



Out on the ice the skating carnival was all glitter and glamour . . . backstage (right) it was just a giggle.

PACKED HOUSES applauded nearly 200 skaters in the Figure Skating Club's annual closing carnival Saturday afternoon and evening. Above left, popular brother and sister pair David and Cindy McGilloway are captured in a stylish manoeuvre. Centre, heading out into centre ice are

the trim senior girls, Julie Townsley, Sheila Cook, Kathy Toth, Miriam Beaton, Colleen DeBruyn, Linda Sawden, Susan Kinal, Linda Osso, Laurie DeBruyn, Diane Baginski, Joanne Hearn, Cindy McGilloway and Barbara Wilson. Right, a backstage giggle is shared by Craig Robbins

and Scott Brown. Scott was Peter Pan when he was out on the ice and Craig reported "I'm a Seven Dof." The carnival theme was Movie Nostalgia.

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Total \$48?

Town tax up \$12.49

The town's share of taxes on an average home in Acton will go up \$12.49, in Georgetown \$12.58 and in Esquesing \$20.31.

These increases are based on houses assessed at \$4,460 in Acton, \$5,500 in Georgetown and \$1,399 in Esquesing, considered to be average amounts by Town Treasurer Ray King.

The mill rate in Acton has gone up 2.80 mills, in Georgetown 2.25 mills, and in Esquesing 4.42 mills.

The education tax hike of 3.75 mills will add another \$16.72 to the Acton taxpayer, \$20.96 to Georgetown and \$17.25 to Esquesing. At this point the running total would be a tax hike of \$29.21 in Acton, \$33.34 in Georgetown and \$37.58 in Esquesing.

But the tax bite is not through yet, the Region has yet to be heard from. A rough guess estimate puts the region jump at \$15 for both Acton and Georgetown and around \$19 for Esquesing.

The grand total increase over last year would then be

\$44.21 for Acton, \$48.54 for Georgetown and \$52.58 for Esquesing. Last year the tax hike was over \$100 in each area.

The town's budget is up 7.5 percent in Acton and Georgetown and more than double that in Esquesing. Esquesing comes in for a 15.9 percent jump. The budget for town purposes including special area charges, and special lighting charges in the township totalled \$4,956,881, up from \$4,518,858 last year.

The increases are caused primarily by reduced transitional grants, and the fact Esquesing's remaining surplus was applied against last year's mill rate for that area, said Treasurer Ray King.

Highest increases are in the roads and recreation budgets. The roads budget went from \$1,677,269 last year to \$1,943,321 this year. Of this amount \$710,000 is received in grants from the province.

Equipment costing \$162,650 includes a vacuum sweeper and catch basin cleaner, trucks and other items.

Roads to be rebuilt are Churchill Road, Acton, the Tenth Line at Regional Road 13, 22 Sideroad and Eighth Line, James Street, McIntyre Cres., Georgetown, Main Street, Acton, and other roads not yet decided. The gross cost is \$990,550, but the subsidy brings the town's share down to \$343,275.

The recreation budget is up from \$1,186,227 last year to \$1,303,345 this year. Of this amount revenue from facilities and programs is estimated at \$456,295, and grants at \$20,750.

Included in the recreation budget is resurfacing and construction of an additional tennis court in Acton, resurfacing Alcott tennis court at \$9,000, new piping at Georgetown outdoor pool at \$13,000 with a \$3,250 subsidy, construction of washrooms and storage area at Acton arena at \$20,000 with a \$5,000 subsidy, demolition of the old sewage station off Main Street South, Georgetown, at \$1,500 and reconstruction of Cedarvale Community Centre at \$91,000 with a

\$22,500 subsidy. Parks maintenance went up from \$76,000 last year to \$114,000 this year. The fire budget increased from \$375,801 to \$483,453, with \$40,000 allocated for a tank truck. The planning and development budget is up from \$89,315 to \$109,184.

without resulting in large tax jumps in the future.

One major change is to charge for summer recreation programs such as school playgrounds, and to ask the recreation director to review other recreation programs in an attempt to make them more self-sustaining.

Responsible

It's quite a responsible budget, comments councillor Peter Marks. As well as limiting the increase to between \$12 and \$15 a year for the average homeowner it provides for a limited increase next year. There is a built-in surplus of close to \$200,000 because next year will see the withdrawal of transitional grants from the province. The surplus will lessen the impact of the increase next year.

He considers the budget good in light of the general inflation figure of 9 or 10 percent.

"We spent many hours battling it through," Mr. Marks comments.

For Acton Provision is made for new washrooms at the arena this coming year. Their construction would involve an expansion of the present auditorium out toward the poultry building.

A cash booth will be constructed at the pool and the lobby altered.

Tennis court building and reconstruction are included.

This summer the children registering for playground will be asked to pay, to help cover some of the costs.

Out from the budget were recommendations for new heaters at the north end of the arena and alterations to dressing rooms. "It's a luxury we can't afford," commented councillor Marks.

Repairs to the town hall are still being considered and the town has applied to the Ontario Municipal Board for a 2000 capacity.

Provision is made for the purchase of the former Hotchen's Bakery property by the town, at a cost of \$47,000.

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At Supreme Court

Dump quashed

Mr. Justice Peter Cory of Ontario Supreme Court has reversed a decision by Halton Regional Council to proceed with work on a landfill site at the corner of Britannia and Tremaine Rds in Milton.

In making his judgment Mr. Justice Cory ruled that the region must not proceed any further towards development of a site until it has received a rezoning and official plan amendment

permitting the work. The ruling was handed down late yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon after an all-day sitting at Osgoode Hall in Toronto.

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FIRE CHIEF MICK HOLMES suspects faulty wiring was the cause of a blaze at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Gould, 57 Frederick St. on Friday. Scott McLaren holds one of four two-week-old kittens who were in the house during the fire. The kittens seemed to be okay after the fire, including this little fellow who had been slightly singed in the blaze. Burning chair below, was carried from the house by firefighters. Neighbors turned in the alarm.



WORKS COMMITTEE members and other councillors discuss a request from the Acton Fall Fair Board for parking at Pioneer Cemetery during Thursday's spring works tour. Councillors Russ Miller, Les Doby, Mike Armstrong, Peter Pomeroy, George Maltby, Walter Biehn, Marilyn Serjeantson, Pat McKenzie, engineer Robert Austin, deputy engineer Ted Ballinger and works superintendent Frank Morette went on the over three hour tour.

Hydro bid for land denied by committee

Land division committee took its cue from the town to deny Ontario Hydro's bid for a piece of land for its controversial power corridor.

In a letter to the committee the town pointed out the zoning by-law does not provide for a hydro corridor, the committee took a literal interpretation.

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Sewer line means detour

Traffic is being detoured off Main St. this week during the installation of a sewer line.

The present patch of construction extends from Mill St. to Brock Ave. The remainder of the work on Main Street will be done during the next stage of reconstruction.

It is expected this part of the job will be done in two weeks. Detours are in effect.

The new water line from the well at the west end of the park has now been extended through the park and Knox Ave. It will be continued up to Wallace during the next stage of construction.

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via a ramp for the handicapped.

The library is built on behind the board of education, adjacent to the Robert Little School.

Board of Education Superintendent of Business and Finance Bruce Lindley said it will be a simple matter to build a 10-foot wide small vehicle access.

The library board had sent a letter to the board of education requesting access for deliveries to the library as well as providing entrance.

Strangers, neighbors behind stoop-scoop

Carol Leys of 116 Acton Blvd. is finding out she is not the only person in town who feels something should be done about dog owners who allow their pets to mess on neighbors' lawns.

Mrs. Leys was quoted in last week's Free Press as saying there should be a stoop and scoop by-law in town, making it law for dog owners to pick up after their animals.

Since the article appeared in the paper, Mrs. Leys has had three phone calls from people agreeing with her, and one elderly man, she said, came right to her door to say he was behind whatever she did.

Mrs. Leys also explained that most of her neighbors agreed with her stand, as they also are getting tired of cleaning up after other people's animals.

Where does she go from here? Mrs. Leys doesn't know, but she feels a signed petition presented to Halton Hills council could get her idea somewhere, even if it just means making dog owners aware of the problem and the hostilities.

Collection of garbage from stores has been changed from Mondays to Tuesdays. The second of the two weekly downtown pickups is still on Thursdays.

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No DST in Halton Hills this Sunday?

Although other municipalities are turning clocks for ward in the wee hours this Sunday morning introducing Daylight Saving Time, Halton Hills evidently will be remaining on Standard Time.

Halton Hills council either neglected or forgot to pass the appropriate resolution to make the time change at Monday's meeting.

But does Halton Hills need a resolution to stay in step with the rest of the province? No one was sure at press time. Only those who are late for church Sunday morning will know they should've changed clocks one hour ahead.

Standard time comes back Sunday, October 30.