

Townships take financial 'dip' in Town pool

UXBRIDGE Council members from Scott Township and the Town of Uxbridge, and representatives from the Community Pool committee, met with Uxbridge Township Council, April 24, to discuss what financial commitments the Townships might be prepared to make towards the new centennial project.

Neither township was prepared to 'jump in' enthusiastically, with a firm offer. Despite the enticements of the facility, presented by Mayor Ray Newton, Town of Uxbridge and Dr. Lennox, Pool Committee chairman, both teetered on the brink for three hours before dipping their toes into the financial end.

The main question of concern was - Would the people in Scott and Uxbridge townships use the pool enough to justify a large, financial commitment and what would be the resultant cost to them, as taxpayers?

The Uxbridge Township councillors were generally enthusiastic about the venture, but wondered concerning the feelings of the ratepayers. Clark Muirhead said that he

would be surprised if 10 percent of the people from the township would use it.

Dr. Lennox commented that he thought people were getting an erroneous idea of what the pool would cost through taxes. "Do you think that if you told your taxpayers that it's only going to cost them a couple of dollars on their taxes, they'd mind?...The attitude of councillors reflects on people in the townships", he added later. "If you think it's a good idea that way and let people know you think it's a good idea."

Councillors from Scott Township, showed less enthusiasm for the project and were particularly critical of not being consulted during the initial planning stage. Dep. Reeve Lyons doubted that the Town of Uxbridge could afford a pool of such magnitude. A short clash between Mayor Newton and Mr. Lyons, provided a brief preview of what one councillor termed "Regional Government at work".

In response to doubts that people in the townships would use the facility, Councillor Higgins, Uxbridge



Student 'Queens' past and present honored at Uxbridge High

This is 1972 - Centennial Year in the Town of Uxbridge, and like every event on the 12-month program, the Spring Prom, Friday, was a tremendous success. The social occasion re-united seven of the 'queens' of former years. The young ladies (left to right) are - Vicki

Aldred, (1972); Doreen Bell (1971); Lesley Tribbeck, (1969); Beverley Durham, (1968); Carol Smith, (1967); Betty Anne Williamson, (1966); Lorraine Wood, (1965); and Jill Freer, (1957).
Jas. Thomas.

Twp., suggested an education program might be needed. "You can take a horse to the water, but you can't make it drink", he commented. "In this case we want to make it swim."

Dr. Lennox explained the financial aspects of the \$261,295

project, an estimated \$144,000 of which has still to be accumulated, and with the discussion bogged down in percentages, ratios and debentures, Reeve Bob Timbers suggested each Township council discuss the situation privately, then present

its proposals. A ten minute break was agreed on for this purpose.

Fifty minutes later, Uxbridge Twp. proposed to make a maximum commitment of \$40,000; \$10,000 Provincial grant, with public subscriptions to be

counted in as part of proposed to assume 20 percent of the debt, after grants are taken off.

Ontario Riding \$ Two million loans - grants

ONT. RIDING - Norm Cafik, M.P., has announced from Ottawa that approximately 2 million dollars, in a combination of loans and grants, has been made in Ontario Riding through the Local Initiatives or Employment Loans Programs, to stimulate employment in the area during the winter months.

Mr. Cafik summarized the approved projects as follows: Local Initiatives Programs - Corporation of the Township of Reach, \$14,000; Greenwood Community Association, \$33,580; Georgina Island Band, \$14,455; Uxbridge Committee on Pollution, \$11,303; Pickering Twp. & Village Red Cross, \$41,184; Ajax Kinsmen Club, \$8,100; Ajax Canoe Club, \$14,075; Corp. of the Township of Georgina, \$56,160; the Local Initiatives Programs emanating from private groups and through Municipalities totalled

- \$192,857. Federal - Provincial Employment Loans Town of Ajax - Indoor Swimming Pool and Health Centre, \$445,000; Pickering - Expansion of Municipal Sewage Treatment Plant, \$575,000; Uxbridge Indoor Swimming Pool, \$262,000; Township of Scott - Public Library, \$15,000; Township of Pickering - Watermain, \$110,000; Township of Pickering - Watermain in Woodview area, \$385,000.

The Federal - Provincial Employment Loans totalled \$1,792,000. These loans contain a partial forgiveness feature which is related to the labour content performed during the approved period.

Mr. Cafik indicated that he was delighted with the number of projects that have been approved in the Riding.



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