

# Ice rent meeting behind closed doors

Representatives of 12 ice using groups in Halton Hills will meet with recreation director Glen Gray, Mayor Peter Pomeroy and four councillors at a behind closed doors meeting at Stewarttown Hall on May 31 to discuss substantial ice rental rate hikes slated to go into effect this fall.

Letters were sent to officials of 12 groups: Georgetown Figure Skating, Georgetown District Minor Hockey Association, Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group, Gemini, Raiders, Georgetown Industrial Hockey, Georgetown non-contact hockey, Acton Industrial Hockey, Sabres, Acton Figure Skating Club, Acton Waterloo-Wellington rep hockey and Legion

Minor Hockey, last Wednesday by Gray, informing them of the meeting with Pomeroy and Councillors Roy Booth, Harry Levy, Pat Patterson and Ed Wood.

Several people involved with the various groups expressed disappointment regarding the meeting and town plans for conducting it behind closed doors.

Georgetown Figure Skating Club president Ron Snow, who is spokesman for five Georgetown groups who recently urged council to rescind the rate hikes and renegotiate, said he found it "surprising" the meeting will be in-camera, without the press or public welcome. Snow claims that after the recent meeting with

council, Gray told him it was Mayor Pomeroy's idea to hold discussion of the rental hikes in-camera back in March, when they were approved, not his (Gray's).

Last Monday Gray said it would be up to Booth, chairman of the special council committee to decide if the meeting is behind closed doors.

Friday this newspaper talked with Booth. He said he wasn't sure if the meeting would be behind closed doors. He said other council committee members would be consulted on this point before a decision was made but indicated he favored a closed meeting since he thought more would be accomplished at an informal

meeting, without the public present. However, Gray's letter to the various groups stating clearly the meeting will be in-camera is dated May 16.

Snow said he thought at least the press should be allowed at the meeting so the public could be kept properly informed. Other ice group spokesmen made the same point.

Snow also noted the letter says the meeting is to deal with "the common problems of the use and rental of arenas." He doesn't think there are many problems with use of arenas but there is great concern about the rent hikes. The groups want to see rates rolled back.

The fact the meeting will be closed to press and

public has raised speculation council is worried about some questions, which may be raised at the meeting, becoming public knowledge. Bob Hooper of the Raiders has suggested the groups will ask some "very pointed questions" at the meeting regarding recreation department operations and financing.

Hooper doesn't believe the "true figures" regarding arena operations have come to light. Don Davis of minor hockey has said the meeting will afford groups the opportunity to air numerous "beefs" about the recreation department's procedures and operations with councillors for the first time.

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# Three pole vaulters head group of OFSAA regional qualifiers

Acton High School pole vaulters were very much in evidence at the Peel-Halton Track and Field Championships at Etobicoke's Centennial Stadium Thursday.

Acton topped all previous performances qualifying five competitors for the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Association (OFSAA) regional championships, including

three vaulters. Ted Nadhazi had the most successful day for the Redmen topping all competitors in the junior boys' pole vault. Nadhazi despite a pulled leg muscle, jumped 3.01 metres for the honor.

A jump of 2.88 metres earned Don Weaver the right to travel to Niagara Falls for the regional meet in the midget boys' pole vault. Weaver's jump placed him third in the overall competition with the top four qualifying.

Larry Kurtz gave Acton representation at all three levels in the regional meet with a fourth place finish at the Peel-Halton. Kurtz cleared 2.74 metres and the fourth and final qualifying position.

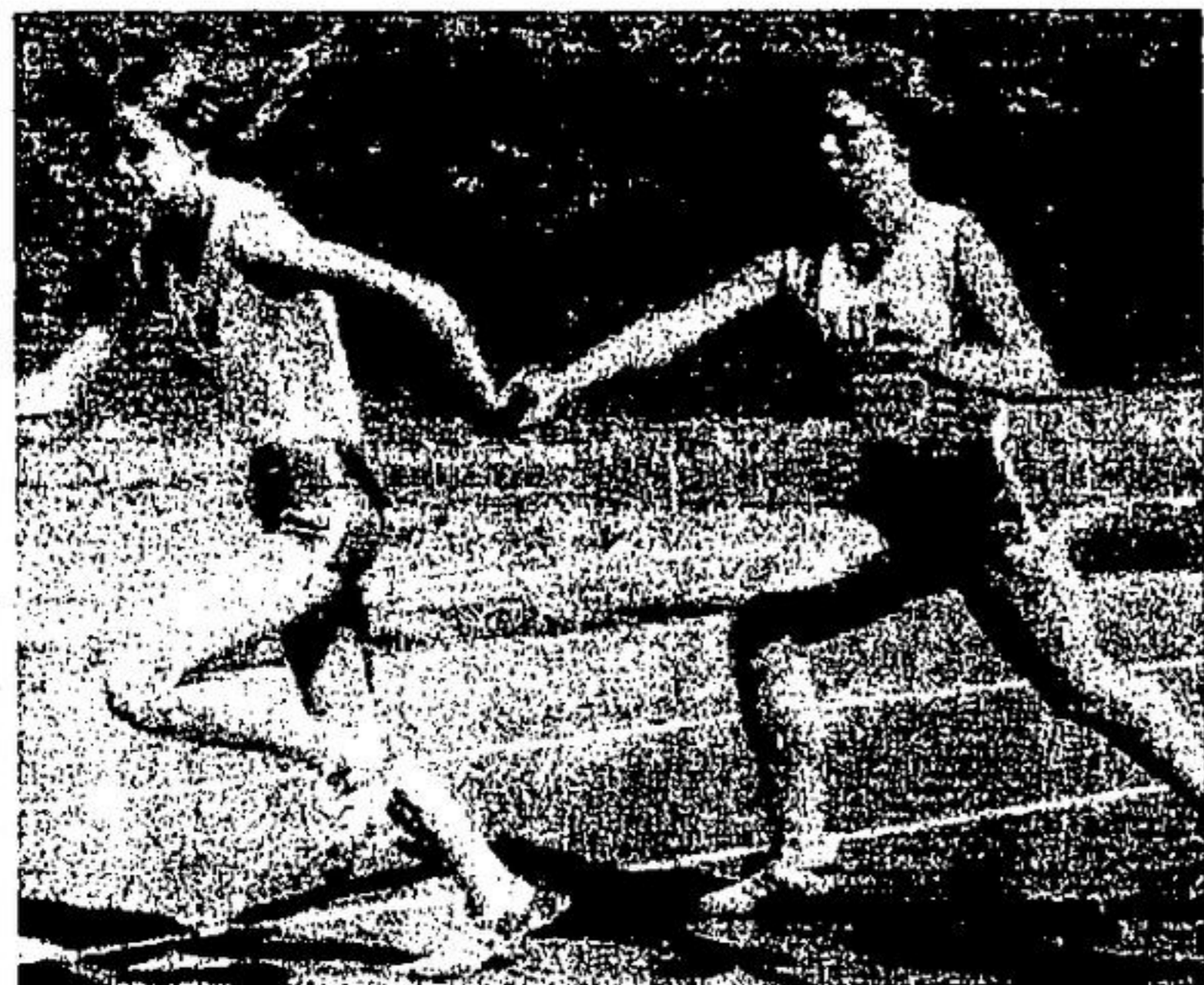
Two other Acton athletes qualified for the regionals, one on the track and one in the field. Meredith McLaren finished second to Olympian Julie White in the senior girls' 100 metre hurdles qualifying her for the regionals. Miss McLaren ran the race in 17.0 seconds, far from her best time. In the Halton championships Meredith ran the race in a record 15.9 seconds. Redmen

Both Acton's junior and senior girls relay teams placed fifth in the four by 100 metre event. The junior girls, made up of Corrina Moreau, Karen Legitt, Deb Clarke and Jane Trueman, ran the race in 52.9 seconds, three-tenths of a second faster than they had run at the Hal-

ton meet. Senior girls' team of Meredith McLaren, Sharon Cook, Sharon McGregor and Karen Chapman ran their race in 52.3 seconds being overtaken at the wire by Nelson of Burlington.

Gord Springle and Deb Clarke added individual sixth place finishes to the Acton total while the junior boys' relay team added another sixth.

Springle placed sixth in the midget boys' 100 metre hurdles in a time of 16.1 seconds. Miss Clarke was the sixth place finisher in the midget girls' 100 metre sprint in a time of 13.4 seconds, one tenth of a second from fifth spot.



You take it—I don't want it! Corrina Moreau hands the baton off to Karen Legitt for the second leg of the junior girls' 100 metre relay. The Acton team placed fifth at the Peel-Halton but failed to qualify for the OFSAA regionals. Other members of the relay team were Deb Clarke and Jane Trueman.



If the look of determination is worth a few seconds in time Gord Springle may have won the midget boys' 100 metre hurdles at the Peel-Halton championships. Springle finished sixth in the event in a time of 16.1 seconds.

Other top performances for Acton included a fifth place finish for Linda Osso in the midget girls' shot put competition. Miss Osso's throw of 8.9 metres was one metre behind the first place toss.

The five competitors Acton will send to the regionals is a definite improvement over last season when they sent two. The regionals will bring together four areas in competition with the top placers travelling to the Ontario High School finals.

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Concentration is what lifted John Lobello from fourth place at the Halton track and field championships to second at the Peel-Halton meet last Thursday in Etobicoke. The second place finish qualified Lobello for the OFSAA regionals in Niagara Falls May 31. Five Acton athletes will make the trip.



Teresa Dunn was the top performer at the McKenzie-Smith Field day taking eight first place finishes in eight events for the intermediate girls. Here, at the long jump pit Miss Dunn jumped 4.25 metres. (Story on page B7)

## Rockwood slugs In-n-out midgets

Acton's Ed's In-n-out midget boys' softball team opened their exhibition season last week by dropping an 18-9 decision to Rockwood.

The In-n-outers held Rockwood even over the first inning as neither team could bring a run across the plate. It was the only inning in which Rockwood failed to score.

Six unanswered second inning runs gave Rockwood brief control of the contest but a big eight run inning for Acton put them back in the contest. Among the eight Acton runs was a homer by starting pitcher Denis Kirton.

Rockwood came back with four third inning markers to take a lead they would never again relinquish. Randy Smith provided a big bat for Rockwood in the third pounding a home run. Three more fourth inning runs extended the Rockwood lead before Acton got their final run of the game as Gord Thompson crossed the plate.



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## Hornby suffers setback at hands of Merchants

Acton Merchants split action last week in the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League. The Merchants could manage only two first inning runs against Peel Police last week in a 5-2 losing effort. The locals rebounded to top previously unbeaten Hornby Greenhouses 10-7.

The Merchants struck early against Peel Police and things looked as if they would extend their modest two game winning streak but the lead would not hold up.

Steve Townsley and Chris Tennant crossed the plate for Acton as both Don Richard and Terry Masales got wood on the bat for doubles. That was the end of the

run outburst. Steve Marshall started things off for Acton with a single. A base on balls to Don Richard, a bunt by Dick Spears, singles by Chris Tennant and Don Archibald and a double by Jim Cole all helped out.

The Merchants kept their record above .500 at home Thursday night as they pounded 15 hits in nipping Hornby 10-7 in a slugfest.

Hornby looked as if they would record an easy victory in the first inning as they jumped to an early 4-0 lead.

Acton returned the favor in the bottom of the first inning as they matched Hornby's four

back in the sixth as George Trenc hit an infield the park home run.

Merchants will try to improve on their three and two record tonight (Wednesday) when they meet Curwood Packaging of Norval. Thursday the Merchants are at home to C and S Plumbing. Game time is slated for 8:30 p.m.

Merchants went scoreless for two innings before a triple by Dick Spears and a home run by Chris Tennant brought another pair across the plate.

Hornby got one run

run

## Jr. B loop unchanged

Junior 'B' hockey fans in Georgetown, Acton and Milton will see the same 11 visiting teams next season as they did the past season.

The OHA has decided not to alter the 12 team Central Junior "B" loop one little bit. That means Gemini, Sabres and Flyers will again be calling Streetsville Derbys, Oakville Blades, Brampton Chevys, Burlington Cougars, Dixie Bees, Oak Ridges Dynes, Thornhill Thunderbirds, Barrie Colts, and Orillia Travelways lodge brothers.

At a recent league meeting, member clubs had endorsed a plan which would have seen two new divisions formed with completely interlocking play. One division would have been made up of Georgetown, Acton, Brampton, Bramalea, Dixie and Streetsville while Milton would be lumped in with Burlington, Oakville, Grimsby, Dundas and Hamilton. Oak Ridges, Thornhill, Orillia and Barrie would have shifted into a Toronto-based league.