

Few new projects in budget.

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Storm sewer work engineering is also proposed for 1983 for Albert and part of McNabb streets, while storm sewers would be installed on other parts of Albert and McNabb, as well as King, Durham and Murdoch.

In the rural area gravel would be put on parts of the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Lines and 27 Sideroad all north of Georgetown, to improve the base and surface and allow for proper grading. Also phase two of the 17 Sideroad and Fourth Line reconstruction project is slated for this year.

Land purchases for road widenings in Halton Hills are also urged by staff.

The total cost of roads and works projects is \$1,738,386 of which \$743,743 would come from local taxes, \$833,643 from provincial subsidies and \$161,000 from reserve funds.

Buy five new trucks
The works department also wants to buy five new trucks: a hopper sander; replace a welder generator and a cemetery frost remover; buy a new asphalt roller and a cemetery monument setter (to safely replace toppled headstones). Smaller equipment purchases proposed for this year include lawn mowers, chain saws, hand tools and power scythes. The total cost of vehicle and equipment \$216,000, with all the money coming from local taxes.

Phase two of the Georgetown BIA project planned for 1983 carries a price tag of \$93,200, of which \$53,000 would come from local taxes and the rest from the BIA. If it is decided to develop both the new Church St.

parking lot and sidewalk as well as make sidewalk and street improvements to Mill St. in Acton this year the cost to taxpayers for these \$201,000 projects would be \$105,000, with the Acton BIA picking up the remaining \$100,000.

The recreation department plans 14 purchases and projects for a total cost of \$208,500. Local taxes would pay for \$120,625 of these purchases and projects with \$25,500 coming from reserve funds, \$21,875 from other contributions and \$40,500 from Queen's Park.

In Acton the recreation department wants to continue with Prospect Park renovations, put in creative playground equipment at St. Joseph's School and in a proposed park on Greenore Cres.

Georgetown projects suggested for this year include constructing a soccer field at Alcott; installing creative playground equipment at Howard Wriggleworth and St. Francis of Assisi schools; continuing Norval Community Centre renovations; replacing and repairing the roof at Memorial Arena; roof painting and repairs at Alcott arena; and putting in new plexiglass in one area of Alcott. Two other projects, repairing the filtration system and replacing the deck, would take place at Dick Licata outdoor pool.

The recreation department is also suggesting installing creative playground equipment at various other locations in Halton Hills and renovating soccer fields around the Town.

Street light upgrading is planned in both Georgetown and Acton and would be paid for from the urban service charge an extra tax paid by people living in wards one, three and four, but not ward two. Street lighting improvements in Acton would include some new equipment on Mill St. West as well as completion of a street light replacement program in other parts of town. The cost for Acton street light upgrading in 1983 would be \$12,564.

In Georgetown street light improvements would cost \$28,071.

Conservation Authority projects which Halton Hills must help fund include erosion control measures at Glen Williams cemetery; Armstrong Ave., Georgetown, bank stabilization work; channelization of Silvercreek and bank stabilization works in the Eden Pl. area of Georgetown; flood control in Norval; erosion control around North Halton Golf and Country Club; and various projects like vegetation planting, gabion works and watershed cleaning projects; and acquisition of the Delacraft property in Georgetown. Halton Hills would have to kick in \$213,165 for these seven projects costing a total of \$522,300.

One project covered in the capital forecast made in 1982 for 1983, but not included in the 1983 preliminary capital budget is the municipal complex or central administration building. Treasurer Ray King noted in his report to the budget committee that he hasn't included the \$1,000,000 debenture planned for 1983 since further direction is needed from council.

He also noted Halton Hills has followed a "pay-as-you-go" policy for capital financing. The "outstanding debenture principal" as of the end of last year was a "relatively low" \$984,940 and debt charges this year will be only \$163,210. Again no debenture financing has been included in the preliminary capital budget.

For all of the projects contained the preliminary capital budget the cost for local taxpayers would be \$1,504,129. King noted for the past three years capital projects have been limited to \$1,050,000 to \$1,100,000 and urged the same range by maintained this year.

The treasurer noted the department heads were well aware of the need for financial restraint this year and have attempted to "reflect" that attitude in the preliminary capital budget.



Wagon rides around the Acton Legion grounds were a big hit with young and old alike at Sunday's Snofest.

Legion happenings

by Harry Norton

Branch 197's Annual Snofest once again was a huge success. As Vic Patrick (the organizer) promised us Jack Frost co-operated 100 per cent. It was one of the nicest weekends this year. The 100 or more youngsters took full advantage of the sleigh rides behind the horses and the ponies as well as on the snowmobiles. Skating, skiing and just good old fashioned snow ball fights kept most of the children outdoors until supper time. The shuffleboard table had a line up waiting all afternoon and most of the dart boards were in use.

Around 300 took advantage of the hot beef sandwich and that was served from 5:30 p.m. onwards and took enjoyed of the music and games that were provided in the auditorium. The quietest time all day was when the magician was fooling young and old alike.

Thanks to Vic and his helpers, the Branch again came up with the best winter carnival held in these parts.

This coming weekend, February 18, 19, 20, the Branch is hosting the Annual Pee Wee Hockey Tournament. Some 20 teams in all will be competing, and although the team from Sault Ste. Marie will be billeted in town, the other teams will likely return home each night. A few volunteers are still needed to make tickets at the arena so either get your name on the list at the Branch or get in touch with Bob Doyle at 853-2325 and let him know when you can work.

As usual, breakfast at the Branch will be served Sunday morning from 7 to 10 a.m. at \$2 per head. What with 20 teams, coaches, officials and parents, some 400 or more breakfasts will be served. It must be the only place in North America where you can get pancakes, bacon, eggs, toast and coffee at these prices.

Sunday afternoon when the champions have been decided Comrade Dave Capperault, Royal Canadian Legion Dominion President, will assist Jim Higgins, our president, with the presentation of trophies. As we anticipate a crowd at the Branch on Saturday night, music will be moved from the lounge to the games room and "Stereo Roe" will provide the music. If you prefer to dance to the music of Jack Reeves in the auditorium we understand there are still some tickets available.

Friends and relatives are invited to the Presbyterian Church in Eden Mills from 2 to 4 p.m. on this Sunday to help comrade Jack Milne celebrate his 90th birthday. Jack has been a member of the Branch for many years, and until recently was quite active.

There are still some seats available on the bus chartered for February 24 to take members to visit Branch 42 in Toronto. The charge is \$10 per person and this covers your trip, your entertainment and dinner. A fun day is assured so if you've got the time and the \$10 to get signed up. The bus leaves the Branch at 2 p.m.

On Saturday February 5, Acton Legion, Branch 197, held an appreciation night for their Comrade and Member Dave Capperault, President, Dominion Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Dave was elected at the biennial convention at Quebec City held in June 1982. Over 280 Legionaires and wives joined with us to pay honor to Dave and his family. Dave would be the first to admit that without a very supportive family he could never have reached this pinnacle.

Those of us who have watched Dave's Legion career know that without a very understanding boss, at home and at work, Dave could never have dedicated the time and the effort needed to earn the recognition as the number one Legionaire in all of Canada.

We are very proud that Dave is a member of our Branch.

The evening started with a cocktail hour to allow Branch members and visitors to get better acquainted and this was followed by a sumptuous dinner prepared and served by our Ladies' Auxiliary.

Dave and Elma Capperault, Mrs. M. Capperault, (Dave's mother) and daughters Sheila and Sandra, with their escorts, were piped to the head table by Bobby Ewing. Daughter Linda from Ottawa was unable to attend. It is interesting to note that Bob piped Dave in at his inauguration as Provincial President at the convention in Kingston in 1975 and again in his inauguration as Dominion President at the convention in Quebec City.

Following dinner we were treated to better than an hour of first class entertainment booked through the Billy O'Connor Agency. Billy Meek, Anita Scott, (the Pearly Queen), Peter Glen and Ken Stanley, all well known for their regular appearances on the "Pig and Whistle" TV program gave us, in my opinion, the best entertainment ever provided at the Branch.

Some 40 of the out of town guests stayed at the College Motor Hotel in Guelph and member Ted Tyler graciously provided them with bus transport to and from the Branch.

Besides our President, several past-presidents and members of Branch 197, those gathered to honor Dave included the Provincial President of the Ladies' Auxiliary with her executives, presidents and past-presidents from all levels of the Legion both Provincial (Ont.) and Dominion.

People came from as close as Milton, Georgetown and Erin and from as far away as Ottawa and Englehart.

Keep Town spending at 1983 \$7.5 million level

Work on the 1983 Town budget by budget committee and staff is just nicely underway, but already Treasurer Ray King is able to urge that total Halton Hills spending be restricted to the same level as last year, \$7,568,048 to keep the Town mill rate increase from climbing into double digits.

As part of his report in the preliminary capital budget for 1983 now being reviewed by the committee, King says spending must be restricted to the 1982 level because the revenue picture isn't very bright.

King predicts only a "minimal" increase in provincial grants, decreases in the amount of interest the Town earns in bank deposits, an assessment increase of just 4 per cent for 1983 and the surplus from 1982 is much smaller than the budget committee had to work with last year.

He noted all aspects of the 1983 operating budget have not been assembled yet but they did have enough information now to urge 1983 spending, both current and capital, be "restricted to the 1982 level."

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