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It's Worth The Drive To Acton

Council puffs their last cigarette

Diehard smokers like Couns. Betty Fisher and Al Cook and Mayor Russ Miller puffed their last cigarette in the council chambers Monday night.

They, along with their fellow councillors unapologetically agreed to prohibit smoking at council and committee meetings.

"We'll have to have a sale for the ashtrays," Mayor Miller joked after the motion was approved.

Coun. Lillias Bowman said she was finding it unbearable to be in the chambers by 8 p.m. and found herself going home after council meetings with a headache because of the smoke.

"This room has no ventilation. That piece of equipment we've bought hasn't changed it any," Coun. Pam Sheldon agreed. "Doctors have clearly stated second hand smoke is just as dangerous as if you smoke."

She said she'd received complaints from staff, the press and the public about the smoke at the meetings.

"I have no recourse but to sit here and breathe this air. I don't want to do this any more," Coun. Sheldon said.

Coun. Betty Fisher gave her support to the motion, despite being a heavy smoker.

"It's a dirty, bad habit, not one easily broken," she acknowledged, asking for occasional breaks in the council meetings for smokers to have a puff. "People who smoke do not function well for three to four hours without having a cigarette. You'll have people who generally cannot think properly."

Coun. Al Cook said he was happy to go along with the motion as it might help him reform himself from the habit.

Mayor Miller suggested "No Smoking" signs be posted in the council chambers so the public will also obey the rules.

62% bothered

A fall survey of 523 Halton regional staff showed over 62 per cent were bothered, at the very least occasionally, by someone else smoking at work.

Nonsmokers make up 69 per cent (362) of those surveyed.

The survey was undertaken by the Halton Project Smokeless Advisory Committee.

Smoking in work areas should be restricted to designated areas only, indicated 82 per cent, while 89 per cent of respondents indicated smoking in common areas should be restricted to designated areas only.

Only the region's health department has a mandatory "no smoking" policy in the work area.

Secondhand smoke was called, at the very least, a nuisance by 91 per cent of those answering the survey.

Response rate to the survey was excellent, with 83 per cent of the regional staff taking part. There were 629 questionnaires given out.

According to the survey results, the health department staff prepared a revised smoking policy draft for the committee. It states:

—smoking should be banned in work areas and meeting rooms.

—smoking should be allowed in designated areas.



Firefighters had to break through the roof to get at a small fire in the roof of a 534 Main St. home in Glen Williams. The Monday fire caused an estimated \$4,000 damage, most from smoke and water. Paul and Sandra

Dorsey probably won't be able to return to their home before Christmas. They have plans to stay with Mr. Dorsey's mother who lives on Normandy Blvd. in Georgetown. (Herald photo)

Christmas at Glen home spoiled by attic fire

A young married couple will be left homeless for the Christmas season after a small roof fire damaged their Glen Williams bungalow.

Paul and Sandra Dorsey of Main Street noticed smoke coming from the roof of their home Monday around 1:30 p.m. as they were leaving to go back to work after

lunch. Firefighters were called to put out the small blaze believed to be an electrical fire, Deputy Fire Chief Bob Hyde told The Herald.

He estimated damage to the bungalow at \$4,000, most of it due to smoke and water.

The fire did little damage to the

house frame, but water used to put out the roof fire was absorbed by ceiling insulation, Mr. Hyde said.

Fortunately, the home rented by the Dorseys is insured. Until they can move back into their bungalow, the couple are staying with Paul's mother Dorothy Dorsey of Normandy Boulevard in Georgetown.

Acton woman dies in crash

An Acton woman and a Milton District High School teacher died last Wednesday after a transport truck ran into their cars parked on the west-bound shoulder of Highway 401.

Sandra (Tidy) Abbott, 28, of Poplar Avenue in Acton and David Walter Short, 37, of Ridge Drive in Milton died when a transport truck went out of control, hitting a cement barrier, the victims, then their two vehicles.

The tragedy occurred about 8:20 p.m. on a snowy night, Milton OPP said.

Having been involved in a minor accident just moments earlier, Mr. Short and Mrs. Abbott had parked their cars on the highway shoulder near the cement barrier.

The two were standing on the road

shoulder east of their vehicles when the truck struck them and their cars, police said.

A nurse at the Mississauga General Hospital, Mrs. Abbott and her husband Bruce moved to Acton about three years ago.

A neighbor across the road said she would talk to them whenever they were outside.

"I would see her to wave to and say hello to," Mrs. Foolit said sadly. "I'm sorry now we weren't better neighbors."

"It's very sad, especially to happen at Christmas. We all feel badly," she said.

A funeral was held Saturday afternoon at the Butler Funeral Home in Toronto. Mrs. Abbott's parents

reside there.

A teacher at Milton District High School, Mr. Short was taking three students home after an indoor pole vaulting practice at York University in Toronto.

Although the truck coach died, students Darren Goertzen, Dan Fargiorgio and Glen Vidwell survived. Darren and Dan were unhurt and Glen was treated and released from Hamilton General Hospital.

OPP said the truck was travelling between 65 and 70 kilometers per hour on a slippery road. The driver of the truck has been charged with careless driving.

A memorial service was held at Milton District High School for Mr. Short Tuesday, at noon.

Sabre sharpening



All Acton Sabres' player Wally Petrie (white sweater) can do here is grin and bear it as the Caledon Flyers' netminder robs him of a goal with a nice glove save. Petrie

and his mates didn't miss many chances as they scored an 8-7 win over Caledon Wednesday at the Acton arena. For further details see page B5. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

IN THE HILLS

Hayride carolfest

You can bring joy to others by singing out the songs of Christmas.

Saturday, Georgetown Globe Productions are holding their second annual Carolfest hayride through Georgetown.

With Santa Claus as the driver, members of the public over 18 years of age are invited to sing carols and tour through the streets.

The haywagon leaves the Marketplace Plaza (outside Shopper's Drug Mart) at 1 p.m. and returns at 3 p.m. The group tours through the streets, making stops at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital and the Bennett Health Care Centre.

Deadlines forward

Because of the holiday season, The Herald news deadlines have been moved forward.

News submissions should be brought to the paper by 9 a.m. Friday. A Friday deadline will also stay in effect for the Jan. 1 newspaper.

For more information, check with the editor at 877-2201.

Lucky only once



Ken Jones John Eakins

Kenneth Jones of Georgetown (left), a Grand Prix finalist on the "Million Dollar Sweeps" show, received his cheque in the amount of \$10,000 from the Honourable John Eakins, Minister of Tourism and Recreation. The Grand Prix "Million Dollar Sweeps" show was televised live over the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

SNOW JOB

Boosting budget brings chills from critics

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Town councillors almost spent every penny in the total 1986 budget on sidewalk snow removal, until reason prevailed.

The lengthy discussion was kicked off Monday night by Couns. Rick Bonnette and John McDonald who wanted more sidewalks cleared of snow this winter.

After they'd identified their batch of sidewalks, fellow councillors weren't to be left out. One by one, they piled on amendment after amendment to the original resolution, naming streets in their ward for sidewalk clearing.

"Not many communities do snow removal, but that's what makes our town unique," Coun. Bonnette said.

Town engineer Bob Austin told councillors the town hasn't any sidewalk snow removal equipment but has accepted a tender for sidewalk clearing at the rate of 30 an hour. The one man who won the job is having trouble

getting through the clearing program as it is now, with his one piece of equipment, he said.

Last year, the sidewalk clearing budget was \$5,180 and the town spent slightly over that, \$5,236. With the clearing cost up \$5 or 20 per cent over last year, the town is already over budget, Mr. Austin said.

"We'll be over by 50 per cent," Mr. Austin estimated, reminding council what a heavy snowfall the town had received in the early months of 1985.

Last year's council halted about additional streets for sidewalk snow removal but stuck to the snowplowing program of the previous year, the town engineer told council. No new sidewalks were added.

"All I can see is the dollar sign going through my head as we're talking about this," Coun. Peter Norton said.

The mayor estimated it would cost about \$26,000 to do all the areas councillors had named as important, and added his estimate was a conserv-

ative one. That's about when reason prevailed and councillors realized they couldn't afford going above their budget guidelines with a new level of service.

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson asked that council defer implementing the resolution and its many amendments until the engineer comes back with a price tag, while Coun. Joe Hewitt wanted to leave things as they were for one more year.

"If we had more amendments it would have meant disbanding the budget committee because there would have been no money left to spend," Mayor Miller said. "It would be irresponsible to spend this kind of money without a report."

Only Coun. Bonnette stuck to his guns and voted for the additional sidewalk clearing program in a recorded vote.