

# Acton must pay \$35,000 sewage repair costs

Acton ratepayers will have to go it alone on paying for \$35,000 worth of repairs to the Acton sewage treatment plant. Ward One's three representatives on town council put up a strong argument Monday night as to why the costs should be taken out of the town's lot levies, rather than solely Ward One's water and sewer rates, but the other members of council weren't buying their arguments.

Let levies, said Councillor Joe Hurst, should be used to pay for items that are

beneficial for the entire town. He said that he considered it a more feasible use of lot levies to repair Acton's sewage treatment plant than to pay for repairs to arenas "which are servicing only the people using the arena."

Fellow Ward One Councillor Pat McKenzie presented the case that the repairs to the plant were actually capital projects and thus qualified for money raised from lot levies. Reporting the extent of the \$35,000 spent on repairing the plant, McKenzie commented "These are not normal operating expenses."

If council is willing to pay a part of the \$200,000 needed to repair the Georgetown Memorial Arena out of lot levies why could it not consider paying for repairs to the sewage treatment plant he added.

Councillor Ric Morrow replied that repairs to both the Georgetown and Acton arenas were considered capital investments and qualified for capital funds. The region, however, listed the repairs to Ward One's sewage plant in its current operating budget and thus required current funds to pay for the work.

To use lot levies for anything other than capital expenditures would set a dangerous precedent, said Councillor Dick Howitt and certainly one council could not set.

If Acton was still on its own, concluded McKenzie, there would be little doubt that its council would approve the use of lot levies to ease the immediate burden on Acton taxpayers.

"It can be done if you want to do it," he said.

Councillors, with the exception of Acton's three voted the request down.



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# Main St. crashes injure two

Two people were injured in separate traffic accidents in Acton last week.

Tony Sheppard, 12, a cyclist, was injured when his bicycle was in collision with a car driven by Nancy Duff of Cheltenham on the Main St. sidewalk between the IGA food store and the Dominion Hotel, June 17 at 11:50 a.m.

Tony, who lives at 10 Kingham Dr. was taken to the Acton Medical Centre by Nancy Duff.

Damages to the bicycle amounted to \$30, police estimate. The Duff vehicle was undamaged.

Main St. in front of No. 8 was the scene of a three-car collision June 13 at 5 p.m. when a car driven by James Pattison of Guelph was in collision with a car driven by David Williams, 107 Elizabeth Dr. whose car was then in collision with one driven by Marjorie Wagg, RR4, Georgetown.

Sally Purvis, of Toronto, a passenger in the Wagg vehicle was injured in the mishap. Police estimate damage at \$1,000 for the Williams vehicle,

\$200 for the Pattison vehicle and nil for the Wagg vehicle.

The west side of Willow St., a prohibited parking area 18 feet south of Mill St. was the scene of an accident June 18 at 5:40 p.m. when a car driven by Donna May Bannister, 265 Kingham Dr., was in collision with a car owned by Larry H. Newell, 92 Churchill Road.

Police estimate damage at \$400 to the Bannister vehicle and \$10 to the Newell vehicle.

Opposite his residence at 123 Tiddy Ave., a car driven by Wesley Baldwin Jones was in collision with a car owned by Alberta Lubberts of Waterloo, June 16, at 7:15 p.m.

Police estimate damage at \$300 to the Lubberts vehicle and nil to the Jones vehicle.

The intersection of Main St. and Church St. W. was the scene of an accident June 13 at 4:45 p.m. when a car driven by Olofmyr Bidula 27 Park Ave., was in collision with a car driven by Randy W. Mitchell, 138 Elizabeth Dr.

Police estimate damage to the Mitchell vehicle at \$200 and nil to the Bidula vehicle.

# Block Parents need more support

A first meeting to establish a Block Parent programme in Acton by September was held last Wednesday at the Acton Community Services Centre.

"Now is the time to get it going if we're going to have it for September," Lonnie Harkins, who chaired the meeting, told the six women attending.

"The ideal thing is to have everyone on a street a Block Parent," she said.

She explained that Block Parents are volunteers on each street that display a sign alerting children in distress that protection and responsible assistance is available in that home.

that no undesirables can obtain the signs. The police check takes about six to eight weeks, she said.

"Financial support is the biggest problem," Mrs. Harkins said. Money is needed for posters, mailings and the Block Parent cards which cost 33 cents each and come from

the Canada Safety Council in Ottawa.

"About \$200 to \$250 will get us going," she said, adding that in Georgetown, the Block Parent Programme is backed by the Optimists Club. Failing support by a local service club in Acton, early financing will be on a voluntary basis and a

silver collection at the time of the film screening.

"Once it's organized," Mrs. Harkins said, "it's easy to get going."

For more information, call Lonnie Harkins in the evening at 853-1453 or Judy McLin at the Community Services Centre, 853-3310.

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# Acton enjoys music in the park

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Although it was an overcast day and short-sleeved shirts were in many cases covered by sweaters, a steady stream of people entered the band's grounds.

Approximately 250 people heard the combined bands play 18 numbers ranging from Terpsichord Suite by Praetorius, a medley of Elizabethan folk dances; Australia's national anthem,

Waltzing Matilda; a Beale Medley and Italian Festival.

Some of the audience beneath the hemlock and maple trees brought sandwiches, others a full picnic lunch and some, obviously close neighbours, came just to listen to the rousing music.

Bandmaster George Elliot, who shared conducting duties with Dave Sale and Chuck Wright, said the turnout was better than last year when there more wind and some rain.

He said the two bands had one rehearsal last week to put together the show from their standard repertoire.

# Wants glass around arena

One-half isn't good enough, commented Ward One councillor Pat McKenzie about plans to install plexiglass in the Acton Arena. The general administration committee had approved an expenditure of \$3,812 for protective glass on both sides of the arena's ice surface, but not at the ends.

That angered Councillor McKenzie who questioned why the ends were not included in the work as well. That will be answered by the town's recreation department likely in time for the next meeting of the general administration committee.

# Chapel okayed

Plans are rapidly taking shape for a new chapel in Acton's Fairview Cemetery.

At Monday night's council meeting Councillor Joe Hurst told council that the ministry of health had tentatively approved plans submitted by the town for a new chapel although

new drawings, showing that no plots in the cemetery will be lost because of the building, will have to be submitted.

Council approved the construction of the chapel which is being donated by an Acton resident.

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