

Senior citizens must stay at home — Duby

Are senior citizens' apartments in Georgetown being given priority over Acton's? Councillor Les Duby has heard from several senior citizens who are concerned about the fate of the long-planned units on Elizabeth Drive. They relayed to him the fact they had been asked by Ontario Housing representatives if they would be willing to

move to senior citizen units in Georgetown instead of Acton. "To heck with taking second place," councillor Les Duby said Tuesday. "People don't want to move away and live elsewhere." He is annoyed at the attitude that would place such little importance on the feelings of individuals. Senior citizen units have

been planned in both Acton and Georgetown and he insists that the two projects must work in concert, not one given priority over the other. He will be contacting M.P.P. Julian Reed as soon as possible about this new problem. Mr. Duby explains it has been four or five years since the first applications were

received for the second senior citizens building. The first is on Holmesway Place off Cobblehill Rd. Names have been gathered since then. Some of these same people have been waiting for three or four years. Some are widows, for instance, staying in their homes until suitable apartments are available. They have to be

sure of where they will go before they can put their homes on the market. Mr. Duby contacted Halton Hills planner Mario Venditti after receiving the concerned phone calls. He said Mr. Venditti assures him all requirements necessary have been met for the Senior Citizens' units here. The land has been acquired and the unit is ac-

ceptable for the disposal plant. Only problem might be the relocating of people in the two houses on Elizabeth who would have to move elsewhere. I want to see construction start in the spring and be completed in the fall, Mr. Duby insists. Asking our senior citizens if they would move to Georgetown is "ridiculous."

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PATTI COOK CASTS her love-stricken orbs upon her one and only, Ronnie Orsaun, as he hands her the box lunch she bought. The sale was part of an auction at Speyside School in which the boys

made lunch for two, and the girls bid on the lunches. The money raised is going towards school trips and "the kids thought it was romantic."

Board stands firm chairmanships stay

In the face of a showdown with its teachers, Halton Board of Education stuck to its guns Thursday and reaffirmed the decision to dispose of department heads next fall and replace them with chairmen.

Trustee Fred Armitage put forth a motion that the new board reaffirm the previous board's decision because there are eight new trustees and he thought there was a need to make the board's position on the controversial change clear.

Trustee Bert Hinton led off the debate saying the switch to chairmanships is illegal so the subject shouldn't be discussed. His warning was ignored.

Armitage urged the trustees to ignore red herrings which have been cropping up over the past few months and stick to looking at the educational and leadership values of switching from department heads to chairmen. "The board's right to change things when we judge it to be the best move," was another important consideration he claimed.

He said the board has waited three long years for the schools to voluntarily switch to the new system of high school management and only seven have and "we realized some would never change."

Armitage stated chairmanships are educationally sound and in keeping with the times. He said the board should be able to incorporate modern management techniques in the school system. He noted the teachers need "aggressive" leadership.

He told the board everyone knows how successful chairmanships have been at Lord Elgin High School, Burlington, but a report written by Principal Dean Fink about Acton High School shows it is also working well there. Armitage said Fink's report from January 1976, says school meetings are more efficient and communication has been improved since the voluntary switch from department heads to chairmen.

Armitage informed the board the Deputy Minister of Education has said it is up to

the board to organize its schools as it sees fit and the Ministry believes chairmanships can be accommodated by the Education Act. The province does say that only the courts can make the final ruling when a piece of legislation is challenged.

He noted the board has two differing legal opinions. One from a firm specializing in legislation says chairmanships aren't legal under the Education Act. Another firm which specializes in education matters says it is legal.

Armitage concluded he believes the Ministry of Education opinion should be the one which carries the most weight with the board.

Hinton said what the deputy-minister said didn't

mean a thing since the minister has the final say. He disputed Fink's report, saying Acton High School has suffered since the change to chairmen.

He said legal advice which he has obtained indicates the board has been acting illegally by having chairmanships in the schools and accused administration of knowing all along its actions in this regard were illegal.

"The administration in my view have always known they were in fact breaking the law but I assume that they proceeded on the questionable virtue that the end justified the means," Hinton charged. Director of Education Em Lavender later responded to

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Over \$400,000

Early start for Main St.

Halton Region's Public Works Department will attempt to get an early start on the reconstruction of Main St. in Acton to alleviate problems for merchants in the area.

Halton Hills Councillor Roy Booth asked engineer Jack Corbett to limit the number of detours in the commercial area as well as getting the work done as quickly as possible.

"The work on Mill St. cost merchants a lot of money because of the timing and the disruption just before Christmas," Mr. Booth said.

The committee authorized staff to hire Phillips Planning and Engineering Limited to design the reconstruction of Main St. from Mill to Wallace St. and the construction of sanitary sewers and watermains in the same area.

The work will be done as a joint project with the Town of Halton Hills.

In all the estimated cost of the work is over \$400,000.

Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid said he anticipated water rates in the Acton area would have to be increased to cover the cost of the work.

Overflowing water concern of committee

Overflowing of the Churchill Rd. North reservoir is the cause of some concern to the Halton Hills works committee.

At Monday evening's meeting of the works committee, a resolution was passed for the town to ask what preventive measures Halton region is planning. The committee pointed out in the resolution that the overflowing is caus-

ing a dangerous road condition at the corner of the town line and the third line.

Councillor George Maltby called the area "a very large puddle" and the corner "a helluva mess". He explained that councillor Pat McKenzie had taken up the matter with the region, but they had done nothing about it.

Town engineer Bob Austin agreed with Mr. Maltby's assessment of the "mess."

Recommendation!

10% pay hike mayor, council

A pay raise of \$500 for councillors and \$600 for the mayor was recommended by finance and administration committee, Monday night. This would bring a councillor's salary up to \$5,940 and the mayor's salary to \$12,100.

The vote to send the proposed pay increase to council passed unanimously, but Councillors Peter Morris, Walter Bierni and Pat Patterson gave advance warning they would oppose the increase at council.

Patterson led the attack against the increase, described by Treasurer Ray King as well within the A.I.B. guidelines. The original 10 per cent increase was the treasurer's recommendation.

Patterson said the town had just hired a new employee at a salary between \$13,000 and \$15,000. He stated, "There's got to be some consideration for the people who put us in this seat. This should be left over until the budget is set

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M.Z. BENNETT'S annual public speaking contest ended with Lori Epp, right, winning the Junior trophy and Steve Saxon, left, taking the Intermediate prize.

Salvation Army plans services, Sunday School

The Salvation Army is planning three Sunday afternoon church services in Acton, and regular Sunday school classes every Sunday.

The dates for the church services are Feb. 27, May 29 and June 12, and they will be in the United church at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday School classes will start March 6 at 2:30 p.m. and continue each Sunday in the Y.M.C.A.

Capt. Leo Porter of the Salvation Army in Guelph says there are about 35 Salvation Army families in Acton and district that he knows of. However, everyone is welcome to attend.

"We'll have a good time together," he predicts. The Salvation Army officers will also bring their own band.

Families are being contacted personally about the services and the Sunday School. There are many in the area from Newfoundland in particular who grew up in the Salvation Army church tradition. A service held here before was well attended.

"We want to service our own people," Capt. Porter explains. Transportation to Guelph for services there is difficult.

Acton already has the visitation services of a

member of League of Mercy, an arm of the Salvation Army. Mrs. Heather Gillis, 65 Kingham, calls on the sick and elderly in the area. Capt. Porter suggests anyone could contact her for a visit or information.

Man charged

A man has been charged following the discovery of tools stolen from Disston, valued at \$2,000. Recovered are 200 hand saws, 70 hack saws and other items which had been stolen and sold. The thefts occurred over a period of several months.

Approve sewage plant addition

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has approved Halton Region's request to build an addition to Acton's pollution control plant, situated just off Churchill Road south.

At a recent CVCA executive meeting, staff engineer George Papagopolus explained the quality of effluent pouring into Black Creek is not good enough, according to the Ministry of the

Environment.

The requested addition is completely in the floodplain but will bring the filtration bed above water level, the engineer told executive. He said the whole site was ponding area. He didn't foresee any major effects up or down stream.

The Authority executive felt permission should be granted providing consultant assurances were positive.

It was recommended the region carry out floodline investigations for new floodplain lines but the Authority would not ask the region to take responsibility for any flooding.

Application was approved conditionally providing plans indicated proposed filling would not effect neighboring properties under storm conditions; and no openings be planned in the service building below the floodline.

No fill in Fairy Lake

A developer owning property south of Elizabeth Drive, just east of Fairy Lake in Acton, won't be allowed to fill his neighbors' land, say the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Application by Windland Associates Engineering Ltd., to fill in the floodplain was turned down by Authority executive, especially when it was discovered proposed filling was to take place on another property. Chairman Grant Clarkson mused, "It seems strange this Authority and the Ministry (of the Environment) paid for

dredging Fairy Lake to cool the Credit—and now we are expected to approve development and filling the lake." Clarkson wanted to know how many of the lots in question were created by the previous dredging.

"All of 'em," declared Mayor Tom Hill.

The executive passed a motion not to consider submitted plans and to notify Windland Associates cut and fill operations must be kept within their own property lines and not extend beyond existing floodlines.



Invested

NEW SCOUT LEADERS were invested Monday night at Acton's Scout Hall. From left to right the new leaders are Mike Walton, Jim Boyle, and Jim Philip. They are flanked by Steve Thompson, left, and Murray Harrison, district commissioner, right.

Chapman earns title

Dave Chapman and the Sabres finished the Junior B season on an up beat.

The Sabre centre, Chapman, earned two assists to win, finally, the central division scoring championship with 79 points; the team, cellar dwellers throughout the season, beat the first place Oakville 3-2 last night at Oakville.

Chapman has 32 goals and 47 assists from 42 games.

Chapman needed the two points to overtake Georgetown's Geminis Doug Barnes who has 78 points from 39 goals and 39 assists. The Sabre captain needed to beat the Gem, because to tie at 78 would still have given the title to Barnes. The scoring title would be his because he's got more goals than Chapman.

Lock up The game was strictly to determine if Chapman could outscore the rest of the league, Oakville, which starts playoffs tonight against Milton, locked up first place last week. But the southern

club went along with the game, which was a make-up action from a January 28 postponement.

Chapman picked up assists on Acton's first two scoring plays. He relayed a pass to defenceman Reid Campbell who in turn gave it to Erin's Pete Wicklum for a first period goal at 11:32.

Doug Elliott waited just three minutes before he pulled the trigger for another goal, from Chapman and Don

Richard. Richard and Chapman played Junior C with the Sabres last season.

The game winner came off Joe Gardin's stick, also in the middle frame, from Reid Campbell and Paul Curtas. At that point Sabres held a 3-1 edge.

Power play Oakville, which called up some affiliated players for the game, closed the gap late in the third with a power play goal by Paul Johnston. John Sertic picked up Oakville's first goal in the second period on another power play effort. Oakville wanted to give some regular players a rest before tonight's playoff action.

Kent Moffatt went the distance in the nets by stopping 40 shots, 16 of them in the middle frame. Sabres had 36 shots on Bob Sutton.

The win was Acton's third of the season, and along with two ties gives them a total of eight points in 42 games.

This is the first season that the Sabres have missed play-off action.



DAVE CHAPMAN