## No help for Sabres in rates

(Continued from Page One) accepted the proposed in-creases of an additional \$2 an hour for minor sports and \$3 an hour for all other local groups, meaning \$20 and \$28 respectively, will take affect in the 77-78 season.

In his report Treasurer Ray King admitted the proposed increases ranged from 44 per cent to 204 per cent, as the brief presented by Norm Elliott three weeks ago contended. He said the 204 per cent hike for the Sabres Junior B Hockey team, resulted from the extremely low amount received by the town. He said the town received an average of between \$10 and \$11 last year, on the 60-40 split of the gate.

Recreation Director Glen Gray, in his report, said comments by Norm Elliott in the brief submitted on behalf of all users of Acton arena were probably true when he said Acton Sabres had access to only one-third the sponsors and spectators of the Georgetown area, but claimed their facility and ice requirements should also be less.

Norm Elliott repeatedly told administration compopulation to attract the night same crowds as Georgetown could, and said in this instance equal rates were unfair.

Acton residents not only paid for the Acton arena but helped pay for the Gordon Alcott arena as well. Using the recreation director's figures he pointed out Acton arena only had \$9,880 summer revenue, but received \$68,853 in winter revenue. He said it is obvious that a six months operation for winter use is supposed to carry a year round operation." He charged the town seemed to expect the deficit could be made up from six months winter operation. suggested the recreation department should try to find revenue for the summer.

rates. He pointed out Gordon Alcott arena is used year round. Mr. Elliott claimed they had no information on how many teams or groups helped support Gordon Alcott Arena. "In Acton the number is smaller so the foad is more

months instead of raising the

burdensome." He said Glen Gray's philosophy that the groups using the arena should pay could result in damage to all

groups using the arena. Councillor Ric Morrow said the committee had spent the whole summer trying to work out a fair rate for everyone. He said the Georgetown people could say the same about paying for their own arena and then helping to pay for another. He said Georgetown came into regional government with a large surplus with most of it going to pay for the Georgetown indoor pool and Alcott arena.

He pointed out citizens of Wards Three and Four had helped to pay for the Acton pool. He said, "We never once said Acton and Georgetown when trying to set the rates." He admitted parochialism was natural and to be found everywhere.

He said the rates were, bockey going. based on competitive ice rates in the surrounding area. He sald Georgetown has teams playing in Oakville, where there is a greater population base to support the facilities. "It costs a certain amount to maintain an arena no matter what the popu-

people who do not use the arena to pay the extra tax

He claimed the committee had acceded to three out of four of the requests in the brief submitted to council.

Lou Bonnette said, "As a past member of the Acton Parks and Recreation Committee, who was sitting there when regional government was established, I'd like to know why the salaries of Acton arena staff have gone from a total of \$24,000 to \$61;000 in three years.

Councillor Roy Booth said the town was trying to level everything off equally so the salaries at Acton arena were brought up to the level of the at Georgetown

Councillor Les Duby said the whole thing was a frustrating experience. He said he had been opposed to the referring back to committee because he saw no point in it, and claimed the discussion rehashed again, was of no value to anyone.

"When you talk like that you're not helping anyone," mittee Acton did not have the retorted Morrow. He said the the "excellent" presentation was made at council there was not time for council to consider the report, nor would there have been Mr. Elliott pointed out reports from the treasurer and recreation director.

> Councillor George Maltby said he could not justify dropping the rates. He claimed the amount paid last year would not pay for the light and heat, and suggested it was unfair to throw an extra burden on the rest of the residents.

> Mr. Elliott said the two communities are different and he sympathized with council who felt they had to be equal. "But is it fair to the Sabres, regardless of dollars and cents? What a hue and cry would be raised if the hydro decided to up their rates 204 per cent in one

Duby said the brief tried to point out the areas where the users of the Acton arena had no control. He said arbitrary figures set to make the arena self-supporting could force the end of hockey and figure skating in Acton. He said a way must be found not to damage existing programs. "There's no way you can generate as much revenue with 100 spectators as 600". He said he had to oppose the

committee recommendation. Elliott said "Guelph Memorial Arena charges less for out of town games for the Sabres than our own arena, We're telling you \$30 an hour is not satisfactory,"

Duby said if the trend continues this way Acton could lose the Sabres as they did the Swords. "It's just getting too rich for our

Lou Bonnette said the Sabres never paid \$10 or \$11 an hour but paid on a 60-40 gate split. He pointed out if the town received little it was because the team took in little. He said the former Acton council tried to keep

Elliott repeated his plea for summer activities in Acton arena to help defray costs.

Mrs. Laurie Cook of the Acton Figure Skating Club pointed four of the five fees listed in the recreation report were wrong. She said they had to raise their fees \$20 Morrow said the rates paid over two years to pay for ice at Acton arena were ex- time. "We have used all our tremely low in the past, and bank balance to squeak asked if it was fair to the through," she commented.



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4A.M. SILENCE was shattered by the fire siren, announcing a car fire at the home of G. Buna, Mill W., Sunday night.

## Discrimination -Sabres exec

hockey club were upset by the committee's recommendation and hope to go back to the full council meeting next Monday evening with another presentation.

"It's blafant discrimination," declared Sabre vicepresident Lou Bonnette.

President Milt Ball agreed. He wondered if the people who rock the boat are the ones to get shut down, "The Sabres started this whole ball brief to GAC asking about rates, and discovered the offs. other groups were all concerned, too, about their higher rates."

He repeated that Georgetown facilities are better than Acton's. They have a new clock, larger dressing rooms and better washroom facili-

#### Wallace intent?

As a result of information in the press regarding Wallace St., many people think it will be a highway trucking bypass, councillor Les Duby told council last week. "It's up to us to have the correct impression about Wallace

He said that the works committee should explain exactly the intent, as he had had several calls.

Works committee chairman Mike Armstrong nodded

in agreement. Engineering data is being prepared on a possible bypass

"I'd agree to \$30 an hour i we had the crowd," he said. Mr. Ball and Mr. Bonnette went over the fact that Acton simply does not have the

same crowds attending games as Georgetown does. They hoped the Sabre ice rates would be set according to the plan in 1974, which would have put the Sabres up from \$11 to \$25. This recommendation was followed for all groups but the Sabres, who rolling," he said. "We took a are now to be asked \$30 per hour and \$40 an hour in play-

They explained again that the 60 40 split, to help promote Junior hockey, resulted in the \$11 an hour figure. The Sabres got 60 per cent and the arena 40 per cent, under that arrangement. The figure depended on the size of the

Both men had special praise for councillor Les Duby who, they felt, understands their situation and stood up for them. "He deserves a star," commented Mr. Bonnette..

They said Mr. Duby shares their concern that Acton could tose another local team.

tee decided Monday not to said he had checked the area make any changes in parking many times and hadn't seen regulations on St. Alban's many cars parked on the side where parking is prohibited The committee received a and Councillor Pat McKenzie letter from George Harrap agreed. who last year was able to per-

Engineer Robert Austin suade the committee to ban noted while traffic is heavy on parking on one side of the street. Harrap had wanted no St. Alban's Drive during Mill Street reconstruction there parking but the committee compromised keeping parkhasn't been a need yet to ban parking completely. In his letter to the town he

said he still wasn't entirely The committee decided to happy with the situation but send Harrap a letter inwas learning to live with it. forming him the street is still However, Mr. Harrap said being watched and the parkhe would like to see the no lng problem is under contin-

parking on one side enforced. ual study.

Halton Hills works commit-

Drive.

ing on one side.

Maltby seeks Ward 2 seat

nounced he will seek to retain was first proposed. his Area Council seat in Ward 2, Halton Hills. He was an elected Coun-

George Maltby has an- Municipal Complex when it

cillor for the former Township of Esquesing and, aince the death of the late Len Coxe, has served as Area Councillor for the Esquesing Ward of Halton Hills. George, with his wife, Gail,

and their three sons, operate a small farm on the 3rd line of Esquesing. He is employed by Atlas Alloys as National Sales Manager of their Fastener Division, that residents of Ward 2 receive good value for their tax dollar.

Maltby states his voting record on Council demonstrates his concern over unwarranted spending as he was one of only three Councillors opposed to building the



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## No change for Two fires keep firefighters busy St Alban's Dr.

A short circuit in a radlo was the cause of a fire at 10.30 Saturday morning.

Engineer Robert Austin Firefighters were summoned to the home of Harold Andres, 260 Mill St. E. Fire chief Mick Holmes reported

A group of youngsters were at the fire hall for a baby sitting course when the alarm came in. Mr. Holmes said they received a first hand view of firefighters in action damage to a rug and smoke

damage in the house.

Another fire at 4.15 a.m. Monday sent volunteer firefighters rushing to the home of G. Buna, 29 Mill St. W. Mr. Holmes reports extensive damage to a 1969 Oldsmobile. The cause was unknown, he

## Red Cross Campaign Correction

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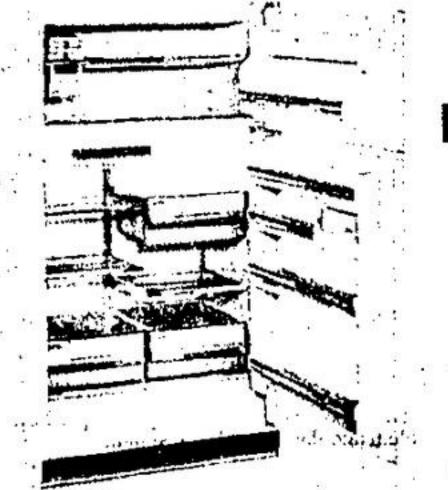
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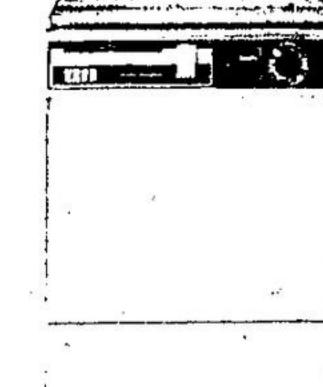
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