

Public meeting set on cemetery plans

The Town will hold a public meeting July 5 to discuss various plans for Acton's Fairview Cemetery and invite new suggestions.

Town engineer Bob Austin Monday night unveiled two concepts for the cemetery prepared by Cosburn Giberson Consultants Inc. of Markham for town councillors.

One suggests the replacement of the cemetery pond with a \$15,000 gazebo as a focal point for the proposed landscaping while the other would see the pond area expanded.

Austin pointed out that, while alterations at the cemetery will take years to complete, decisions are needed soon as to their direction.

"The existing stand of mature spruce is in its second or third year of deterioration and decisions have to be made relative to the culling of trees within the stand," he said in a report. "Thoughts also have to be addressed to as the replacement of trees within this area."

Also requiring resolution, Austin said, is the extent of landscaping as it relates to

the gradual sale of plots and the future of the pond.

The engineer told councillors that about 1,000 plots are currently available at the cemetery, or about 2,000 individual gravesites. He estimated that that number will suffice until the year 2015 or 2020.

"Development of a master plan in the magnitude of either Concept A or Concept B (as presented by the consultants) will allow the availability of plots to... the year 2050 or 2070 without any major works taking place in the western woodlot,"

Austin reported.

Concept A, involving the dumping of about \$30,000 worth of fill material in the pond and the construction of the gazebo, would cost about \$185,000, Austin said. That figure is roughly \$42,000 more than the cost of Concept B, but features a lower development cost for plots since it would yield more than Concept B.

The Town's general committee endorsed Austin's recommendation that a public meeting be held at the Acton Public

Library July 5 from 2.30 to 5 p.m. and from 6.30 to 9 p.m. on the matter.

Admitting that any alternative is still unsatisfactory, Councillor Ross Knechtel expressed reservations about holding a public meeting in July when a number of interested citizens may be out of town on holiday.

"I guess there's no proper time for a public meeting," Austin responded. "I'd like to get on with it."

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Capital forecast

\$14.6 million over 4 years

A total of \$14.67 million will be spent on capital projects in the years from 1985 to 1988, according to the Capital Forecast for Halton Hills.

In 1985, \$4.04 million is estimated, in 1986 \$4.12 million, in 1987 \$2.9 million and 1988 \$3.52 million.

Finance chairman Ross Knechtel points out any project listed is tentative and may be changed, deferred or deleted before the actual time, but the forecast is intended as a guideline over the next four years.

Again as in last year's forecast a debenture of \$1 million is included for a municipal administration building.

Roads

In 1985, storm sewers in the McNabb, King area are expected to cost \$161,000, drainage in Edward Street area \$150,000 and asphalt overlay on Delrex from Sargent Road to Jessop \$275,000.

Other large items slated for '85 include \$600,000 for 17 Sideroad-Fourth Line area, \$105,000 for storm sewers on Armstrong Avenue.

Mill and Cobblehill, Acton, \$13,000. Engineering for reconstruction of Wildwood Road is estimated at \$80,000.

A dome to hold winter sand will cost \$76,000 and equipment replacement is put at \$231,000.

Among the major items in 1986 are new dressing rooms at Acton Arena at \$50,000, renovate seating at Acton arena \$10,000 and replacing the ice surface at \$28,000.

A long-talked about second ice surface at Gordon Alcott Arena is estimated at \$1.5-million in the '86 forecast.

1987

\$150,000 has been allocated in 1987 for land for a new fire station in Acton, and training facilities as well as money toward the computer aided dispatch system. \$1.6 million has been set aside for the actual construction of some of the roads engineered in previous years.

In '87 the tennis courts at Prospect Park may be resurfaced at a cost of \$18,000 and tennis courts are slated for Norval and Glen Williams at \$18,000 each.

\$10,000 has been allocated for Moto Cross development, \$20,000 for a footbridge at Bovis Park, Acton and \$7,000 to replace light poles at Prospect Park. In the same year the ice surface at Georgetown Memorial Arena may be replaced at a cost of \$29,000.

A large erosion and flood control program costing \$333,333 is also slated for 1987.

1988

An additional \$150,000 will be put toward the fire department's computer aided dispatch service and land for a new fire station in Acton, and an additional \$1.49 million toward the completion of road works started in previous years.



Colorful Croatian costumes made folk dancing a delight.

Thousands enjoy festive day

Thousands of Croatians from this area and Metro Toronto converged on the Croatian Cultural Centre, Sunday, to honor Croatia's Patron Saint Anthony and officially open activities on the 160 acres at the corner of Winston Churchill Boulevard and Five Sideroad.

Politicians of predominantly Tory stripe were there to join the celebration and participate in the opening ceremonies with welcoming speeches. Shadow cabinet member Michael Wilson was the guest speaker.

It was a festive mood for the thousands who joined in the activities which included folk dancing, soccer, family picnics, the celebration of mass and a community meal fueled by the 150 pigs and lambs roasted on spits and chicken broiled over live coals.

The traditional dress of the Croatian people mingled with the casual dress of picnickers and the long brown robes worn by

the Franciscan priests who operate the cultural centre. Father Mladen Cuavlo is organizer of the event, which is usually held on the Sunday preceding the Feast of St. Anthony, a 13th Century Franciscan who devoted his life to feeding the poor.

Focus of the gaiety and political talk was the stage set in a copse well back from the perimeters of the land so the festivities would not bother the neighbors.

Steve Cosic, the genial master of ceremonies who handled his duties both in Croatian and English, noted the stage had been relocated and music was played inside so neighbors would not be affected.

Bringing greetings from their respective communities and ridings were Marilyn Serjeantson from Halton Hills, Finton MP Otto Jelinek who thrilled the crowd by speaking some sentences in Croatian, MP Don Blenkairn, Brampton Mayor Ken Whillans, Mississauga Mayor Hazel

McCallion, and Brampton / Georgetown MP John McDerimid. Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy and Mayor Russell Miller arrived later. Also attending were Councillors Mike Armstrong, Dave Whiting and Rick Bonnette.

Guest speaker Michael Wilson paid tribute to the participation of Croatians in all walks of life in a politically partisan speech, noting two people who came with explorers in 1547 were Croatians. He said his party supported the Croatian cause and the location of a Canadian consulate in Zagreb. One already exists in Belgrade.

Mr. Wilson represented PC leader Brian Mulroney and his wife Mila, unable to attend because of previous commitment. It was noted Mrs. Mulroney is of Serbian descent and a friend of Croatia.

The heat and humidity of the day didn't hamper the festivities which ended with twilight.

No objections to high school homes

Plans to build 13 single family homes in front of Acton High School endured a public meeting unscathed Monday night.

There was neither opposition to nor support for Cedar Road Developments' application for a zoning bylaw amendment to allow 12 homes to be built along the west side of twin cul-de-sacs spreading north and south from Cedar Rd., which services the high school from Churchill Rd. North.

Subject to the approval of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, a 13th home would be developed at the northernmost end of an area to be designated open space.

Concerned citizens have until June 22 to comment in writing to the plan.

Town planning director Ian Keith told councillors and members of the public that

the 6.7-acre subdivision is considered "minor infilling" and meets the conditions of the Halton Hills Official Plan.

The town is awaiting provincial approval for the necessary Official Plan amendment

for the subdivision as well as regional approval for provisions to ensure adequate water supply.

Keith said the 12 homes along the cul-de-sacs would occupy 50-foot lots.



Chris Van Dam, Daryl Hinz, Sean Finstra, Billy Andrews, Gareth James and Derek Martin zipped along the track at the M.Z. Bennett track and field competitions on Friday.

Student job placement up 117 percent in May

According to Deborah Finegan, co-ordinator of Student Manpower in Halton Hills, the placement of students into summer jobs in May is up 117 per cent over the same time last year.

Finegan, who supervised the opening of the Acton Student Manpower office at the Acton Social Services building last Wednesday, noted that 128 students were placed into full and temporary jobs last month. With

Hire a Student week coming up on June 18 the job placement could get even better this month.

Finegan also said there was a 50 per cent increase in employer visits last month which is a much greater response than the student manpower office anticipated.

The Acton office is open to students of all ages and business hours are from 1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. every Wednesday until August 22.

Homes replace apartments

A public meeting will be held on plans to demolish the single-storey apartment building at Mill St. and Park Ave. and replace it with four semi-detached homes.

A date is still to be set for the meeting on Berislav Skoko's application for a zoning bylaw amendment involving the demolition of the three-unit apartment building which town staff describe as being "rather dated and in a poor state of repair."

Single-family homes surround the building.

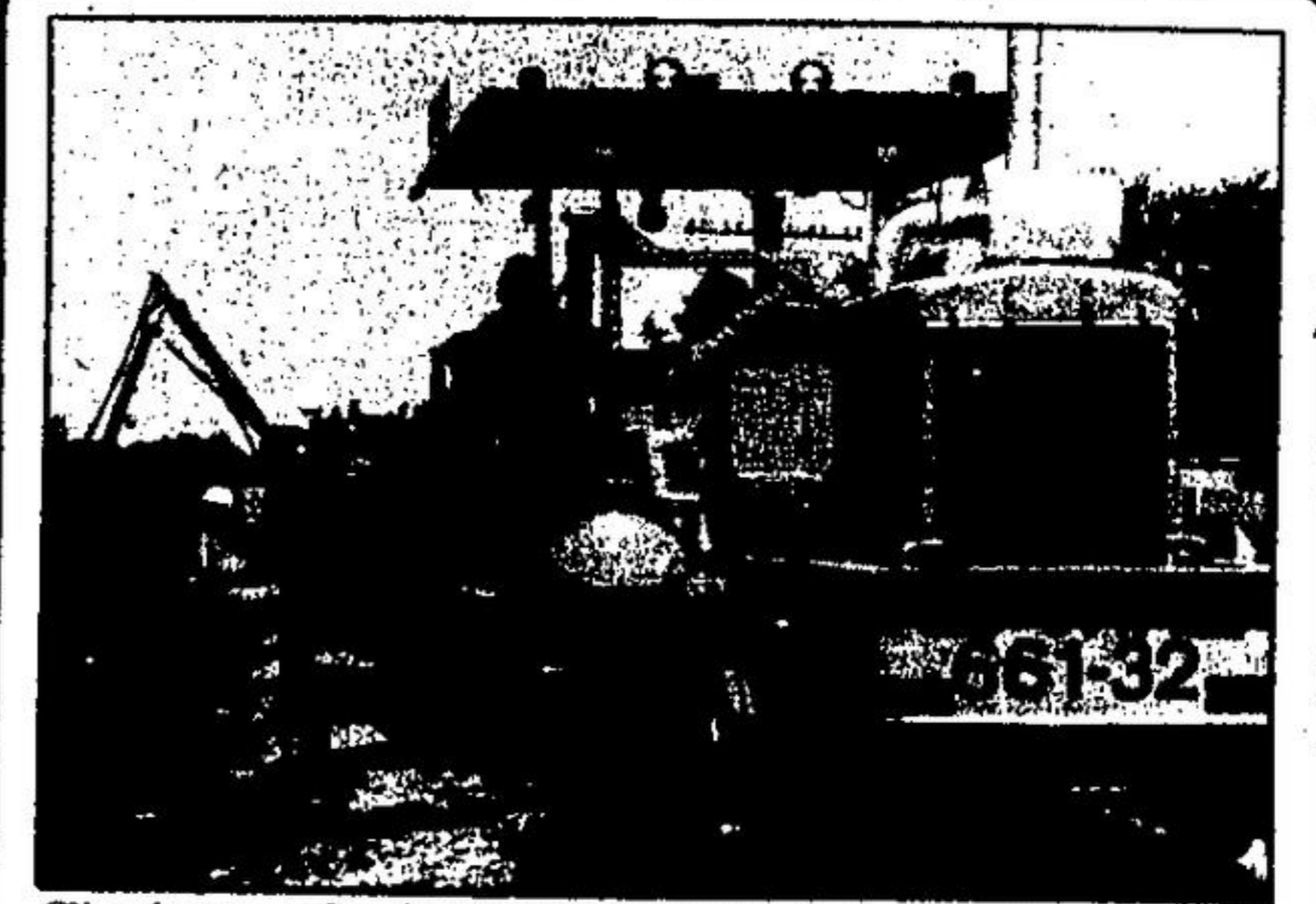
Town staff have already made necessary alterations to the proposed lot arrangement to resolve concerns about on-site parking and the relocation of problematic features of the Park Ave. boulevard itself, to be done at the applicant's expense.

Severances will be needed to create the two semi-detached structures planned, comprising four separate units.

Hire student week

The week of June 18 to 22 has been proclaimed Hire a Student Week by Halton Hills council.

The request for the proclamation came from the local Canada Employment Centre for Students.



CN work crews are busy in the area replacing old and rotten ties on the tracks running from Limehouse to Guelph over the next five weeks. In this photo the first of a succession of machines removes the old ties. See Page 5.

Inside this week

Presentations highlight the June meeting of the Legion Ladies. See Page 3.

Housing starts in 1984 have dropped. See Page 3.

The cygnets have hatched and Dr. David van der Beek's camera caught them. See the editorial page (4).

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