

Charge trio for stealing mini-bike

Three area youths were charged by the Guelph OPP after a mini-bike was stolen from a RR 5 Rockwood home recently. A 17-year-old RR 1 Acton youth, a 16-year-old RR 1 Campbellville youth and a 16-year-old RR 1 Limehouse youth were charged. The bike was valued at \$225. As a result of the police investigation the Acton and Campbellville youths were charged with a break-in at a RR 2 Rockwood farm earlier this month.

Aggregate issue deferred

The controversial mineral aggregate amendment that had about 250 people up in arms last week has been deferred pending approval of the Escarpment Commission plan. (NEC) The deferral, put forth by Halton Hills councillors, was approved at last Wednesday's regional council meeting.

In an interview after the meeting, planning director Rash Mohammed estimated it would take at least until "the summer or the fall" until the NEC plan is endorsed.

At the meeting, Mayor Peter Pomeroy listed three proposals be approved concerning the proposed amendment, number six to the official plan.

He first asked council for a deferral because he didn't think the proposal, written by Ministry of Natural Resources personnel, had any public say in it.

"It's a document written only by ministerial staff, with no public say in it," Pomeroy told the council, adding the 250 people who showed up for the meeting last Tuesday are "very concerned."

Pomeroy went on to say the proposed amendment, with no public representative, is like "letting the inmates run the asylum."

Strongly supported by Burlington and Milton councillors, the recommendation for deferral was approved.

"The public is under the impression that the industry is running things and they aren't far from wrong," Milton councillor Bill Johnson said.

Most councillors believed it was unfair to hurry the amendment through before the Niagara Escarpment Commission findings were reported.

Currently, the ministry is asking the NEC for 15,000 acres of land, according to the mayor. "It's a little ludicrous to go beyond the boundaries," said Pomeroy.

The second proposal passed by council is to have a meeting with various ministers involved with amendment number six. "We'd like to arrange a meeting with the ministers to discuss the amendment," Pomeroy said. "We want to go and plead our case."

Council also passed a recommendation to inform the public of the deferral, because Mohammed had invited the public to the next committee meeting.



Dave Beerman and Tom Oakley both from Acton clean the 550 pound moose they shot near Cochrans. The moose hunting season was just open a half-hour when Dave and Tom had shot their moose and were on their way back to Acton.

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Race for mayor

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Among the recent accomplishments of council are the plans to revitalize downtown Acton, steps to add to the stock of industrial land at an attractive price and lure job creating firms here and securing permission from Queen's Park to allow Acton to grow to 10,000 people.

Pomeroy said he led the fight to have the aggregate issue deferred at the region until it is determined how much aggregate land will be protected by the Niagara Escarpment Commission. He said council is prepared to go to court to protect property rights.

Pomeroy told the audience he is the "logical" candidate for the mayor's job and the problem with political jokes is they usually get elected.

Halton Hills does have tremendous potential as a tourist area and he urged Acton merchants "lie in" with the success of the Hide House and the new North Halton Tourism Association and take advantage of their aggressive marketing.

In answer to a question, Pomeroy said money has been set aside for a new administration building since 1977 and about \$750,000 has been saved so far. The timing of the building of a new administration building for the Town will relate to costs and the location would be roughly in the same vicinity of Esquesing, about the centre of Halton Hills, though maybe not the present site because its size is restricted.

Another resident wanted to know why Acton has only a small rink while Georgetown has a large one as well as a small rink. Pomeroy answered Georgetown is larger, but because of the condition of the Acton arena a new one will eventually have to be built. Pomeroy suggested a facility for Acton and Esquesing would make sense and because of the funds being spent to keep the Acton rink going, now the community might still not end up with two

rinks when a new one is built. Pomeroy also said he will look into the suggestion that an Acton group lost its ice time to a Georgetown group after four years, adding if it did happen it wasn't "fair."

On the subject of cemetery vandalism he said tombstones will be put back up and repaired.

Pomeroy was asked by McKenzie why a bench in the sauna at the indoor pool hasn't been repaired despite being broken for a month and Pomeroy said that facility is also vandalized and he would check with the recreation department. Monday he said the bench was being repaired.

Acton, Milton OPP hold a reunion

Former members of the Acton and Milton detachments of the OPP held a reunion dinner and dance at the Optimist Centre in Milton Saturday night.

Mrs. Helen Mason represented her late husband Ray Mason who was detachment commander in Acton for about 25 years. Mr. Mason's successor as detachment commander, Corporal Bob Arbour, was unable to attend.

Other former members of the Acton detachment who attended the reunion included Bruce McArthur, Bob Willmott, Peter Campbell, Jack Kay, Jim Wood and Robert Moreau.

About 150 former members of the two detachments and their wives from across Ontario attended to renew old acquaintances and enjoy the dinner-dance.

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