



HYDRO COMMISSION BROTHERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Two Brampton brothers who are Hydro Commissioners attended the one day annual meeting of Central Ontario District 4, Ontario Municipal Electric Association. They are shown with Chairman George Gathercole of Ontario Hydro. From the left are Chairman Elmore Archdekin of Brampton Hydro, Mrs. E. Archdekin, Mr. Gathercole, Mrs. J. Archdekin and Mayor Jim Archdekin, a Brampton Hydro Commissioner.

Dropped From Museum Board Says 'Despicable Treatment'

Last week at a committee meeting, Georgetown council, decided on appointees to various town and county boards.

For the first time, interested persons had been asked to submit their names if they were interested in serving on a board and 48 people did so, for the 21 offices at stake.

When announcement was made that Mrs. Graeme Goeble would be the town's member of the county museum board Mrs. Keith Barber, who has held this office for several years took exception. And Monday she turned up at a council meeting to explain why.

She explained that when she had received a letter from the town clerk asking whether she wished to continue as a board member, she answered in the affirmative, and included a list of her qualifications for their scrutiny.

The clerk's letter stated that appointments were to be made on January 25, she said.

ASKS RESCIND

"Imagine my feelings when I read on the front page of The Herald issue of January 21 that an appointment had been made, without even a letter or phone call to me from council," she said. "I don't deserve this despicable treatment."

Asking that the new nomination be rescinded, she detailed her years on the board.

"We fell heir to a cow pasture, dirty blacksmith shop, barn and pigpen with leaky roofs," she said. "and with a very small budget have achieved one of the finest museums of its size in Ontario."

She said if council had felt the need of a change and nominated someone with higher qualifications, she wouldn't be at the meeting.

INJUSTICE

"It is the rankest type of injustice to see my position tossed into the lap of a close friend of Cr. Donna Denison," she said.

Mrs. Barber said she doesn't come under the 'clean sweep' category as suggested by Cr. Joan Smith in The Herald.

"Can she deny there is no clique in the present council?" she asked.

"As teenagers say, I'm telling it as it is and right to your faces," she continued. "With my record of service I'm afraid of no one."

PUBLIC SPIRITED

She has watched Georgetown grow from a town of 2,300, she said, and new councillors must wonder how Georgetown muddled along before they moved here.

"I can tell you" she continued. "It was done by conscientious, public spirited citizens with practical knowledge and horse sense, not members trying to project their own image and throw their weight around."

With a population explosion there were bound to be growing pains, she charged. "Just look at the hundreds of new houses in mortgage acres."

UNANIMOUS

Mayor Smith told Mrs. Barber that it was the unanimous opinion at last week's committee meeting to adopt the appointments decided that night.

"We didn't intend it in the manner in which you took it," he said. "I can understand your feelings, and I appreciate the time and effort you have given the job."

He said three others had not been reappointed to boards and in no case was this because of their past efforts.

"In today's world, new ways are necessary and this is what we have done," he said. "I don't say it's right or wrong."

ASHAMED

Later in the meeting, council was unanimous in approving all appointments as decided at the committee meeting.

Cr. Ern Hyde said that councillors had voiced their opinions at the committee meeting and while he had spoken strongly in favour of considering reappointing people who were already board members, he would stick by the committee decision.

"I feel very much ashamed not only for Mrs. Barber, but for other people we treated in the same manner," he said. "It's too bad this has caused ill feelings. I warned about this when we first decided on this new method."

EMBARRASSED

Cr. Joan Smith suggested that next time appointments are to be made, council might interview interested parties.

"I didn't know which were old members or new," she said, "and I tried to judge by qualifications."

Reeve Ric Morrow said he was embarrassed for Mrs. Barber for what she said about another resident, and incensed at her terming a large section of the town 'mortgage acres.'

"I live there," he said "and whether I have a mortgage or not is none of your concern. I pay taxes and have a vote. I'm glad your not representing me."

Helped Last Year Seek Grant Again

In a letter from Milton Parks Board and Recreation Committee, Esquesing Council were asked to continue the grant they gave to that body last year, for the first time.

The Recreation Committee letter pointed out that because of the grant to Minor hockey, there was no non-resident fee charged, as there had been in the past. They also pointed to the other forms of recreation available, such as skiing, day camps, summer and winter swimming and hoped that eventually non-resident fees could be abolished for these activities in the future.

MAYOR ON BOARD

Mayor Wm. R. Smith was appointed by council on Monday to represent council on the board of Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

Heavy Winter Depletes Town's Sand Stockpile

This winter has been a boon to skiers, but a bane to men who battle the snow and ice on the roads.

The Georgetown works force have spent twice as long out battling the snow as they did last year and have cut deeply into the stockpile of sand.

When the snow has reached a depth of 3" out they go, starting around three in the morning, and continue till all the streets are passable, — sometimes it takes all night. Up till last week-end there had been little drifting of snow — a condition which really keeps ploughs going.

Holidays mean nothing to the outside forces, they have to plough when the snow falls, and this year were out seven hours on Boxing Day.

According to Works superintendent Frank Morette, the roads have been covered with 1,000 more tons of sand than last year at this time. So far, 1,500 tons of sand have been used, while last year 2,000 tons were used during the whole year. Sand costs \$1.65 a ton.

This year less salt has been added to the sand, since the Dept. of Highways issued a directive to all municipalities asking them to do more ploughing and less salting, in an attempt to cut down on pollution, as a result of water run off into the streams.

The town has a grader and 3 trucks with ploughs on front, and rents a grader and 2 sand trucks from Fred Maveal.

TOWN PAYS BILLS

A directive of the Ontario Municipal board has established that the town treasurer must now pay bills incurred by a number of appointed boards, which up till now had done this through their own treasurer.

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