

Questions, answers fly at lively forum . . .

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 agers across Canada and in this region. They have nothing to do and some of them nowhere to go. So I propose Canada found a Boys' Town. I would like to put Acton on the map.

Boys Town would have its own mayor, church and police—all the amenities of society. The Canadian government has taken into consideration a million dollar grant and Wintario a \$250,000 grant.

In two weeks I will be meeting with the Prime Minister and Solicitor General. I will go

on a speaking tour to raise funds. Tuesday I will sign the offer to purchase property after I meet with the Milton planning board.

Jail was the only home I knew. I only committed little crimes.

He referred to the trust fund for Boys Town with Brendan Aherne treasurer and Jackie Dawe secretary. I don't want praise and glory. I want the people of Acton and Halton Hills to be a part of the project.

About 20 teenagers present applauded heartily. The question and answer

period came next, with plenty of people right ready with queries.

A merchant learned that the Business Improvement Area will not be undertaking recommendations for appearances of store fronts. It will be left to the initiative of the individual merchants.

Councillors were asked how the public can control the spending and wages of councillors.

Councillor Duby said the majority rules. Councillor Marks said he felt their pay is reasonable;

his works out to \$4.30 an hour for 20 to 24 hours a week. His salary is \$5,800 with no extras, no travel allowance. Council spends 10 million a year.

Bert Hinton said there's something lacking today; everybody has to be paid. He made a motion for school trustees to have no pay. They spend \$82 million while Halton region spends just 33 million. If trustees can't accept a cut themselves they can't cut a budget.

Pat McKenzie says he works from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 some days and then goes to Halton

Hills meetings. He is on the region board of health, Manor board, social services committee, public works, two negotiating committees and represents the region at the Ministry of Environment. He has eight or nine meetings a week plus the night meetings. He said he could not have another job. We're struggling to hold the line.

People laughed in sympathy with Bert Hinton, asked by a questioner why Acton high school has such expensive equipment, like wrestling mats. After a short reflection he pointed out he was new to the board, and he couldn't vote on a high school in Halton to be done on a scale that would prejudice the needs of other schools. The board will take a harder look at things this year, he said.

We need learning, not gymnastics. What about the size of Acton? What can the people do to slow down growth?

Planner Mario Venditti said an ideal size for our town would be 10,000. Figures are misleading; equivalent population figures, as reported, are lowered by the inclusion of industry and commerce. Acton should grow to the east. Think of Acton 20 to 30 years hence.

Halton Hills official plan will go to the people for comment. If people want Acton to remain small, they should come to these public meetings or phone councillors and tell their ideas.

Peter Marks said there can be potential catastrophic issues if we don't do the job right. You don't make money from residential areas.

But how do we make our feelings known? a woman asked. Two thousand people signed a petition to ask a review of regional government. Two thousand people signed to save the town hall and now we have that monstrosity (the fire hall addition). Even when people get together we feel we don't have any say.

Peter Marks said the fire hall is exactly as requested; firefighters said they would prefer that location if there was adequate parking and that's being worked on. Council changed its decision

on the town hall. Rhoda Shoemaker, who had presented a petition to council on parking, jumped up to say her petition had not been heeded, despite the fact 78 per cent of merchants affected had signed it.

The person who first questioned growth declared she was disturbed at the need to petition if we want anything. This is a serious drawback... everything happens out of town. We know you're busy... do we have to petition every time we get up in arms?

Councillor Marks said there have been 100 major issues before council and three petitions from Acton. We respond to letters and phone calls. We don't have magic answers.

Councillor Duby declared people pointing their fingers at councillors should point at Queens Park instead. We are creatures of the province. He added Acton could grow to 12,000; we have natural controls such as the Black Creek capacity for effluent.

A speaker stated the swamp and mosquitos along the Black Creek area and the sewage runoff are bad; that's the smell they've been blaming Beardmore for.

Answering Mrs. Shoemaker whose petition opposed purchasing land for parking, Peter Marks said plans are being made to find alternative ways—capital assets, BIA contributing.

Arthur Meunier said growth is inevitable if Boys Town is



NEW CHAMBER OF Commerce secretary Janet Fleming and Louis Charlebois, Chamber president, were on hand at the Public Forum last Wednesday night at Robert Little School. Mr. Charlebois chaired the meeting.

established. There would be between 2,000 and 2,500 boys at a cost of \$350 million. It will take 10 years.

On parking, Paul Nielsen of the parking authority said 96 per cent of the people affected signed on another occasion that they would pay for off street parking. It's all in the way you present the problem. We will all benefit.

Pat McKenzie said the town can't say no to more growth. We have a firm commitment to Beardmore that it must be accommodated for sewage treatment. If the town is to

survive there must be off street parking.

New business should contribute to a parking fund. Hindsight is always 20-20 vision. Eight per cent of municipalities are in the parking business. No parking on one side of Mill is suggested.

A recent newcomer to town asked what is offered for teenagers who won't go to Hays Town. Councillors reported

lots of structured events. Acton is rated third in Ontario in provision of recreation. Some youth tend to complain. Some will never use structured recreation.

Hydro costs for recreation equal that of the town. The new Coffee House was reported.

It's parental responsibility, said councillor Duby. All I hear is excuses. It's a cop out.



TOWN OF HALTON HILLS wreath was laid by World War II vet, councillor Les Duby. Lorne Scots formed an honor guard and Dr. A. J. Buchanan, left, raised and lowered the poppy flag.



COLORS OF participating organizations and wreath bearers approach the cenotaph Sunday, marching behind the Citizens' Band. Many watched the stirring ceremonies and attended the service in the United Church afterward.



SCOUTS AND Cubs, Guides and Brownies watch quietly as the names of Acton servicemen who died in world conflicts are called aloud.

Georgetown man hurt
 Gordon Ward, of 34 Victoria St., Georgetown was taken to Georgetown Hospital with what police termed major injuries. Ward was at the wheel of a pick-up truck which ran into a tree on Mill Street West near the First Line, west of Acton, Monday afternoon. According to police a relative of the driver took him to the hospital.

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