



Karen King

Works with people for better communications

Getting the people of Acton involved in recreation programming is Karen King's main concern as the new recreation co-ordinator for Acton and Esquesing.

Miss King took over her duties from Anne Pickering on March 13. She had been recreation co-ordinator for almost two years before being transferred here. Miss Pickering, on the other hand, was transferred to Karen's old job. This was done so all

concerned could get a better knowledge and understanding of the recreational needs of the entire town.

In the two years Miss King has worked for Halton Hills, she has been a liaison with community groups, including the YM and YWCA's and board of education, worked on the development of policies and procedures, recruitment, training, interviewing, hiring, and supervision of all volunteer and

paid staff; submitted reports, as required to council; looked after initiation, development, supervision and evaluation of community programs and services; worked on budget preparation and control and the development of adequate systems for records and reports and has drawn up program brochures and advertisements.

She will be doing the same type of work here in Acton.

However, she says, she hopes to eventually have several groups in town she can turn to, to help make decisions and plans. She explained that right now she plans to sit back and see what the town wants and needs before going in and making changes no one would want, and maybe are not necessary. This, she feels, is where communication is vital. She is totally dependent on what the citizens want, she says.

Born and raised in the Dunnville and St. Catharines area, Miss King has spent most of her life in small towns. She has found this important in her relationship with the people of Acton and area.

Miss King graduated in December of 1975 from the University of Waterloo B.Sc. in Kinesiology co-op, with a minor in recreation. She also holds a municipal recreation director's certificate.

Miss King has a wide variety of interests when not at work. She enjoys outdoor recreation, including cross country and downhill skiing, camping, canoeing, and climbing, reading, jogging, music, calligraphy, and

the people of the town. She plans to get to know everyone she can before making any changes in the recreation situation as it stands now.

Miss King can be reached at 853-1540.

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ICG seeks town money to help in hydro fight

The Interested Citizens Group, who have been fighting the north-south hydro corridor for years, will keep up the pressure on the Minister of Energy, Reford Gardhouse told Halton Hills council Monday night.

He said the group would like a resolution from council reaffirming their support of an independent study and would like consideration of

financial help to cover legal fees in their continuing battle.

The financial request was referred to the finance committee, but council passed a resolution endorsing again the need for an independent study of the north-south corridor area.

Walter Scott, chairman of the Halton Hills Interested Citizens Group said he wanted to congratulate the council for their support and hoped they would hold out against the intimidation of inflation and supposed power shortage. He said he would like council to write a letter of appreciation to the news-media for their help in exposing the truth.

He said the effectiveness of any hearings would be much stronger if financial support could be obtained to help offset legal fees.

Mr. Moffat said the I.C.G. are also offering their help to the town to correct misinformation sometimes presented by hydro and the Ministry of Energy, systems and technical information and technology data.

Mr. Gardhouse pointed out the transmission of power from Bruce to Milton serves no community along the line, but serves only the north, the United States, and the grid.

He said there will be expense to the town with the most serious disruption of the agricultural community. He asked for council's wholehearted support for an independent study of alter-

natives. He pointed out the government consultant loaned to them by the government supported their contention that this route is

Too many separations turn down one more

Stating there had been too many separations on land owned by Bela Hegedus, at the corner of Highway 7 and the Sixth Line, Halton Land Division Committee rejected an application last week.

Reports from the various agencies showed the property designated rural, and within the Niagara Escarpment Commission control area. Halton Hills planning department opposed the separation as did the regional planning department. They claimed the land was outside the housing area.

Committee member William Coats pointed out Mr. Hegedus had been granted severances from the land previously, but the last request was turned down

because the committee was not willing to consider any more separations on this property.

Mr. Hegedus said the last separation he had been granted was a year ago, and another was refused one year ago. "I thought it was turned down because it was too close to the other, so I reapplied now."

Chairman B. Fletcher said this 100 acre property was one piece of land 15 years ago and now has become eight different properties. "It is becoming planning by default, and strip development up the road."

Garbage, lights, guards up Acton tax costs

Almost one-fifth of the \$15.66 hike in taxes in Georgetown, and \$15.68 in Acton for town purposes only, goes toward street lighting, garbage collection, and crossing guards.

\$3.36 of the increase goes to

these services. The number of crossing guards has risen from 10 a year ago to 14, plus a co-ordinator this year.

ICG challenges Baetz to give reasons for corridor

The Interested Citizens' Group (ICG) is challenging Ontario Energy Minister Reuben Baetz to explain why a proposed Ontario Hydro power corridor must pass through Halton Hills.

The minister informed the ICG, which has opposed the corridor for four years, the cabinet last week rejected again any consideration of shifting the 500kV line.

The ICG would like to know why Ontario Hydro has not examined a shorter and less costly route. The ICG also wants to know why cabinet confirmed the proposed route without answering ICG

\$27,000 parks plan

A last-ditch stand by Councillor Walter Blehn to have town staff rather than a consultant conduct a master parks plan, costing \$27,000, was defeated Monday night.

After much controversy the \$27,000 master parks plan was included in the budget last week, but Blehn contended it should come out.

He contended the staff is competent to do the job, and could not see spending \$27,000 to have it done by a consultant. He emphasized he was not opposed to the plan itself, claiming there is a need to know what areas should be set aside for parks, but the money could be saved.

Councillor Mike Armstrong said the recreation director had been adamant about keeping it in the budget, and had cut a similar amount from other recreation projects to allow for the master plan.

Councillor Russ Miller said he wanted it done by staff, but was told they couldn't do it this year, so was willing to go along with the consultant. "The budget has been passed and now we're just playing games," he added.

"I'm certainly not playing games," retorted Blehn. He claimed it would be cheaper to send three department heads to a resort in Honey Harbor for three days and have them do the report, than pay a consultant.

Only Councillor Pat Patterson and Mayor Tom Hill backed Blehn's stand.

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