

Despite High Roadwork Costs, Budget Should Balance

Georgetown's finances are in good shape, and council should end its year with a balanced budget, despite major roadwork costing considerably more than originally budgeted.

Such was the feeling among finance committee members after reviewing income and expenditure with town treasurer Lloyd Peterson Monday.

Recreation director Doug Collison and Fire chief Ken Buikema also sat in on the meeting to review their budgets.

As in any budget, some income estimates were low and some high. Ditto expenses.

But the whole picture is in balance, the committee decided.

On the revenue plus side is a \$35,000 increase in the unconditional grant received from the provincial government. A \$10,000 gain on interest and a \$500 up in revenue from dog tag sales are other items to put a smile on the face of finance chairman, Reeve Ric Morrow.

But there are also some dark spots in anticipated revenue.

DARK SPOTS

A lull in building this year has reduced budgeted revenue for building and plumbing permits, and sewer installation charges. Taxpayers have paid up well, and penalties and interest estimates are down \$5,000. Revenue from fines is also down \$1,000, as are fees for Committee of Adjustment hearings.

The cold summer reduced revenue from public swimming and lessons, and roller skating revenue at the arena also showed a drop.

But this is offset in the recreation budget by an expected increase in provincial grants.

The fire department should show a balanced budget, the fire chief told the committee,

dependent on costs of the dispatching service for the balance of the year. Death of Mrs. John Oliver, who handled this chore from the firehall apartment has caused a change in system.

He said it is impossible to do all planned capital projects this year, and a hose drying tower will not proceed before the year-end.

ROAD JOBS

The finance review was called, to ascertain that the town could proceed with three major roads projects which have gone well over their expense budgets.

These will now be completed - the Charles and Park, Duncan Drive and Weber Drive sewer and road work.

Funds will be made available by reallocating money planned to be spent on other projects which will be deferred. \$29,000 will come from dropping some sidewalks, from a sewer on the highway in the vicinity of Masson Motors, which a senior government will not approve, and sanitary sewers farther west on the highway.

HYDRO STRIKE

Resurfacing of a stretch of Highway 7 which will include rounding off approach corners at Albert and Queen Streets is in doubt for this year.

A major drawback is a hydro strike, which makes relocation of hydro poles impossible at present. And only by using a \$7500 allocation for printing of a new zoning by-law for the street, can this be done.

Reeve Morrow said that, if the strike ends, and hydro can do the job before winter weather, this is still a possibility. But each day puts it more in jeopardy.

Cr. Ernie Hyde was adamant in his opinion that Guelph Street should have priority over

Weber and Duncan which, he said, are far over the original budgeted cost.

URGENT

He said the \$80,000 Weber Drive project could wait until next year without causing hardship, but the highway is in urgent need of attention.

And he urged that sewer reconstruction there be done at the same time, rather than splitting the job, as some councillors would do. Total cost is estimated at \$26,000.

He was reminded by Reeve Morrow that the three projects decided are a "faute accompli", decided by a council majority at a meeting a week ago.

"We still have \$10,000 left to do Guelph Street, but we cannot proceed until hydro can do their job", he said.

PRIORITIES

Cr. Hyde insisted that other councillors have the wrong priorities and that Weber Drive could be dropped.

"If so, we'd end up with a surplus and nothing done", said Reeve Morrow.

"You're only hoping for a surplus, we haven't got the tenders yet", said Cr. Hyde.

Mayor Smith said there is no dispute among councillors about doing the highway job, but a decision has to be made on the facts available.

"You can allocate \$26,000 for this and it won't be spent", he said.

The mayor said certain projects have been budgeted for the year and it is council's job to see that all which are possible are completed.

NO REASON

"There is no reason we can't hold money over for next year", said Cr. Hyde. "Weber and Duncan are already \$49,000 over the original estimates".

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Concert Band Wins Class at Exhibition

Georgetown-Chingacousy Concert Band was a winner in competition at the Canadian National Exhibition, Sunday.

The band, under the leadership of Ray Ellis, captured first place in Section Three with a score of 168 points.

First place in the section was worth \$400 and the Whaley-Royce Trophy.

Colborne Killie Band was second with 165 points, Port Colborne Band third with 163 points, and Acton Citizens' Band fourth with 161 points.

"The playing of this band left very little to be desired", commented one listener. "Its rendition of the Prelude and Fughetta by Handel was in a very professional manner and it was a splendid number to bring out the tonal qualities of the bands".

JUNIOR

In Section Four the junior edition of the same band, also under the leadership of bandmaster Ellis, placed third with 170 points. The winners in the second were the Warren Junior Military Band of Warren, Ohio, with 176 points. Second place went to Sarnia Junior Citizens' Band with 172 points, and fourth to Port Colborne Recreation Youth Band with 161.



RAY ELLIS

Medical Officer Will Be First To Address Lions

Georgetown Lions kick off their 1972-73 season with their first dinner meeting of the season Tuesday, September 5, when Dr. J. H. Chamberlain, Halton's Medical Officer of Health will be the speaker.

The club's bulletin, Communicant, lists the standing committees in its first issue of the new season.

Terry Peer is first vice-president; membership committee, Jim Powell, Peter Dellio, Dale Mitchell, Ed Hrethka; constitution committee, Fred Zorge, Gob Collier, Ernie Bodnar, Ernie Sykes; community betterment committee, Dave Barrager, Dale Mitchell, Don Ricciuto; health and welfare committee, Walter Gray, Al Blackwell, Clare Francis; attendance committee, Doug Hauser, George Tress, Ed Hrethka, Bryan McConaghie.

Ron Lacey is second vice-president; finance committee, Ron Johnston, Al Martin, Sam Arrigo, convention committee, Gob Collier, Al Docherty, Dean DePaoli, Earl Merrill; information committee, Ernie Sykes, Al Docherty, Eric Hooton; program committee, Don Russell, Dean DePaoli, Bryan McConaghie.

Jim Langedyk is third vice-president; boys and girls committee, Dick Sucece, Bob Simpson, George Townsend, Bill Hunter; public relations committee, Ivan Crabtree, Fred Zorge, Gob Collier, Art Scott; sight and conservation committee, Bryan McConaghie, Ivan Crabtree; club welfare committee, George Tress, Dick Licata, Rev. Kelvin Johnston.

Peter Dellio and Ivan Crabtree are the club's greeters. The Communicant is the work of Stan Callaghan and Dean DePaoli.

\$200 Fire Damage to Delrex Home

Scorched cupboards and smoke damage amounting to an estimated \$200 resulted from a fire at 78 Delrex Blvd., the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hunter, Monday morning at 9.15.

The fire started from overheated wax for candle making. The fire was out when the firemen arrived.

Fire Chief Ken Buikema advises that pots containing any kind of burning fat should not be moved, but should have a lid placed on top and the heat turned off. After this everyone should get out of the house and the fire department called from a neighbouring phone.

Police Patrol

Police officers from North Halton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police worked a total of 907 hours and travelled 8,096 miles patrolling area roads during the week ending August 26.

Accordianists In American Music Festival

Two Georgetown girls, Karen Herrington, 14, and Pat Ellison, 16, were part of the advanced senior accordion band from Kitchener which competed in the American Guild's International Music Festival in the United States recently.

As well as playing in the band the Georgetown girls also took part in the duet competition. They have been in the senior band for a little more than a year.

The band is made up of about 16 members, mainly from the Kitchener, Galt, Guelph area. It was one of four Canadian bands at the festival. Heinz Seiman is the band instructor.

RESTLESS

Lawson said several buses pick up students as early as 7.10 to 7.30 a.m. and discharge them 1 1/2 hours later and suggested lengthy travel times could be a cause of misbehaviour and restlessness on buses.

Bruce Lindley, the board's business superintendent, said the buses concerned are two from Glen Williams and Acton, which take special education students to General Brock High School in Burlington and General Wolfe High School in Oakville.

Because school starts at 8.30 a.m., the two buses have to start picking up students at 7.15 as they have to make wide circuits through sparsely populated rural areas, he said.

SACRIFICE

Director of education James Singleton said: "These hours are long but I don't know how we can beat the fact for someone who lives in Glen Williams and who needs the special education of General Wolfe."

The board cannot keep increasing busing costs, Pelletier told trustees.

"Somebody has to sacrifice a little if we want to provide this education. Someone has to sacrifice if we want to facilitate full use of the transportation facilities we have."

Also, there will always be behaviour problems with students on buses, he said.

Chairman Ernest Bodnar suggested the administration study the possibility of establishing central pick up points in rural areas to save travelling time.

The board approved the 1972-73 transportation schedule, which is similar to last year's schedule except for several additional routes. Scheduling remains the same.

The board estimates elementary school buses will travel 5,407 miles a day over 165 routes and carry 6,436 pupils at a cost of \$2,894.75 a day.

Secondary school buses are estimated to travel 3,810 miles a day over 70 routes, carrying 3,335 students at a daily cost of \$1,967.

Town Wants More Recreation Money From Esqueusing

Georgetown is gathering registrations in various programs.

NON RESIDENTS

Monday, at a finance committee meeting, he said that he has ascertained that registrations in swimming classes at the community pool are 18 percent non-town residents.

And a similar check on the girls' softball league also shows 18 percent from out of town.

He will be checking other recreation activities for a final report to council.

Hydro Favours Middle Route

Ontario Hydro admits that it has access to more information today than it did five years ago when the initial planning of the Nanticoke to Pickering hydro route first began.

However, it is unlikely that it will use this data to review its selection of the route which will run from the Georgetown transmission station, six miles west of Georgetown, to the Penville station. This route was introduced as the middle of three routes proposed by Ontario Hydro for the 500kv power lines. The south route which would have surrounded

South Route Would Have Surrounded Georgetown

Georgetown on three sides has apparently been ruled out.

A one man commission is meeting at Queen's Park to study the proposed hydro system. Dr. Osmond Solandt heard from several citizen groups last week, most of whom oppose the power lines regardless of which of the three routes Ontario Hydro wishes to take.

Lee Symmes of Terra Cotta, of the Coalition of Concerned Citizens said at the inquiry that Hydro is seeking to acquire more land than it needs for such a project. Hydro says a right-of-way 60 feet wide to run about 140 miles is required.

NOT ALLOWED

"Municipalities are not allowed to store up taxes for some future vague need," he said. "Storing up land is a totally unacceptable use of land by Ontario Hydro."

Hydro officials emphasize the need for a right-of-way of this size to comply with projected power requirements up to 10 years away. One spokesman, K. R. McClymont warned of severe blackouts which might occur if the proposed Nanticoke-Pickering line was not operative by 1975.

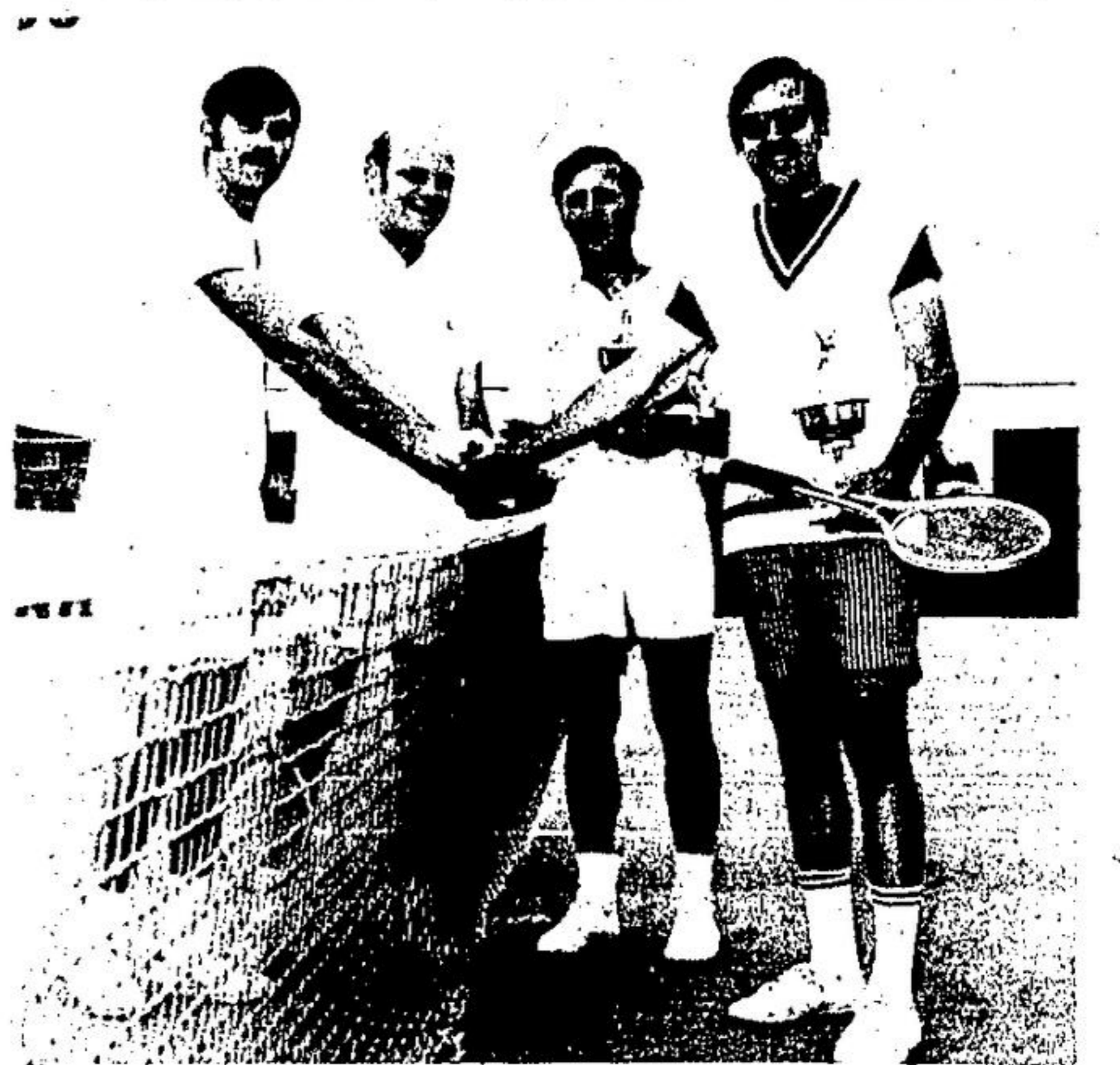
MORE DELAY

A hydro transmission and distribution expert told the hearing that any changes in the plans for the power line would only cause more delay. If an alternate route was proposed it would only bring more criticism from property owners and municipalities affected by a new location, said Robert Murray.

"It would only make for the same dilemma of going back to the planning boards, the councils and the people as is involved here with the middle route," he said.

The hearing continues.

RACQUET SQUAD TITLEISTS



Runners-up Bernie Kent and Phil Siddall, left, congratulate the doubles team of Ed Serjeantson and Gary Brown following their win in the Georgetown Tennis Club's doubles tournament Saturday on the Joseph Gibbons Park courts. Kent and Siddall were finalists.



Linda Rice and Pauline Kent, right, captured the title in the women's division of the Georgetown Tennis Club's tournament, Saturday. At left are finalists Vivienne Cartwright and Isla Allison.



WILL FISCHER BE CHESSING AT 90 ?

Will Spasskey and Fischer still are playing chess when they are nonagenarians? Ninety year old W. J. van Baaren, 38 River Drive, still plays chess at least three

times a week. Here Harry Smedes, 43 Ontario Street, and the veteran chess player, ponder a move during one of their sessions. Mr. van Baaren, is not

only active at chess, he walks three or four miles a day, frequently carrying groceries from the plaza. He also walks up and down the steep John Street hill.

Wants Reduced Travel Time

Some Students on Buses For 1 3/4 Hours Says Lawson

The county's rural areas have been "pretty well looked after" by the Halton County Board of Education, Burlington

trustee George Pelletier told a board meeting. Rural residents never had equal educational opportunities

until the county board came into existence, he told trustees during discussion of the 1972-73 bus transportation schedule.

Georgetown Glass Depot

St. Andrews Threesome Run Recycling Shuttle

Everybody talks about pollution, but three women in town are doing more than that, they are running a recycling operation of their own, backed by the United Church Women of St. Andrew's Church.

Two good causes are served by the bottle drive, run by Irene Newell, Weber Drive; Linda Winterburn, Duncan Drive; and Helen Gregg, Pennington Crescent where the bottles are recycled and the U.C.W. receives the money.

The U.C.W. agreed to the idea, and asked all the church members to participate. Half a cent a bottle, or \$15 a ton is the rate paid by Dominion Glass in Bramalea, for clear, brown and green glass. Irene, whose home at 94 Weber Drive is a depot, would like anyone bringing her bottles to remove the tops, and preferably the labels, but she doesn't insist on the latter.

It does however, make her job easier.

MORE HELP

The three women have been driving the bottles into Bramalea themselves and if the operation gets too big they will have to have more volunteers. They may also set up another depot.

While the women collect only glass, they also take tin cans on an individual basis to the American Can Company on Queen Street in Brampton, and urge everyone to do the same.

NEWSPAPERS

Irene Newell would like something done about the recycling of newspapers.

"Our idea is to cut the garbage from each household to one bag instead of three," she commented.



Irene Newell has glass depot in her Weber Drive home.

Need Some Heat

Wet Weather Shrinks Halton's Grain Harvest

Halton County farmers need "lots of warm weather and a good, long fall" according to Henry Stanley, agricultural representative for Halton County.

Stanley said the grain harvest is progressing very slowly because the stalks are broken over due to the excessive moisture this season.

The grain can still be harvested from the broken plants but there is less yield and there

is a danger of the grains sprouting.

SPROUTING

There have been problems with wheat sprouting this year. The wheat cannot be sold for milling but must be used for feed instead.

Mill prices for wheat are around \$1.50 a bushel. Feed prices are \$1.00.

The quality of spring grain is much poorer, according to Stanley, because the kernels

are not as plump. He anticipates the corn yield in the area to be a little below normal. Few Ontario crops have escaped some adversity this year.

EMERGENCY LOAN

An emergency loan program, announced Thursday by Agricultural Minister H. A. Olson, will advance credit to livestock farmers whose vital hay and corn crops must be replaced by commercial feeds.