors in a letter the transit study committee were starting to meet soon and urged all councillors whether members of the committee or not, to submit their views to the committee.

He promised all submissions would receive serious consideration so the ultimate goal of the majority of council would be made clear.

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