



New Chamber of Commerce members present at the annual meeting are front row, left to right, Mervin Barber, Edna Hall, Doris Barber, Marg Wilson, Marie Prueter, Grace Robertson and Charles Smallwood. Back row are Bill Rogers, Jim Hall, Stan

Chamber elects executive for '79

Jake Kuiken was re-elected as president of the Chamber of Commerce Monday evening at the annual meeting held at the Acton Band Hall.

Mr. Kuiken commented on 1978 as being a good year in regard to functions and activities for the Chamber. "In the spring we chose the Acton Fire-fighters as the Citizens of the Year. After battling three major blazes in town, they certainly deserved the title Citizens of the Year."

Mr. Kuiken commented on the survey done in co-operation with Acton High School and the map and directory put out by John McNabb and the Chamber.

Other activities included an all-candidates' meeting and a newsletter put out six times during the year. Mr. Kuiken thanked secretary Janet Fleming, for her work in putting out the letter and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

Louis Charlebois presented the financial statement of behalf of absent treasurer John Worthington.

Janet Fleming presented Kay Dills with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Chamber. Mrs. Fleming thanked both Dave Dills and Mrs. Dills, for the support and dedication they have shown to the community through the years.

First vice president for the 1979 Chamber of Commerce is Bert Hinton, second vice is John McNabb. Secretary is Janet Fleming and treasurer is John Worthington. Past President Louis Charlebois presided over the election of officers.

Justice of the peace, Bob Hart, conducted the swearing in ceremony.

Two-year directors are Dave Whiting, Terry Grubbe, Norm Mylre and Elmer Dunn. One-year directors are John Allinson, Dave Swetman and Cory van Merkenstein.

President Kuiken thanked Marlene Steckley and Marg Towler for their work in 1978 as one-year directors.

Mr. Kuiken told the Free Press that the Chamber was financially down in 1978 because they didn't have the membership they now have for 1979. "We were financially down. As far as activities go, we did quite well," he said.

The chamber welcomed a number of new members at the meeting. They are Marvin and Doris Barber; Nor-Halton Park, Jim and Edna Hall, Halls Carpentry, Stan and Marg Wilson, manager of the Acton Beekers; Lyle and Marie Prueter; Halton Hills Electric; Stan and Grace Robertson; Robertson's Flower Shoppe; Charles Smallwood, Smallwood Acres; Bill Rogers, representing Daley, Farnworth and McGregor; Gary McEachern, McEachern Electric; John Bottomley, Guelph Mercury; Paul Murr and J.A. Russell, Vac-Forms; Kay Dills, Community Services Centre and Jamie McBride, Gals Pal.

Not present at the meeting, but also new members are G & H Ward and partners, Cam-Betts Catering, McNair Mushroom farm, Thompson Fuels, Dr. Tom Thompson, L & L Ford, Dr. Schumaker, J & T Sports and Tuitmants Garden Centre.

Wilson, Gary McEachern, John Bottomley, Lyle Prueter, Paul Murr, Bert Robertson and Jamie McBride. Present but camera shy was Kay Dills.



1979 Chamber of Commerce executive and directors were elected at the annual meeting Monday evening. Back row left to right, Norm Mylre, Elmer Dunn, Louis Charlebois and Dave Whiting. Members of the executive present at the meeting are H. H. Hinton, Jake Kuiken and Janet Fleming.

Police chairman: Force investigation public within week

The findings of an Ontario Police Commission investigation into the operation of the Halton Regional Police Force will likely be made public within the week says the chairman of the Halton Police Commission.

"But it will not be another Syd Brown," said HPC chairman and Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett.

The OPC recently concluded an investigation into the Waterloo Regional Police Force and its chief, Syd Brown, was subsequently fired.

Mayor Barrett said the 40-page report on the

Halton force is "an assessment of the total operation from the top down."

Prior to public release of the document, added Mayor Barrett, copies will be sent to Halton Police Chief Ken Skerrett and Halton Regional Police Association president Al Ruelens. The Halton commission met with the OPC investigators yesterday (Tuesday) in Oakville to discuss the report, the

chairman added.

"You don't just throw a consultants' report out without discussing with the consultants what they meant by it," added Mayor Barrett. The OPC probe, authorized by the Halton commissioners, was launched following complaints last fall from Halton Crown attorney Jim Trelevan concerning police preparation of Crown charge information sheets used in court.

Lot levies for municipal building

The layaway system being used by the town to set up a reserve fund for an addition to the municipal building, is not necessarily the right use for lot levies.

Councillor Harry Levy at Halton Hills council, Monday night,

He claimed it is simply another way around a municipal complex which was rejected three years ago. He claimed there are other uses for the money which would benefit more people, rather than the administration staff.

Last year council set aside \$218,000, this year they plan to set aside \$291,000 and next year \$315,000 from lot levies.

Councillor Mike Armstrong contended it was a step forward to finance a building in this manner, and said it would be folly to stop.

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson agreed with

Levy and said the third reading of the bylaw to set aside the money should be deferred until budget discussions. "My priorities don't lie with a municipal complex."

The third reading of the bylaw was approved.

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Abandonment of a continuous protection zone along the 450 mile length of the Niagara escarpment has been recommended by Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) revealed last February. If adopted by the commission, it will mean that about 500,000 acres out of the original 1.3 million acre will be under development control in the master plan.

At a meeting last week in Georgetown, the planners recommended that the 17-member commission have four or five classifications of land instead of 17 and that each be assigned a different priority level in terms of scenic protection.

The new recommendations follow staff review of criticism against the preliminary proposals

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Public speaking in local schools

Acton schools are busy preparing for the public speaking contests planned for February.

M.Z. Bennett will be holding their school competition February 13. The winner will represent the school in the junior division of the North Halton public speaking meet on February 21.

Robert Little will hold their competition to choose a representative on February 9. Robert Little will be hosting the North Halton area competition.

The top boy and girl from Robert Little, M.Z. Bennett, St. Joseph's, Acton, Milton, Bramalea, Speyside and McKenzie-Smith will take part in the competition. The Optimists are also

hosting the Zone three public speaking finals in April. Schools from Acton, Milton, Bramalea, Speyside and Carlyle, will compete for first place.

Chamber . . .

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Mr. Stachyra said. President of the Chamber, Jake Kuiken described the speech as "tremendous." he said he regarded the speech as a boost to merchants giving them tremendous support.

Chamber meeting organizers erred with the omission of recognition of vice-president Kevin Conroy. Mr. Conroy, who was also chairman of the social committee, was later described by Chamber president Kuiken as the "work horse of the club".

McKenzie-Smith middle school will choose their junior and intermediate representative on February 15 at the school competition. McKenzie-Smith will be hosting the North Halton competition for public speakers in the intermediate division.

The St. Joseph's students are working to complete their speeches for the school and county meets.

The Optimists of Acton will be holding their oratorical contest on February 23 at McKenzie-Smith school.

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Defeat wage hike for Rec. Dept. help

Pay increases for part time help in the recreation department were defeated Monday night by Halton Hills council.

Councillor Russ Miller said some of the pay hikes were as high as 25 per cent and he could not go along with them.

After the five to four vote, Councillor George Malby contended some of the increase was to up

the minimum wage to new provincial standards, and said the recreation director could be confronted with legal action.

Councillor Harry Levy said the people who opposed the increase were against only a few large increases.

Acting Mayor Roy Booth said he was sure the matter would come back to council.

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