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## Ministry grant helps ASSIC through 1986

By SANDY CAMPBELL, Herald Staff  
An additional \$31,000 grant and a new place to call home were the 1986 highlights of the Acton Social Services and Information Centre.

These and other highlights were discussed at its annual general meeting at the Old Town Hall in Acton Feb. 11. ASSIC spent its first full year at the Old Town Hall on Willow Street last year. Staff moved into the building Dec. 1985.

A \$31,000 grant from the Ministry of Community and Social Services made the year more comfortable. Half of the money was used for home support of senior citizens and the other half for community and neighbourhood support, said Peggy Balkind, the centre's executive director.

The Centre received a total of \$69,735 in grants in 1986 compared with \$31,261 received in 1985. "The new grant allowed us to put the Centre on sound financial ground," said Foss Knechtel, the treasurer.

At the annual general meeting Lorne Doberthien, the 1986 president of the Centre, said some parting words and welcomed the 1987 president, Gerald Rennie. Mr. Doberthien called the growth of the centre in the past five years phenomenal.

"To have been a part of ASSIC as it grew from one room in the Y.M.C.A. into today's very complex centre with a staff of three very capable people and up to 75 volunteers, has been very rewarding," Mr. Doberthien said.

In the ASSIC annual general meeting report a conservative estimate of volunteered hours was supplied. That total was 2,262. Hours of meetings attended by the 12 board of director members was estimated at 476, and the amount of time spent in meetings by the three staff members totalled 1,184.

During the meeting, Constable Bill McGrath of the Halton Regional Police Association made a presentation of \$2,000 to ASSIC. The money was raised by the association last summer when police and their families helped organize a circus. The association also donated \$2,000 to the Halton Regional Police Safety Village and \$1,000 to Rick Hansen's Man in Motion Tour.

Founding member Peter Marks of ASSIC was made an honorary member of the Board of Directors at the annual general meeting. Mr. Marks thanked Mayor Russ Miller and Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy "for supporting the organization when it was not popular to do so."

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## Acton dump plan findings still to come

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So far, the proposal is to operate the site as a private landfill, however, Mr. Godsall says it's premature to say whether the waste would come from Acton and area, from the Region, from other municipalities or even from other countries.

"It's an academic study at this point in time," Mr. Godsall insists. "He said his company isn't interested in being a third contestant in the Region's fight to establish a landfill."

"We don't see ourselves as a contestant for what's going on in the Region," Mr. Godsall said. "While there are forces that could draw us in, and generate our involvement, it would not be volunteered. It's not necessarily something we'd like to be party to."

Reports that Shieldings would like to be propelled into the Region's environmental assessment hearings aren't correct, he said. It's just that delays in the Region's environmental assessment hearing have brought the hearing into the same time frame as Shieldings' proposal, the company vice-president said.

The firm has long range interests which aren't likely to be compatible with the Region's short term landfill problem, Mr. Godsall said.

He noted the recent housing boom has tremendously accelerated the rate of depletion of the limestone from the 500 acres United Aggregates quarry. The life-span of the quarry is dependent on supply and demand and how much stone the property contains has not been tested, the Acton quarry's production supervisor James Cook told The Herald.

Turning a quarry into a landfill is an alternative form of rehabilitation, Mr. Godsall explained, one that works if the underlying geology is appropriate and the site has been entirely quarried out. There must be no limestone remaining.

"I think the days of lakes with fences around them as a technique for rehabilitating quarries may be over," he said.

The depth of the quarry site is attractive for Shieldings, because it

makes the project of collecting methane from the rotting garbage more economical. It's also easier to monitor the landfill for leachate, Mr. Godsall said. Leachate is the juices from the garbage.

"The fact is, there shouldn't really be any new landfills licensed that don't include effective collection and utilization of methane," the vice-president said. He extrapolated to a time when fuel trucks will be coming to the dump to load up on methane to take to gas stations. In turn, methane derived fuel will drive our vehicles.

"Methanol is going to be the universal auto-trucking fuel at some point in time," Mr. Godsall declared.

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**Legion Lines**  
By JIM HAYES

I regret to announce the passing of our Comrade Tom Peavoy, a former President of Alton Branch, our sympathy to his family.

Friday night euchre: Feb. 13, 1st Brian Sampson, 2nd Ila Switzer, Booby Oliver Scragg.

Car Club: Feb. 12, Draw No. 149 B. Hunt, No. 342 R. Ward, No. 431 T. Massena, No. 476 J. Cummins, No. 244 D. Booth, No. 195 D. Success.

A CHILI DANCE will be held Feb. 21 in the Branch Auditorium, tickets at the bar, \$3 each.

Branch 120 Initiation Team will be going to Alton Branch Feb. 23 to assist in the initiation of their new members.

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