

Charlebois returned as C of C head

An increase in membership and in community-interest activities are the goals of the Acton Chamber of Commerce for 1977, according to Louis Charlebois, who was returned to his seat as president of the chamber for a second year Monday.

Predicting that the coming year will be one of change, Mr. Charlebois told about 50 members and guests at the

chamber's annual meeting that the organization should plan new areas of activity aimed at bolstering community spirit.

"Let us pull together," he said. "Let us unite. The future of the chamber depends on us. In the end the community will be a better place for it."

Mr. Charlebois noted that 20 years have passed since Frank

Oakes took the chair as first president of the newly-formed Acton Chamber of Commerce in January, 1957. The past year, he said, witnessed the chamber's involvement in

local parking problems, the landfilling issue and the planned revitalization of downtown Acton through the government endorsed business improvement area (BIA)

program. During last night's meeting, the attending members selected six downtown businessmen from a list of 14 nominees to form a board of management to oversee the implementation of the BIA. The names of Henry Stachyra, Dave Swetman, Terrence Gwyer, Ed Wood, Bill Yundt and Mike Kinal will be submitted to town council for official approval.

Representing the town on the board will be Coun. Pat McKenzie.

Acton's adoption of the program began with a presentation to the chamber by representatives of the ministry of industry and tourism Aug. 1. Council subsequently approved the BIA bylaw and the chamber's request that interlocking stone sidewalks be installed along Mill Street as part of the program.

Mr. Stachyra, chairman of the steering committee which initially guided the chamber's involvement in the BIA program, informed the members that the town is currently awaiting approval of the necessary bylaw by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Joining Mr. Charlebois on the 1977 executive of the chamber are Kevin Conroy as first vice-president and John McNabb as second vice-president. Secretary Betty Eastwood and Treasurer Ian Nunes were also returned to their respective positions for second term terms.

Directors for 1977 are Elmer Dunn, Jack Hol, Ed Wood, Marlene Steckley, Bob Fleming, Jake Kuiken, Cory Van Merketin and Paul Neilsen.

Dave Swetman, chairman of the nominating committee, which also included Kevin Conroy and Jake Kuiken, explained that the new slate of directors was intended to display a balance of industrial, commercial and individual representation.



JULIAN REED AND DR. STUART SMITH

Reed reveals study of tourist industry

The provincial government's unwillingness to spend money developing and publicizing Halton's various tourist attractions could be dissuading hotel owners from locating in the area, according to Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed.

Discussing the lack of a local tourist industry, at Monday's annual meeting of the Acton Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Reed revealed that he recently investigated the matter on behalf of a prospective hotel-developer.

The unfortunate truth, as outlined by the ministry of industry and tourism, he said, is that government assistance for such projects in the Halton area "is nil."

The subject was raised when chamber member Terrence

Gwyer complained to a representative of the ministry, Bob Pollock, that tourism has not been encouraged in the Acton area by the government, despite the abundance of picturesque scenery and historical significance.

Mr. Pollock, who, along with Mr. Reed was on hand as guest speaker, agreed that the ministry has concentrated its spending on developing and publicizing the eastern and northern areas of Ontario. Pointing out that his personal duties involve the "industrial side" of the ministry's work, he suggested that the residents of the area inform the government of their desires by forming a united front.

"This is, as you say, a particularly well-endowed area," Mr. Pollock said. "I think you should make your concern known to the government."

Chamber secretary Betty Eastwood, a resident of neighbouring rockwood, stated that that village is filled with tourists during summer weekends, but offers no hotel or motel accommodations that might otherwise prompt an occasional visitor to spend more time in the area.

Reed wins Grit nod

Premier William Davis' government must make a commitment to stop putting garbage in a hole in the ground and instead turn it into assets with solid waste-resource recovery plants, says an Liberal MPP Julian Reed who was acclaimed as the Ontario Liberal Party candidate in the Halton-Burlington riding.

Speaking in Norval, almost within earshot of Premier Davis' Main Street home in Brampton, Mr. Reed, 41, told a hometown crowd of about 250 persons—predominately older men and women—that Canada must begin to leave the Oil Petroleum Era and enter one marked by resource recovery.

Mr. Reed is the resource development critic for the Liberal Party at Queen's Park. The issues which got him elected in 1975 when he beat Gary Dawkins, an Acton school principal and Progressive Conservative, "are still with us," he said, "where are we going to put our garbage... and the hydro corridor."

He said Dennis Timbrell, minister of energy, has had the power since 1973 to grant an independent inquiry into a 500KV transmission corridor Ontario Hydro wants built between Bradley and Georgetown, but "has refused to budge," even though in-

dependent studies had been done in four previous instances.

Mr. Reed compared the performance of Ontario Treasurer Darcy McKeough with previous Ontario treasurers, all Progressive Conservatives, John Roberts, Leslie Frost, and Reed believed George Drew as well, did not have a provincial deficit, "but McKeough has... over \$8 billion."

He attacked two points contained in the government's proposed reform of property tax. Part of the reform which would tax private schools, YMCA buildings, Boy Scouts buildings and similar organizations does have rebates available but the government becomes the arbitrator of what the buildings are worth to the community, he said.

The second is the government's scheme to tax farmers which has been criticized by farmers as imposing a lien on their properties. The government would pay the taxes, but

if the farmer sold the land out of farm production, he would be liable to back taxes and interest for the past ten years. If the government pays the taxes, the property is not freehold in the minds of some people, Mr. Reed said, and chided the Progressive Conservative Party for not being conservative.

Development officer approved Monday

Council has approved creation of a new development officer following a confused meeting Monday marked by the votes, refusal to discuss the matter in camera and a recorded vote which overturned a position taken in committee.

A development officer has been requested twice by town engineer Bob Austin since he assumed the post last July, but each time council deferred action on the proposal.

Mr. Austin said the development officer would be responsible for administration of various approved and planned subdivision proposals requiring engineering department comment. Salary for the post is from \$13,000 to \$15,000.

But Mayor Tom Hill is not enthused about creating a new position. He demanded to know what such a person would do when not working directly on approved subdivision plans.

"It is a new position," Mr. Austin admitted. "We are now doing the work done by consultants in Acton and staff in

Georgetown."

He said both he and his assistant Ted Hallinger are now carrying out the work but "more and more" applications are being received for subdivision plans, many of which are not acted upon or formally approved by council.

Mr. Austin disputed Mayor Hill's contention that anyone employed in such a position would not be required to carry out any function unless a plan has been approved.

Mr. Austin said Halton Hills,

while formally awaiting completion of a sewage treatment plant expansion in both Acton and Georgetown before further plans are developed, has 19 active subdivision files ranging from initial planning concepts to residentially occupied developments.

A development officer would be an administrative liaison between the town, developers and various municipal and provincial agencies, he said.

150 members attend St. John's meeting

Robert O'Brien chairman of Halton Roman Catholic separate school board has signed a three-year lease for the Old Stone School in Acton with the Halton board of education.

It is the first time such an agreement has been entered into, Mr. O'Brien said.

The lease runs from July 1, 1977, to June 30, 1980, and has a

provision for the separate board to become monthly tenants after the expiry date. The rent is \$12,250 per year.

About 175 students are expected to enroll in a kindergarten to Grade 6 program. One grade will be added each year to accommodate the promotions of pupils.

Halton board of education has also allowed the separate board to use the library resource centre, general purpose rooms, industrial arts and home economics section at either Robert Little school, which adjoins the Old Stone School, or at Acton Middle School for an extra charge.

Separate board leases Acton Stone School

Sunday Jan. 30 found 150 members of St. John's United Church actively participating in the Church's annual meeting, chaired by the minister Rev. Dr. Hallett Llewellyn.

Highlights included agreement to spend \$80,000 on expanded facilities, by putting another floor on the church hall.

More space is desperately needed for the more than 200 Sunday School children as well as the many mid-week groups.

Treasurer, Bob Collet explained the detailed plan at a time when church attendance is generally declining, but St.

John's is expanding in leaps and bounds. A carefully researched plan for long range commitment to the community, including senior citizen's housing, nursing home or nursery school, was presented and will be expanded by a committee appointed at the meeting.

Another highlight of the four hour meeting was agreement to changes in the church's constitution. Changes included reducing the number of official board meetings, but increasing the number of people involved in decision making.

Chess Mess

By the DOUBLED PAWNS

The second Georgetown Closed is nearing conclusion this week as the participants play their final games. Each player must play 8 games. The standings as of now are as follows:
B. Thompson 5-1, J. Moore 4½-½, S. MacLeod 4-1, D. Nichols 3-3, B. MacLeod 3-5, G. Emmerson 2½-3½, A. Boisvenue 2-5, K. Neill 1½-3½, C. Bertleson 1½-3½.

The top 3 finishers will be awarded trophies, while cash prizes will be awarded by two others.
Here is an interesting game from round 5
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 e4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Be4 e7 7. f4 a6 8. Be3 Qe7 9. a3 Be7 10. 0-0 0-11. Bb3 b5 12. Qf3 Nxd4 13. (Probably better is 12... Bb7) 13. Bxd4 e5 14. f5 de5 15. Be3 Bb7 16. Qh3 Hadd 17. Qg3? (After 17. Qf3 Black stands better, but the text is not as good) 17... Nxe4 18. Nxe4 Bxe4 19. Rae1 Bde 20. Be1? Be1! (A blunder after 20 Bg6 White would be hard-pressed to demonstrate compensation for his pawn minus.) 21. Bg5 Rd7 21... Rte8 offered better chances). 22. Re1 Bc8 23. Be3 Qe6 24. Bxc5 Qxc5 25. Kf1 Rd7 26. Qg5! Hf8! ("That doesn't work." K. Neill) 27. Bxe2 Qd4 (And not 27... Rxe2?? 28. Qxd8). 28. Qf3 (Now Black's position falls apart). 28... f6 29. Qxh7c Kf8 30. Qh8c Ke7 31. Qxg7ch Kd6 32. Rxf6ch Kd5 33. Bb5ch Kd4 34. Re1ch Black Resigns.

PROBLEMS: Last week's solution White wins by 1. Re1! Kh5 2. c6 Rb6 3. c7 Black Resigns. Witkowski-Nevole. Hradec Kralove, 1975-76.
76. This week's problem: White K g1, Q h4, R a3, it e5, P's at a2, b2, c2, d4, f2, g2, h2.
Black: K g8, Q d7, R's a8, f8, Bb7, P's a7, b6, c7, e6, f7, g7, h7. White to play and mate in 3. A nice solution requiring an imaginative first move.

UPCOMING EVENTS: February 18-20 Winter Open, 5-round, Swiss system tournament. For more information write P. Janicki, 209 Lakeshore Road, Apt. 5, Port Credit Ont.

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