

Fairy Lake

Student power to clean up lake

Student power will be used to clean up around Fairy Lake, Acton. Calling their group C.U.T.E., Clean Up the Environment, Lindsay Shaw, one of the spokespersons, told Halton Hills finance administration committee, Monday night, they wanted to put their summer to good use. She said Acton has a beautiful lake, and they don't want to see it become littered and polluted. "Garbage is for cans and not to be thrown in the water," she commented. Lindsay explained the group is volunteering to work and on a pledge basis will use money for community projects. She said they wanted council's endorsement. She said they need garbage bags, and a designated area to pile garbage so it can be trucked away. The young girl pointed out they would canvass door to door in Acton in the evenings, this month. Brian Jenkins, the other

spokesman for CUTE, asked if the town could help in clearing seaweed from the swimming area. He noted the lake is owned by Beardmore, but said he felt they would get their permission. Stuart Shaw, father of Lindsay, said the algae along the shore line tends to "put people off". He wondered if a backhoe along the edges might help clean it up. He felt a distance of three or four feet back in the swimming area would be sufficient. Councillor Peter Morris termed it "refreshing" to see a group wanting to do something worthwhile. He said he felt doing something useful like this was much superior to raising money by walkathons or skatathons. The committee agreed to support the group's efforts if Beardmore have no objections, and suggested some method of removing seaweed from the swimming area be investigated.

In North

Jan. to June crime up 15.7%

If the present trend continues crime will go up 15.7 per cent this year in North Halton. District One police investigated 1,671 crimes during the first six months of 1976. Up to the end of June this year police in North Halton have looked into 1,924 crimes. One reason for the increase of 253 crimes this year over the same period last year is an increased patrol area, Superintendent Floyd Schwantz said. On March 1 of this year that part of Milton formerly Nassagaweya Township was added to District One joining urban Milton, Georgetown, Acton and Esquesing. Schwantz said no single type of crime was responsible for the increase. Despite the heavier caseload, police are still maintaining respectable clearance or solved rate. During the first six months of 1976 police solved 55 per cent of crimes reported in North Halton and have solved 49 per cent of this year's crimes. Thursday, Halton Police Commission reviewed crime statistics for the month of June which showed officers throughout the region conducted 1,778 investigations, including 413 crimes in North

Halton. North Halton officers topped the regional clearance rate solving 48 per cent of their cases compared to 40 per cent for the whole region. Schwantz noted early this month he had expected a much higher solved rate but the early success police had last month didn't last until the end of June. Commissioners expressed concern about rising thefts, shoplifting, auto thefts and vandalism. A total of 50 cars were stolen in Halton last month and nine were stolen in the north. Chairman Bill Hourigan said car thefts seemed high to him and suggested the high figure was high because people are leaving keys in unlocked cars. Judge William Warrender said often thieves are just towing cars away and starting them once they are in a safe place. He observed there are many ways to steal a car besides the keys in the ignition. There were 365 incidents of vandalism and mischief in Halton last month. One hundred and sixteen of Halton's 759 theft and shoplifting cases were in the north.

Hydro bid deferred

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SOAKING SODERS: Ruth, Burt and Vicki Soder run for the next awning in Thursday's rain. Vicki is riding in style while Burt brings up the rear.

BIA improvements hinge on parking

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board and members. "But I don't think you realize the amount of pressure we were under to get a budget before council," Mr. Yundt said. Merchants began discussing the BIA idea last September, and its budget had to be into council seven months later. Mr. Stachyra also blunted criticism from Mr. Hinton concerning the hiring of the two consultants. Mr. Hinton said he thought there ought to have been tenders for the job. The board went to great lengths, Mr. Stachyra assured members, to insure money was not being wasted on planners. The board inspected the planner's work at Streetsville, met them, then asked Halton Hills' planners and engineers plus the politicians for their opinions, Mr.

Stachyra said. The coincidence of the consultant's preliminary dialogue with the issuing of the tax bills, contributed to the debate, offered Wayne Ruse. "We just got caught in bad timing," he said. He is manager of Acton IGA. Next year's taxes could be a different story, Mr. Stachyra told the meeting. He said it could well be the BIA could operate then without an increase in taxes. "We have budgeted for the full \$20,000 and we expect to have \$6,000 left for next year," he said. He said some of the tax jumps experienced by BIA members ranged from \$50 to \$500. BIA treasurer Yundt chimed in with his opinion that the BIA has between four and five years of work over

the downtown area. He told the gathering the board feels it ought to do as much as it can. BIA members will be asked in another meeting, after the consultants finish their report, if they want to spend any more money this year. The planners will come with a set of proposals, which the BIA will select with an eye for setting priorities. A question of whether the Christmas bus will go for next season may come up for decision later, Mr. Stachyra said following a lengthy pros and cons session. Taxi stand owner Don Grein asked why he should put money into the Christmas bus, when it takes business from him. Community Services co-ordinator Terry Grubbe mentioned the elderly as patrons of the bus, who find it useful. Mr. Grein also commented that times have changed, and shoppers prefer plazas to downtown shopping. "You can drive ten miles out of town and buy things for ten per cent less," Mr. Grein said. "That's a lot of bull," Chamber of Commerce President Louis Charlebois said. Back on beautification, Mattie Bigelow of the 747 asked if it would not be better to enforce littering and littering by-laws then get on with beautification? Consultant Nixey observed garbage has to be picked up in plazas too.

Among the concerns of John Coniglio, A.J.'s, was improvements. If space is limited downtown for improvements, he said he did not think the improvements should favor one side of the street. He also called for maintenance of what the downtown already has—such as keeping the grass cut—but not by increasing taxes by 60 per cent. "Don't choke the merchants," Mr. Coniglio said. The Christmas bus got back into the conversation more than once. "My concern," Mr. Hinton said, "is when you (BIA) have buses, you've done the Chamber of Com-

merce out of it." "There's too much of an attempt to buy things, to take over organizations, and you're not having community spirit," Mr. Hinton charged. The BIA is not in business of spending money, Mr. Stachyra said. The BIA is also not interested in competing with or dissolving service clubs, he added. "We're interested in co-operation," he said.

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Acton Days was hit even with few goofs

The first edition of Back-to-Acton Days was hailed as a success, in spite of a few goofs, Wayne Ruse told the Business Improvement Area meeting last Wednesday. Many people, whom we have not seen for a long time, plus some new people came down town for the three day celebration, Mr. Ruse said. There was success in the till also, Mr. Ruse said. "All the businesses I talked to, said it

was a success," he said. Also we made a few goofs, Mr. Ruse said. Such as having two people in charge of the same show. A final balance will be ready in a couple of weeks. The two per cent of profits taken by merchants is being collected for the town hall fund, Mr. Ruse said. Mr. Ruse also said he is in favor of a similar type of celebration for next year.

Allow wall violation

Ed McMullen of Bower Avenue, Acton, will be allowed to construct a retaining wall for erosion control in the floodplain of Black Creek, according to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. In addition, a previous violation order will be lifted. Staff engineers told a recent meeting of the Authority executive McMullen had gone ahead with fill and construction in the floodplain and a violation order was issued. The ensuing court case dragged on, being postponed three times, until McMullen, according to Authority staff, decided to "abide" by the Floodplain regulations and provide erosion control. Recommendation for permission to build the necessary wall will proceed to the full authority.

Town creates space

The town has found at least a part solution to the space problem. The upstairs committee room at the Seventh Line administration building, has been cut in half. A wall now goes down the middle, with the committee meeting on one side, and the planning department using the other half. The raised dais, and carved wooden balustrade, erected when the former Esquesing council refurbished the then council chamber have disappeared.

Two drivers injured

Both drivers were injured in a car-dump truck collision at St. Albans Drive and Willow Street Thursday at 8:40 a.m. Yaqub Itahmaty, of Guelph, suffered major injuries and his car received about \$400, according to Halton Regional Police. The truck driver, Frederick Kent Kentner, R.R. 3, was slightly injured, police say. The truck received about \$200 in damages, according to police.

Girl cyclist hurt

A cyclist was slightly hurt when her bike and a car collided near Acton IGA Tuesday (July 5) at 7:45 a.m. Kathleen Cheyne, 98 Main St. N., was taken to Glenlea Medical Centre following the mishap. Police estimate \$25 in damage to the bike she was riding. The vehicle driven by Harold Morris, 132 Elmore Dr. received no damage, according to police.

BIA board may grow

The Business Improvement Area's (BIA) board of management may expand in numbers, according to BIA president Henry Stachyra. Under revised provincial legislation the number of board members may be increased from seven to such number as deemed desirable, Mr. Stachyra said.

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