

Parking—"emergency"

Middle school . . .



The town has declared an emergency situation exists while Mill Street is being reconstructed so parking is going to be limited to two hours on Mill Street between Park Avenue and Elgin Street and on Church Street from beyond Main Street to Elgin.

Bill Yundt told Halton Hills council: "Everyone is aware that there is a parking problem in the downtown commercial area of Ward I, and it has existed for years. This problem has reached a crisis now with the tearing up of Mill Street East and all the merchants have felt the effect of this construction on their business. I am well aware that several bodies have been appointed (The Parking Authority and The Chamber of Commerce) to look into this problem and are going to make proposals to solve the problem."

"The problem of which I am speaking tonight has been precipitated by the construction and steps must be taken now to alleviate the situation, even on a temporary basis."

What I would like to request is a by-law to place a time limit restriction on the parking in the downtown area until construction is completed. We have lost parking on the south side of Church Street because of the detour.

"The purchase of land for off-street parking has been suggested as a partial solution for parking. I am opposed to this and I will always be opposed to this proposal, until steps have been taken to police the parking we have got, both on the street and in private lots."

This by-law which I am requesting, could, and should, show us the difference that policing of the parking would make, so in fact the purchase of land for off-street parking may not be necessary.

"Again - I must emphasize something must be done immediately to police what parking we have in the downtown area so that we can keep the customers we have now."

Last business He said the construction has caused a situation where there just aren't any cus-

tomers downtown and noted many merchants do 70 per cent of their year's business during the Christmas season.

In response to a question from Councillor Dick Howitt, Mr. Yundt said he was in favor of parking meters in the downtown area and warned the construction is breaking people's shopping habits and it could take the Acton merchants a long time to get their customers back.

He said he would hate to see the town lose the Hotchen property for off street parking and noted he is one of several merchants who have indicated they are willing to put up \$1,000 apiece to get the property and then sell it to the town at cost for a municipal parking lot.

Immediate problem Mr. Yundt rejected suggestions that the item be sent to works committee saying it is essential something is done right away about the two hour parking limit in the downtown area.

Councillor Ern Hyde said the town can declare an emergency, signs can be put

up, and police can enforce the two hour limit.

Councillor Pat McKenzie presented a letter from police in Acton to acting mayor Ric Morrow who said the letter agreed with Mr. Hyde's contention that if signs are up the police can enforce the two hour limit in an emergency without a by-law. This opinion was backed up by the regional solicitor, Morrow noted.

120 houses in Esquesing

A plan to build 120 houses in the \$90,000 to \$150,000 bracket on the Seventh Line, beside the Georgetown Christian School, was unveiled at Halton Hills Planning Board.

Andy McNally, of Gainsborough Farm Holdings Ltd., said a group of small investors bought the land across from the town administration, back in 1969, "just before the market went down."

The 62 acre site is mostly in Esquesing

(Continued from page 1)

give both schools new equipment but very costly too," he noted.

Gentleman told the board 14 teachers now working with grade six, seven and eight pupils at Robert Little and M Z Bennett will become surplus at those schools when the middle school opens next fall and so will be moved to the new school. He added another three teachers at the elementary schools in Acton may not be needed either since Acton will have its first separate school next year.

"The principal must be appointed early so he can get together the staff he is getting from the two other schools," Gentleman explained.

Magnitude Trustee Tom Watson said everyone must realize the magnitude of what was going to happen in Acton next fall, noting it will disrupt every school in the town.

He said after things settle down in a couple of years then the possibility of twinning the middle school with the high school or Bennett school could be examined again.

CARPET CORNER

11 MAIN ST., NORTH - ACTON -

• 853-3620 •

Your Headquarters in Halton Hills for:

★ CARPETING ★ CUSHION FLOORING

★ DRAPERIES ★ CERAMIC TILES

VOLUNTEERS FROM the Halton Radial Railway did some cosmetic restoration to this radial car so it could be used by GO Transit as a historical information display to convey information to the general public about the new GO transit bus service commencing in Richmond Hill November 28. It took four weeks to do the job, and when it returns to its Nassagaweya home November 29, it will be put back in line for normal restoration as funds permit. It normally takes 10 years to restore a car by volunteers. The car was transported from Guelph Line near Eden Mills to Richmond Hill yesterday (Tuesday), and had to take the Church St. detour once it hit town.

Ice rates reduced . . .

(Continued from page 1)

for high rates shouldn't be heaped on Gray since he was told by council to put the arenas on a more solid financial footing and wondered if the town maybe hadn't been lax about rates in the past and was now moving too hastily to remedy the rink deficit.

The financial difficulty the hockey teams are in might not be due just to high rink rental rates but also poor attendance. Councillor Dick Howitt suggested. He said fans may be rejecting hockey.

Mr. McKenzie suggested the Sabres attendance will steadily grow as the young team becomes established in its new league.

Councillor Harry Levy said any idea there isn't support for hockey in Halton Hills couldn't be further from the truth and noted 8,000 fans will turn out for Bantam Tournament games next year.

Difficult Mr. Levy suggested high prices on all forms of recreation caused partly by the town, has made it too difficult for many families to participate actively or as spectators because they can't afford it.

He said it is entirely wrong to suggest love of the game in the town has died and called for a study by Gray of the financial woes facing Sabres, Geminis and Raiders and come up with possible ways of giving financial support.

Levy noted the Swords have folded and other teams could follow so the situation has to be examined by the town. He also supported McKenzie's call for the ice rates to be cut back.

Temporary Councillor Ern Hyde said he could support reduced ice rates but only on a temporary basis until the financial situation can be investigated.

Councillor Roy Booth said no one on

administration committee has ever wanted to see hockey in Halton Hills killed but reminded council the committee had been instructed to come up with ways of making the arenas pay their own way. He said he could support Mr. Levy's suggestion that the teams' financial woes be investigated but couldn't support cutting rental rates which have already been set for this year. He suggested that the rates stand and if the bills can't be paid at the end of the year then look at the problem. "We can't allow what happened to the Swords to happen again," Booth said.

Councillor George Maltby suggested if council wants to subsidize hockey through low rental rates it should come out of general tax funds and not penalize the recreation department's budget.

Councillor Ric Morrow said any move to cut ice rates was jeopardizing any future hope of making recreation financially feasible and reminded everyone the town does have the grant system to help make sure no more teams die.

Not again He said administration committee had worked six months on new ice rates for the town's rinks and warned he wouldn't sit on a committee which has to thresh out rates again.

Mr. Morrow urged council to stick to the rates it has set and then look into the team's financial problems.

"Don't hide these problems from the taxpayers. It's easy to look at this problem politically right now and hide the truth from the taxpayers," Morrow said. He noted if teams are going to be subsidized by tax dollars it should be done out in the open with grants and not by reduced ice rates.

Council also threw out recommendations for ice rates in 1977 and 1978 because the councillors didn't want to bind the next council to them.

'Make trip once' Proceed with investigation

Ted Tyler Sr. has come up with a scheme which he thinks could save the Acton Hydro commission time and money.

At the commission's monthly meeting on Thursday, Mr. Tyler said a friend of his had wondered if it would not be more feasible to have the meterreader deliver the hydro bills when he reads the meters.

Mr. Tyler pointed out that the bills are being hand delivered now, and it could save employees a trip around town if his friend's idea is adopted.

He explained that the first

bill delivered this way would have to be an average cost of past bills, with the following bills charged as normal. "We can charge too much or not enough, but back it up on the next bill," he explained, referring to the first bill.

Hydro superintendent Doug Mason claimed it would take the meterreader more time to read the meters if he had to deliver the bills at the same time, and he would have to carry the extra load. He said the reader already has to carry the water and electric book.

Mr. Tyler felt the matter was worth thinking about.

Halton Region's Public Works Committee will ask Regional Council to enter into a provincial-municipal agreement to proceed with the necessary investigations, hearings and approval procedure required for the development of a resource recovery plant in the region.

A plant similar to the plant at North York is expected to cost \$13,000,000. The province will grant 50 per cent of the cost and finance the balance at 10 per cent per year over 40 years.



CNR ENGINE hit a truck at the CNR crossing on Mill E. Friday afternoon but no one was hurt in the crash. Traffic swung around the collision scene while police investigated.

WE HAVE SLASHED OUR PRICES

for our 4th Anniversary

★ LISTED BELOW ARE JUST A SAMPLE OF THE BARGAINS ★

Inglis Liberator No. 2



WASHER DRYER

\$425⁰⁰ \$225⁰⁰



Inglis

13 cu. ft.

Frost Free

REFRIGERATOR

\$399⁰⁰



STEREO PACKAGES

As low as

\$169⁰⁰

REDUCED PRICES ON ALL STOCK ITEMS - WASHERS, DRYERS, ETC.

BEDROOM SUITES

REGULAR PRICES: Double Dresser \$200; Desk \$200; Dresser \$130; High Chest \$190; 4 Drawer Chest \$156; Night Table \$72; Headboard 39" \$64; 54" \$70; Corner Desk \$90; Large Hutch \$120; Small Hutch \$94; Mirror \$50; Chair \$64; 3 pc. Set \$475.

2 WEEK SPECIAL 15% OFF REG. PRICE

FREE DRAW

for

1st Prize: 12" AC/DC Black & White T.V.

2nd Prize: Digital Clock Radio

3rd Prize: Coffee Maker

LOVE SEATS



NOT QUITE AS ILLUSTRATED ASSORTED COLOURS

from **\$169⁰⁰**

PRICES SLASHED ON ALL KITCHEN SUITES, STEREOs, DINING ROOM SUITES IN STOCK

KITCHEN SUITES



Reg. Low Price of \$159⁰⁰
5 Piece

ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL \$125⁰⁰

2 Piece SOFA SET

Sofa & Chair from

\$249⁰⁰

NOT QUITE AS ILLUSTRATED

Fleetwood

20" PORTABLE T.V.



NOT QUITE AS ILLUSTRATED

\$479⁰⁰

EVERY BEDROOM SUITE AND T.V. IN STOCK IS GREATLY REDUCED

HALTON HILLS

Furniture and Appliances

352 QUEEN ST. E. • HWY. NO. 7 • ACTON • 853-0211