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Jimmy Tabb, Orono's "man-about-town" is back on the job having recuperated from heart surgery this past summer.

Clarington scores hockey museum

The Brian McFarlane Hockey Museum will now have a permanent home in Clarington.

The extensive collection of hockey memorabilia which the Municipality purchased for \$225,000 will be placed in storage at the Town Hall until a permanent facility can be built for it.

Joe Caruana, Director of Community Services, said he became aware of the museum's availability during discussions he had with Brian McFarlane while arranging the Clarington Sports Hall of Fame Gala Dinner held on October 25th. McFarlane was the guest speaker at the event. A hockey broadcaster and author of the Peter Puck series of books, McFarlane said he

was very pleased with the level of co-operation he received from the Municipality and the Mayor.

Council approved in principle the acquisition of the Hockey Museum in a special emergency council meeting on Friday September 26th.

McFarlane first put his collection of hockey memorabilia on display ten years ago at the Big Apple in Colborne, Ontario. In 1995 the Museum moved to Niagara Falls. When the building that displayed the collection was slated for demolition in 1998, McFarlane packed his items and has had them stored in his basement and a barn in Barrie.

"This is a hands on museum," says McFarlane. "Kids will be allowed to try on the

hockey gloves and pick up the sticks."

There are at least 65 hockey sticks in McFarlane's collection many game used plus seven goal sticks. Many sticks are autographed by stars including Red Horner, Apps, Drillon and Dave Keon. McFarlane's collection includes surplus items from the Hockey Hall of Fame including games sticks from Gretzky and Lamas. The Museum has an original turnstyle and seats from Maple Leaf Gardens, skates, jerseys, jackets, helmets, masks, hockey cards, photos and much, much more.

Creating a facility to house the museum is the next step for the Community Services

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Orono's future up for discussion

The Orono Community Focus Group is on a vision journey. they are faced with the challenge of combining their individual concepts of what Orono should be into one collective vision for the community.

All thirteen members appointed to the Community Focus Group attended the first meeting held last Tuesday evening at the Bowmanville Town Hall, and elected Councillor Gord Robinson as their Chairman.

When asked to share their own vision for the Community members gave answers as diverse as wanting Orono to become like Port Perry, Merrickville, St. Jacobs, Niagara on the Lake etc. Others wanted little or no change suggesting the village just needed a broom to freshen it up.

The lack of sewers in Orono was brought up several times by different committee members, in reference to the fact that without a municipal sewerage system the village can not grow. Ann Dreslinski pointed out that while Newcastle a village with municipal water and sewers, quadrupled in population over the past number of years, their business district has not grown.

Bev Oda said that what appealed to her about Orono when she moved here from Toronto a number of years ago was the sense of community. Lorna Atkins stated that she was born and raised in Orono said it is nice to go into stores where people know your name.

The formation of the com-

munity Focus Group and the initiation of the Orono Community Improvement Plan was approved by Clarington council following a letter from the Orono Business Improvement Association (BIA). In that letter, BIA President Evelyn Rozario stated that without out some growth permitted in Orono, the businesses in the village would be forced to close, not being able to weather the infiltration of big box stores into Clarington.

A Community Forum was held at the Orono Town Hall on June 18th, facilitated by Faye Langmaid of the Clarington Planning Department and Suzanne McCrimmon of the Clarington Board of Trade. From the Community Forum, McCrimmon and Langmaid gathered comments from the public in attendance on what they find good or bad about Orono, what's worth keeping and what should be changed. This information will be used by the Community Focus Group in their search for the right plan for Orono.

The Focus Group will also attempt to speak to students at the Orono Public School and Clarke High School to get their perspectives on the ideal community.

"We need to formulate a vision," says Langmaid.

In her study of how different towns in Ontario have gone through a revitalization process, i.e. Niagara on the Lake, Merrickville, St. Jacobs, Langmaid says she's noticed about five stages in the system. St. Jacobs and Niagara

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Ward granted permission to enter Town Hall

Mayorality candidate Richard Ward will be allowed to enter the Municipal Administration Centre without prior written permission during the election process.

In an emergency council meeting last Friday afternoon, councillors approved an amendment to By-law 2001-141 passed July 2, 2001 banning Mr Ward from entering

the Bowmanville Town Hall and the Orono Works Depot without permission in writing from Municipal CAO Frank Wu.

The amendment was in response to a clause in the Elections Act stating that all candidates or their scrutineers are allowed to attend at the ballot return station where

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