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engineer Robert Austin said, so parking can't be allowed on both sides of all residential streets, especially if the street isn't too wide.

If Acton wants to attract tourists and residents want to have overnight visitors the parking bylaws must be changed because there is a lack of parking.

Whiting asked how the bylaw can be enforced in an area like Glenlea where there aren't curbs, where does the road start. He pointed to the cul-de-sac at the bottom of Acton Blvd. as a problem area because the homes are close to the street and driveways only to accommodate one car.

Should Halton Hills be allowed to change its bylaw provincial approval will have to be secured, but only for the highways going through town, Austin explained.

Councillor Mike Armstrong said he has heard some complaints but has seldom heard of people who get tickets for parking on the street after notifying police of their intention to do. Talk by the mayor of 122 tickets being written in one night "amazed, bothered and shocked" him. He said he thought police enforced the bylaw other than in snow season only if complaints were received.

Richardson said Bylaw Enforcement Officer Jack Lusty and MacPherson have discussed the problem several times and the municipality has expressed its concern about "these

nights of blitzes." He noted the blitzes create "ill will" in the community.

The police say they are responsible for trying to enforce the municipal bylaws at all times to the best of their ability, Richardson said. For weeks the overnight parking limit isn't enforced, then one night many, many tickets will

be given out. Then for a few weeks the bylaw won't be enforced again.

Enforcement of the bylaw isn't a "high priority" with the police, Richardson said, and tickets are given out when the police aren't busy.

Whiting said something must be done about the "erratic" enforcement of the bylaw.

This week thru the lens

Hail to the Chief



Halton Hills fire chief Mick Holmes receives a gift and a pat on the back from Mayor Peter Pomeroy while daughter Julie Brace watches.



A color portrait of retiring fire chief Mick Holmes was one of the many gifts he received at his retirement party Friday evening. Firefighter Alf Duby made the presentation while Bern Van Fleet looked on.



Former Acton fire chief Jack Newton was on hand for Holmes' retirement party Friday night.



Firefighter Harold Townsley was on hand to give a plaque to the retiring fire chief.



Holmes and daughter Julie Brace.



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Mick Holmes honored at retirement dinner

Thirty-five years of service to fire brigades in Halton Hills and the former Town of Acton were honored Friday night when retiring Halton Hills Fire Chief Mick Holmes was feted at a dinner and dance at Acton Legion. Firefighters in Acton and Georgetown sponsored the event which was attended by 250 people from all walks of life.

Holmes retires this week handing in his pager on July 2, marking service which started with the Acton brigade as a volunteer firefighter in 1947.

Friday night the quiet and efficient firefighter was honored by his peers, the Province, the Town and a variety of people who came to honor him. Presentations and accolades were accorded by MPP Julian Reed, Mayor Peter Pomeroy, Harold Townsley of the Acton Firefighters' Association, Andy Murphy of the Georgetown Firefighters' Association, former Acton mayor John Goy, Bern Van Fleet of the Acton Firefighters, former Acton chief Jack Newton from Toronto, Deputy chief Bob Hyde and Dave Whiting from the Acton Chamber of Commerce.

MPP Julian Reed told the large throng that all of the people in Halton Hills owed Mick Holmes a debt of gratitude since we all benefitted from his dedication to the job. Holmes succeeded Ken Buikema as fire chief when the former Georgetown chief left Halton Hills. Reed presented a scroll from the Ontario government.

Mayor Pomeroy said Chief Holmes had done a great deal to blend the community of Halton Hills together and he paid tribute to his dedication and quiet efficiency.

Harold Townsley presented the retiring chief with a life membership in the Acton Firefighters' Association and a plaque honoring his years of service.

Georgetown firefighter Andy Murphy joshed the chief with reminiscences of his early days on the job and presented him with a leather jacket worn by Georgetown Firefighters with their crest on it.

Veteran firefighter and Town employee Alf Duby presented Holmes with a portrait, copies of which will be hung in the fire halls of both communities

which comprise Halton Hills.

Former Acton mayor John Goy Sr. recalled stormy budget sessions when Holmes was the Acton chief and noted no matter how prickly the meeting got or how hot the discussion, the participants were able to socialize the next day without rancor. He presented a gift from the people there of a slide projector, and table and a 35mm camera.

Assistant Fire Chief Bob Hyde spoke fondly of the association he had with Mick Holmes over the last five years and some of the moments they shared, some of them sad. Acton Chamber of Commerce president Dave Whiting presented the retiring chief with a pin and noted there would be a plaque from the Chamber at another night in Georgetown.

Bern Van Fleet and former Acton chief Jack Newton both wished the chief best wishes on his retirement and expressed the thanks of the community.

Mick Holmes in his response to the many words of praise recalled when he was first appointed chief of Halton Hills and the acceptance he found in both communities although the rivalry between the two communities was often expressed in jest.

Holmes said there were times when he was asked to join other organizations but he felt his time should be spent with the two things he believed in deeply—the Royal Canadian Legion and the fire department. "I felt I couldn't do justice to other organizations," he said, noting he still belonged to the Legion.

He also paid tribute to the fellowship in the brigade and said he would miss the people he met daily on the streets. He noted he was really appreciative of the help he received from the police forces and last but not least the wives of firefighters who "put up with a lot" when their husbands are fighting fires. Sometimes, he acknowledged the hours spent at the fire hall weren't all dedicated to duty.

Holmes was accorded a standing ovation following his remarks.

The evening concluded with dancing to Harry Arbie and his records.

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