

# Sabres - Swords pay higher ice time

(Continued from Page one) ping intermediate hockey in Acton. We wound up \$700 in the hole. If we don't have a 60-40 split we won't operate because it would take \$7,000. To pay the ice time and referees we would have to put at least 200 people in the rink," said Mr. Buchanan.

He said the club had been formed in 1963 and had never made money. He said Beardmore sponsored the team from 1963 to 1971. He said the club started up again last year "because we wanted to play hockey, not to make money."

Morrow said they were trying to be fair, and asked if \$28 an hour and a 60-40 split would be preferable to \$30 an hour.

"I'd go along with it because I know we're not going to make money on the gate anyway," replied Mr. Buchanan.

Reading a list of gate receipts from the previous year, Mr. Buchanan said it

ranged from a low of \$1.90 to a high of \$85.

"Do you think it's fair to turn around and give the town \$1.90 or \$6.25 for the night's ice time?"

Mr. Buchanan said it cost him \$55 for the whole season for 15 games of industrial hockey.

Morrow said the town must have a flat fee to be responsible to the people. He said there are fixed expenses for the town, the same as there are for the hockey clubs.

Maltby pointed out the charge at Gordon Alcott for the hall is \$100, while in Acton the charge is \$25.

Lou Bonnette, Sabre representative, said he had lived in Acton for 20 years, served on many boards and was never paid. He said Johnny Goy, Pat McKenzie, Les Duby, he and many others had managed to erect a community centre. He said workers at Beardmore had money deducted from their pay because they wanted a

place for their children to play hockey. "We are proud that it was done by donations."

He said he was shocked to hear a recreation director say "It's your problem". He said the team had gone out on a limb, and pointed out the Georgetown Junior B team had a population of more than 17,000 to draw on while the Acton team had a population of 6,000.

He reminded the committee the town refreshment booth also added to the profits. He said the rate should be \$28 an hour straight "if we get into the play-offs give us a hand, if not you'll put us in debt."

He concluded by emphasizing the arena was paid for by the people of Acton, not by the taxpayers.

Councillor Les Duby said he understood how Mr. Bonnette felt, but pointed out the committee had been charged with trying to make the arenas break even.

Maltby said he understood the operating deficit at Acton arena is between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

Both Morrow and Pat Sheehan threw money on the table, with the suggestion it could help defray some costs. Morrow said Georgetown Memorial Arena was built on the same principle as Acton arena.

Councillor Roy Booth said there is a \$17,000 deficit at Gordon Alcott Arena, and the new rates applied there are helping reduce the deficit. He said he didn't go for throwing money in the hat and suggested the \$28 an hour figure.

## Radio broadcast

The Saturday Showcase radio program was out on location at First Line Television, Mill St., Saturday afternoon. The disc jockeys talked with people who dropped in and handed out buttons.

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## Town will soon own new park

Halton Hills will soon have a new park.

Nearly two years after Queen's Park first offered the town a small piece of land between Highway 7 and the Seventh Line at Silvercreek for picnic grounds. Everything now appears to be ready for the land ownership transfer.

Part of the delay in the town acquiring the land was that Halton Hills wanted the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to connect old Highway 7 and the Seventh Line and clean up the one and a half acre park, deputy engineer Ted Ballinger says.

Monday Halton Hills works

committee decided to ask council to pass a resolution stating the town will accept the land for use as a park.

Once that is done the legal process of transferring ownership will commence and not long after that Halton Hills will have a new park.

**Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now for the Citizen of the Year dinner dance, scheduled for Friday, October 8 in the Legion hall.

Honoured person this year is long-time resident Mrs. Isabel Watson. She's been checking books in and out of the town library for over 50 years.

## Sewer, water levies hike to \$800 per unit?

Halton Hills residents face the possibility of a capital levy rate hike to \$800 per unit for sewers and water.

At the present time, the levy is \$600 per home and \$300 per apartment. Town Treasurer Ray King's suggestion to Finance and Personnel Committee Monday evening would see everyone paying the same rate.

He explained to committee members that the region of Halton set the rates, claimed the money and allocated it when needed up until July 1. At this time, the treasurer said, the responsibility was handed over to the individual municipalities.

Wards 2 councillor Pat McKenzie, who also sits on regional council, said the majority of that group did not want one rate for the whole of Halton.

Councillor Harry Levy expressed fear of Halton Hills subsidizing Oakville and Burlington, but Mr. McKenzie explained there would be a charge back basis.

Mr. King pointed out that any money collected in Georgetown for certain sewer

and water projects, has already been used. He said in Acton's case, the region recommended that lot levies be used for major repairs, and cited Cameron St. work as an example.

"The money collected in Halton Hills has been used in the Halton Hills area and if not, it is still in the books," treasurer explained.

Mr. Levy charged that if the \$600 and \$300 figures were sufficient, why raise the rates? Mr. McKenzie came to the treasurer's defense and explained those figures were set in 1973 and needed updating.

Mr. King noted that the split between the types of units, houses and apartments, was not specified as the regional council felt it made sense to look at a per capita basis. He said it was very difficult for him to adjust the levies to a local level.

Mr. King further noted that it is not known at this time if \$800 per unit would include apartments also, but explained the matter would be looked into.

The committee made a recommendation to council that the rate of \$800 per unit for the sewer and water capital levy be approved, subject to the regional council confirming that the suggested rate is appropriate.

**Keeping noses in the books**

Acton Library reports readership is up over last year, with 34,891 books issued so far this year as opposed to 33,458 last year.

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