



Teacher Paul Tamblyn directs the Acton High School's production of the '50's musical "Grease" at a dress rehearsal this week at the school. It's being presented tonight (Thursday), Friday and Saturday at the school. This dance number is all part of a "professional-type" show. — Ellen Piehl photo

School drama club presents 'Grease'

By ELLEN PIEHL
The New Tanner

Members of the Acton District High School drama club are taking a trip down Memory Lane as they perform the hit musical "Grease", starting this evening (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafetorium. It will run through until Saturday.

"Most of the kids who are

in the school were trying to get "Grease" for about five years and this was the first time that we have been able to get the rights to this (musical)," said director, Doctor Paul Tamblyn.

The ironic thing about it is Acton High is presenting the musical the same year the movie version, starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, is celebrating its 20th anniversary, recently re-re-

leased in theatres across North America.

"It (the movie) has created a lot of excitement for people who either performed in "Grease" when they were back in high school, or who came through the fifties and lived during that time," said Tamblyn.

The musical itself was written in the early 1970's by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey.

Grease is about a teenage couple (Jenn Johnson) and Danny (Aaron Scarlett) who met in the summertime in the late 1950's and are shocked when they discover that they are attending the same school (Rydell High) later that fall.

Jenn Johnson says she's been performing in high school plays for five years now. "I can't imagine going through high school without being part of the musical," she says. Johnson also said she would like to have a career in the theatre some day.

Although ticket sales have been steady, they may be still available for purchase at the door. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and \$5 for children and seniors.

Mixed reaction to tax hike

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Local politicians have mixed reactions to this year's expected 6.97 per cent property tax increase that would add \$154 to the average property for a total tax bill of \$2,660. While Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson is bothered that some taxpayers are upset, others like Ward 1 Councillor Norm Elliott feel no guilt.

"I don't we have anything to be ashamed of and certainly we should be able to defend it (the increase)," Elliott said at council on Monday night as council passed both the operating

and currents budgets for this year.

Elliott pointed out that the Town's portion of the total tax bill had increased by less than 1.5 per cent in the past seven years and that the Town's increase accounts for just 0.83 per cent of the total. Almost all of the increase is to pay for programs and services downloaded onto municipalities by the Province.

Serjeantson said council was faced with a monumental task of trying to make the budgets work.

"It's unfortunate that it (the tax increase) isn't totally at zero but we really want the

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Kenickie (Nick Vacek) performs "Grease Lightning" in the musical "Grease", assisted by other members of the cast. — Ellen Piehl photo

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