



Acton Agricultural Society honored its past presidents with gavel gifts Friday night. Past presidents are, right to left from row, Mac Symon, Bert Davidson, Howard Switzer, Elwood Johnston, Walter Lenham, George Wallace, Mac Sprowle, Smith Griffin and William Thompson. Middle row, R. Lloyd McEnery, Nino Brada, Calvin Aiken, Wilmer Fryer, Bill Nellis, Bert Hinton and Ken Murray. Rear, Russell Murray and Brent Marshall.

Town hall 99 year lease proposal is in the hands of the municipality's lawyers

A proposal by two groups in town to lease the Acton town hall is in the hands of municipal lawyers and so was not included in the six scenarios developed by consultants looking at the 100-year-old building.

About 30 people were on hand at a special public meeting last Wednesday evening to discuss the findings of a draft report on a study of the town hall.

The seven year question about the fate of the building will end December 21 when council decides what will be done.

Of the 30 people present at the meeting, only 10 were from the general public. The remainder were made up of Halton Hills councillors, town staff, consultants and the press.

Councillor Terry Grubbe, chairperson of the steering committee looking into the town hall pointed out the Acton Restoration Committee proposal to lease the hall from the town for 99 years was not made before the terms of reference from the town were sent to Kleinfeldt Consultants.

Leathertown Association had planned to put in a proposal to purchase the building, but wanted the complete support of Acton and the Restoration Committee, something they did not receive.

Grubbe assured the public the lease proposal would receive fair consideration.

Leathertown chairman Chip Petrillo pressed the consultants and councillors on just how much grant money is available.

Dr. Bob Graham of the consulting firm pointed out "from a strategic effort you should know what the costs of the project are up front, before you make your application for grants."

Graham continued to explain that even once a decision is made on how much will be spent, the

"bottom line can slide on you."

Councillor Dave Whiting hinted that town officials knew approximately how much money will be forthcoming. Grubbe and Mayor Pete Pomeroy refused to reveal the figures at the meeting because nothing is definite yet, according to Grubbe.

Graham emphasized the Ontario Heritage Foundation grant is not necessarily forthcoming. He explained there are no rules with this group. "They are in the business of restoring, not granting funds." He hinted the groups should not depend on money from them.

The only grant that is legislative is the Community Recreation Centres Act which will give up to \$75,000 according to Graham. Because of the square footage involved in the town hall, he feels some \$50,000 could be available for Acton.

Acton resident Roy Goodwin spoke against the town hall saying he doesn't want his tax money going towards restoring it. Too much work needs to be done to the ill-kept building to be worth the bother.

Three years ago while running for municipal office, he spoke out against the hall, and feels that helped him lose the election.

On the other side of the fence, Ted Tyler, of Acton said the reason why the town hall was in such bad shape could be blamed on councils from several years ago on which he and Goodwin sat, which ignored the building while it was still fixable.

Tyler praised the consultants for the study and said he was impressed. He compared Halton Hills to a stew bubbling in a pot. Acton and Georgetown are

different ingredients, just as potatoes and meat are different ingredients.

"We have been whistling in the wind for a long time," Tyler said. "We are definitely different. We need to be recognized. We need that town hall."

"People can relate to the town hall as being the town hall, not the Y," he continued.

Tyler pointed out all the good things Acton has done for the town. He noted the lottery started out just for the town hall, but percentages of ticket sales go towards various organizations in town, thus helping everyone.

A survey by the consultants of local residents and organizations revealed Acton has many places to hold meetings. Between schools, churches, the library, the Y, restaurants and homes, Acton people are very well off.

BIA chairman Ed Wood pointed out the time to the consultants, it was almost 9 p.m., and the Watson room at Acton Library had to be vacated at 9 p.m., despite the fact there was still a lot of unfinished business.

"We do not have many meeting rooms we can stay past 9," he said.

Wood revealed the Business Improvement Area has set aside \$5,000 for landscaping of the town hall land when the project is completed.

Councillor Mike Armstrong pointed out that even if council does not decide on December 21 to tear the structure down, "it is not all gray and roses." He explained there are still a lot of hurdles to overcome before complete restoration is done.

Hit and run

A Norval man has been charged with failing to remain and careless driving following a hit and run incident Saturday, November 21 at Guelph and Main Street.

Police say Peter Dawson Pomeroy lost control of his 1981 Mazda which crossed lane and struck a 1975 Ford van which was westbound on Guelph Street. Police say the Mazda then left the scene of the accident. Following an investigation by Halton Regional Police, Pomeroy was located and charges were laid. The accident occurred at 5:45 p.m.

Lifting shoe import quotas hurts Tannery

The lifting of shoe import quotas last week by the federal government is going to likely hurt Beardmore, company spokesman Donald Rankin said.

The lifting of the import quotas was taken to the floor of the House of Commons Thursday by Halton MP Otto Jelinek.

Jelinek's office told this newspaper they had been in contact with Beardmore president Peter Dunham about the shoe imports. This newspaper tried to contact Dunham, but he was unavailable for an interview.

However, Rankin said reports in a daily newspaper as well as in Jelinek's remarks to the Commons that the lifting of shoe import quotas had resulted in 400 people being laid off is not true. Beardmore is in the midst of a two week rotating layoff of 175 workers in the upper leather division.

Jelinek told the House that the

lifting of the shoe import quotas will "not only eliminate 40 per cent of Canadian shoemakers within three years but have a disastrous effect on Canadian tanneries," and quoted Dunham.

Jelinek noted the economy is already depressed, as evidenced by widespread massive layoffs in many industries, and it's because of Liberal economic policies.

He urged Minister of Industry, Trade, and Commerce, Herb Gray, reconsider his position on shoe import quotas since his "negative announcement" could virtually eliminate the Canadian leather shoes manufacturing sector and contribute further to record high unemployment.

Rankin said before the quotas were lifted shoe manufacturers were reluctant to order leather while they awaited the government's decision. Now manufacturers will not be ordering leather.

Legion happenings

by Bill Cook

Congratulations to the Beef Draw winners: 1st E. Longstreet, 2nd B. Hagerman, 3rd P. O'Brien, 4th H. Rider, 5th A. Kleching, 6th H. Fowler.

The Christmas Turkey Roll is being held this Saturday, December 5 at 2 p.m. Come out, enjoy the fun and try for Christmas dinner.

Hockey pool winners for November 28 were 1st goal: A. Hall & L. Frizzell; last goal: K. McPhall and L. Swift.

There is entertainment in the lounge this Friday evening. The Provincial Service Officer will visit the Branch January 4, if you wish to meet with him please contact Vic Patrick at 853-0006 (this number was listed wrong in the newsletter) before December 21. Ladies' Auxiliary General Meeting this Thursday, December 3.

Hydro up in March

Hydro rates in Town will go up, probably in March, said Graham Farnell, manager of Halton Hills Hydro.

The amount of the price hike has not yet been established and will not be until the year end statement has been studied.

The increase locally has been prompted by a 9.6 per cent rate increase granted to Ontario Hydro, which sells the power to local commissions.

Avert tragedy, gas off

Good safety practices at Tyler Transport, Highway 7, helped avert what could have been a major fire early Friday morning when an employee's vehicle slipped out of park and into drive and crashed into a gas pump.

Fire chief Mick Holmes explains the van was empty at the time when it jumped from neutral to drive and rolled across the parking lot and crashed into the gas pumps. Gas remaining in the pumps exploded shooting flames several feet in the air, and burning the van. The pumps were shut off at the end of the day, according to owner Ted Tyler, so once the gas in the line burned, the danger was over.

Holmes points out what a tragedy could have happened had the gas pumps been left on.

Firefighters arrived on the scene shortly after midnight Friday morning, but the quick actions of neighbors doused the flames before their arrival.

Tyler Ave. burglary

Halton Regional Police are investigating the theft of \$84 from a Tyler Ave. home last Thursday evening.

Police say thieves entered sometime between 8 and 9:30 p.m.

THE HALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

is pleased to announce a public reception honouring the retiring of

Mr. E.S. Lavender
Director of Education

This is a general invitation to the public to extend to Mr. Lavender appreciation for his contribution of 27 years' service to Education in Halton.

Light refreshments and sandwiches will be served 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, December 6, 1981 at General Brock High School, 3250 Now Street, Burlington. A presentation will take place at 3:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Appointments to Local Boards and Committees

TAKE NOTICE that Applications in writing to the undersigned will be received until 12:00 noon December 14th, 1981 from any eligible persons who desire their names considered for appointment to one of the following local Boards and Committees for the term indicated:

A. HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
Three (3) persons to be appointed for a three year term who are not members of the Council of the Municipality or employees of the municipality or of a Local Board thereof.

B. HALTON HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
One (1) person to be appointed for a three year term who is a Canadian citizen, is of full age of 18 years, is a resident of the Municipality and is not a member of any of the bodies entitled to make an appointment to the Board.

C. HALTON REGION SAFETY COUNCIL
Two (2) persons to be appointed for a one year term who are residents of the Municipality.

D. HALTON REGION LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE
One (1) person to be appointed for a three year term who is not a member of Regional or Local Council or an employee of Regional or Local Council.

APPLICATION SHOULD STATE:
(a) The office for which the Application is made.
(b) The name, address and qualifications of the Applicant and telephone number where the Applicant can be reached during business hours.

NOTE:
One letter of Application would suffice should the Applicant be desirous of applying for more than one position, however please state preferences.

DATED THIS 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER 1981.

K.R. RICHARDSON, A.M.C.T.,
CLERK ADMINISTRATOR
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