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Raftis heckled but gets his own way

Halton Regional Public Works Chairman Jack Raftis drew boos from some fellow councillors after successfully reversing council's decision on a controversial vote Wednesday afternoon at the regional council meeting.

Council had earlier refused to support a request from the Public Works Committee asking that three people attend a convention in Boston, sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

Raftis introduced the matter at the beginning of a council meeting when only 14 of the 24 members were present and the majority of those present had supported the trip on the first vote.

The motion was introduced, voted upon and carried with no discussion. Only one of the seven Oakville members on the council was present for the vote. The Oakville delegates had opposed the convention earlier, partly on the basis that there had been

no funds allocated for councillor conventions in the budget.

Raftis introduced the motion, moved by himself and seconded by committee vice chairman Pat McKenzie from Acton. The motion authorizes McKenzie and Raftis or their delegates to attend the convention. Cost of sending a councillor to the convention is estimated at about \$600 per person.

The vote drew criticism from Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill. "You sure know how to work things, Raftis. You're really unbelievable," he scoffed.

Reade said council's action tended to make a mockery out of the budget process.

He said that council had earlier decided to take the frills out of the budget and that's why conventions were cut in the first place. "Then the voice of illogical reason reared its head."

Reade told council that when the Ford Motor Company (where he is employed) ran into some problems with their sales, the first that went from the budget was the conventions.

During the same meeting council authorized two members of the Community and Social Service Committee to attend the Ontario Association of Homes of the Aged convention in Ontario.

Acton Councillor Pat McKenzie said the committee members had said no-one was interested in going to that convention when it had been discussed.

Halton Hills Councillor Russ Miller said McKenzie's information was wrong. "I said I was interested in the convention but there was no way I would go when there is no money in the budget. There's no way I want any part of that Mickey Mouse outfit we had at the beginning of the meeting."

Colin MacColl takes top honors

Former Acton resident Colin MacColl has recently completed his grade twelve at Athol Murray College of Notre Dame in Wilcox, Saskatchewan.

Colin, who completed some of his elementary school education in Acton, received the award for the highest academic achiever at Wilcox.

Colin is a Melis student from Ile a la Crosse and the only son of Colin and Freda MacColl. He has four sisters.

Colin is interested in

Sciences and had to leave Ile a la Crosse to attend school in Wilcox where he could get subjects such as biology, chemistry and physics.

Out of the 52 students in his class Colin took top honors with an average of 87.5.

Colin will be returning to the Acton area to attend the University of Guelph where he will study Veterinary medicine. He will live in town with his grandfather Colin MacColl.

Colin's mother Freda is the mayor of Ile a la Crosse.



COLIN MacCOLL is pictured with his parents Colin and Freda MacColl and his sister Ingrid.



ACTON FIREFIGHTER Leo Synnott right, helps a comrade vent the kitchen during Monday's fire at the Knight home on Highway 7.

Dog alerts family to kitchen blaze

Acton Volunteer firefighters were called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Knight, R.R. 2, Acton on Monday morning at 11:48.

The home between the Fifth and Sixth Lines on Highway 7 received extensive damage to the kitchen and smoke damage throughout the house.

Fire Chief Mick Holmes says the fire started when a pan of grease was left unattended on the stove. A barking dog sounded the first alarm.

Damage to the home was estimated at approximately \$3000 according to Mr. Holmes.

The family is presently living with neighbors and clean-up has begun.

Evening fires keep volunteers hopping

Acton volunteer firefighters were called to their second fire of the day on Monday evening at 9 p.m.

The call turned out to be a case of mistaken identity when a concerned neighbour called after seeing smoke at a nearby home. A Churchill Road S. resident burning a stump was the source of the smoke.

As soon as firefighters returned to the hall from the 9 p.m. call Monday night another one was reported. At 9:30 firefighters headed for the Curling Club where a car had been reported on fire. The fire had been extinguished before the department reached the scene.



REGION WORKERS INSTALL a weir in the Robert Little creek to measure water flow into the lake. Workmen were busy with the project Monday.

Thieves got some cash, a bank book, about five cartons of cigarettes, butter, beef and hamburger patties in a break and enter at the Acton Family Restaurant on Mill Street last week.

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"blind" to the perfect solution he proposed, adding instead of allowing burning and reducing garbage, governments just keep filling up holes in the ground.

Duby concluded if more people were responsible everyone could get back to the old days of burning but the few people who wouldn't burn their garbage responsibly ruin the plan for everyone and leave Halton with a worsening garbage problem.

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