



ERIN FIREFIGHTERS were first on the scene of an early morning blaze in a home on Highway 25, south of Ospringle. Owned by the Grand River Conservation Authority, and occupied by Brian Clint, the house sustained an estimated \$5,000 damage. Acton and Hillsburgh firefighters also fought the flames, believed to have started from overheated pipes.

Pumphouse testing to begin this week

Work on the new pumphouse next to Fairy Lake is complete and testing of the water it produces will begin this week, according to supervisor of design and construction Peter Lokun.

Under the terms of the contract, the testing will take seven days. "It's standard procedure to get clearance on water quality from the Ministry of the Environment," said Lokun.

He estimated the pumphouse will be in full operation

within a month, but added "It's not that critical at this time of year. It is more critical in the summer." In summer months, lawn watering is the biggest drain on a water supply.

The Acton pumphouse is rated to pump one million gallons of water per day, at its maximum. The high capacity is a safety margin in case the need should ever arise for huge amounts of water, as it would for a big fire in summer.

According to Mr. Lokun, there is no possibility of water freezing in the pumphouse. "The building is designed to take care of any problem. Basically, we've got heat in there."

If there should be any contaminate, we would chlorinate. We don't anticipate any problem," he added. The chlorination is a safety device which is "normal waterworks practice".

Police buy copier without clearance

Police methods of buying came under fire from Halton Police Commission last week at Oakville.

The police commission, the force's governing body, discovered police bought a new Xerox 4500 copier without approval from the commission. "Our commission had nothing to do with it," Judge Wm. K. Warrender said during the meeting.

Discovery of the purchase came as the commission went through the accounts in an earlier meeting.

Though the purchase puts the police budget into the red, Inspector Walter Southward argued the machine would

end up saving money in the long run.

The commission decided to try out the machine until the end of the year, then decide what to do with it.

The purchase came as the police are studying methods of cutting down on the cost of copies. The officer in charge of the study, Southward, was vacationing when Xerox approached the department.

Xerox told police, according to Southward, the cost of the new machine would jump by \$3,000 in July of this year. Deputy chief F.W. Oliver, aware of Southward's research, recommended to chief Ken Skerrett the

machine be bought.

At an earlier commission meeting, commissioners directed the machine be returned to Xerox.

Commissioner Harry Barrett said: "I'm not convinced you get the best service in buying."

The purchase of the machine would be spread over five years.

What happens, if in December, the commission decides to return the machine? According to Southward Xerox has no policy on the return of a machine.

Bouncing cheques Hydro problem

Hydro accounts in arrears can range from \$6,000 to \$13,000, secretary-treasurer Audrey Urquhart told the Hydro Commission Thursday. A recent problem is bouncing cheques, she added.

The Commission had been having a problem with some customers for whom they didn't ever get an accurate meter reading.

However meter reader George Cook has been making calls after school when children are home and in the evenings to get in and read the meter. Mrs. Urquhart told the commission.

She also described the new method of sending a letter by registered mail to inform a consumer and owner if power is to be cut off for non-payment.

Commissioners discussed the free servicing of water heaters, and wondered if this could be phased out after five years.

Superintendent Doug Mason informed the meeting the men will no longer service them in private homes on weekends, but commercial tanks could be serviced on overtime days.

Secretary-treasurer

Audrey Urquhart said there is no longer free service in Milton, but a flat charge of \$15 per call plus costs.

There are more water heater rentals than sales, she said.

"We always have looked after water tanks," commented chairman Will McEachern.

Says no to increase

At least one regional councillor has decided not to accept a pay increase recently voted upon by Halton Regional Council.

Burlington Councillor Ben Ciprietti has written regional treasurer Don Farmer to advise him he won't accept the raise.

Commissioner Bob MacArthur suggested the members think it over.

The new computer for the office, ordered two months ago, should arrive this week, Mrs. Urquhart reported.

Representatives from union and management will attend a half-day session on pension plans Nov. 3.

Council voted on the 5.4 per cent increase after the Administration Committee had recommended scrapping the increase for this year.

In his letter Ciprietti said he found it difficult to justify the \$8,995—let alone accept an increase.

Daylight saving time ends Sunday

Daylight Saving Time ends in Acton this Sunday, Oct. 30, at precisely 2 a.m.

Be sure you turn all clocks and watches BACK one hour when you go to bed Saturday

night. This is the weekend you'll regain that hour of sleep you lost last spring.

Refunds due — but how?

How should customers get their refunds, due them because of Ontario Hydro's \$108 million surplus?

Acton Hydro commissioners Thursday discussed the three alternatives, credit on their bills, holding off a rate increase until next April or giving a lower increase in January.

If bills only show a small increase in January, consumer will feel a "terrific" impact later when rates go away up. An increase of 14 per cent is expected in 1979, or 26 per

cent over both 1978 and 1979. Commissioner Bob MacArthur mentioned the amount of book work that would be required to give a credit.

"We'll discuss it and digest it and do what is in the best interests of the customers," said commissioner Les Dubsy.

Attending the meeting were chairman Will McEachern, commissioners MacArthur, Dubsy and Brown, superintendent Doug Mason and secretary-treasurer Urquhart.

Water warmer indoor pools

Swimming will be more comfortable at Georgetown and Acton indoor pools. The water will be kept at a temperature between 81 and 83 degrees Fahrenheit, and the air temperature at 85.

Recreation Co-ordinator Karen King told the Recreation Advisory Committee of the decision made jointly by the Board of Education and the town recreation department, at the last meeting of the committee.

Committee members Barry Gambles and Clare Hiepma said, after a tour of the parks, they felt there had been an improvement in appearance since the hiring of park attendants during the summer.

The committee recommended park attendants be hired on a part time basis during May and October to keep the litter cleared up. They also suggested the now vacant position of Facilities Superintendent be revised to include greater parks orientation.

The Recreation Advisory committee backed the town's decision to reclassify the Geminis and Raiders thus reducing their ice rates. They

said they recognized the entertainment value to the community, but the groups should exercise more financial restraint.

Find costs of Rec. facilities

Halton Hills finance administration committee wants to know how much it costs to maintain all facilities not only arenas and pools. They are interested in finding out how much it takes to cover the maintenance of parks for soccer, ball clubs, and of community halls.

Councillor Peter Marks said a lengthy list of users of all facilities was drawn up by the recreation director at council's request to review the revenue obtained by the town. "There has been a hue and cry for years that recreation should be self-sufficient, and we know there's a large number of people who don't pay to use some facilities."

Recreation Director Glen Gray said some municipalities charge for the use of playing fields and dressing rooms.

Acton firemen request \$240

A letter from Phil McCristall, secretary of Acton Firefighters Association, asked Halton Hills finance committee for \$240 to cover the cost of rental of Acton Band Hall.

Mr. McCristall said they need the space to hold two annual functions, normally held in the firehall, now under reconstruction.

Councillor Peter Morris wondered why they couldn't come the seven miles to Georgetown fire hall.

Councillor Pat Patterson said they couldn't leave the town in case something happened while they were away.

Councillor Roy Booth said Georgetown firefighters and Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service held one of two functions while their halls were under construction, and raised the money themselves.

Councillor Peter Marks said the request should come from Fire Chief Mick Holmes, if they were going to follow town policy.

Morris said he was amazed there would be no one on duty when the functions are held. Marks reassured him there are always members of the department on standby at all times.

The request was turned over to the fire chief.

New date

Since the Chamber of Commerce has called its public meeting for Wednesday, November 2, the Business Association is postponing its regular meeting to the following Wednesday. The B.A. meetings are always the first Wednesday of the month.

The B.A. executive, in making the change, expressed the hope all their members would attend the public meeting of the Chamber, called to air current issues.

Firefighters ask on-street parking

On-street parking for Acton firefighters was considered again by Halton Hills works committee Monday when councillor Russell Miller raised the subject through a letter. He also spoke to the subject saying the Acton firefighters again asked him to relay their request. "If merchants and customers are parking on Bower, there is no reason they could not change and park on Church, which is no farther from the shopping area," the letter stated.

Mr. Miller said parking "is the first thing firefighters want to discuss. I told you the urgency of it."

Councillor Les Dubsy suggested spots on Willow and Bower for emergency parking for firefighters only. He pointed out parking on Bower is already restricted.

Councillor Pete Pomeroy suggested Mr. Dubsy should attend meetings of the special parking committee.

Councillor Marilyn Serjantson, saying "we have been pushing this off," asked the engineer's opinion. Bob Austen stated he is opposed to the parking proposal. He said he hoped the committee would ask the opinion of staff when making their decision.

Liquor

Several liquor charges were laid by Acton police during the past week, and one drug charge. A man was charged with being in possession of a knife. A mailbox was reported stolen in the district. A Kingham Hill resident reported someone had gained entry to the home, but nothing was missing.

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the sewage plant.

Mr. Marks pointed out the large strides made at Beardmore in improving the effluent and predicted progress to the point where the effluent could be accepted in the sewage plant. "I would hesitate to designate an area residential, that would close the door to our largest industry." He said an increase of one or two thousand people might be acceptable to the town's people.

The discussion was brought to an end when councillor Pete Pomeroy pointed out there was a special meeting scheduled on revisions to the official plan where this subject would be rehashed completely.

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