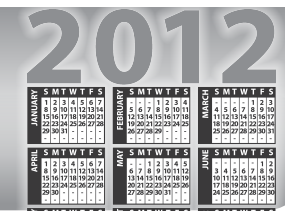


Acton Year End Review 2012



It was a year of hard-won victories, tragic accidents and wonderful achievements by many local residents. Here are some of the highlights of 2012 from the pages of The New Tanner.

JANUARY
• The bell froze, but Acton's Citizen of the Year, Dorothy Rognvaldson,

called out "dingle dangle" as she pulled on the rope to usher in the New Year at the Town Hall Centre.

• The highest beer sales ever, an increase in Homecraft Division entries and great weather contributed to the success of the Acton Fall Fair according to reports at the Acton Agricultural Society's annual general meeting.

• The Town's budget committee approves an operating budget with a

2.6 per cent increase in taxes for Town, Regional and School board purposes. The combined taxes result in a \$25 increase for every \$100,000 of assessment.

FEBRUARY
• Robert Little School



was hit by an outbreak of Norovirus, which at its worst, had 27 per cent of students home sick. Halton Health officials said they "get concerned" when absenteeism tops 10 per cent.

• An MTO project manager withstood a blistering attack by Halton Hills councillors over proposed route for a major highway on farmland at the south

end of the town. Council wants the 401 widened to 12 lanes instead.

• Acton Figure Skating Club member James Robert-Morgan and partner Hannah Polley of the Guelph Figure Skating Club won a Silver Metal in Junior Bronze dance at the Central Ontario Skate Canada STARSkate championship.

MARCH
• An unidentified young Halton Hills woman told



police she was using her cell phone when she slammed into the rear of a Town works truck driven by Supervisor Sue Wilson on Highway 7. A flag crew was stopping traffic

as a helicopter strung new hydro wires between the Fourth and Fifth Lines.

• Smoke alarms allowed a family of four to escape the night-time fire that did \$1.5-million damage to their Forest Ridge Crescent home. Although the cause was undetermined, fire officials found nothing suspicious.

• Acton's Kristine Kelman, a customer relations whiz at the Acton TD Canada Trust Branch, won the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Year Award for her exceptional customer service.

APRIL
• A dedicated army of volunteers picked up



tonnes of garbage and debris from public land in Acton as part of the Town's annual 22-Minute Makeover.

• After one student was hit by a truck and several close calls between students and vehicles, officials at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School asked police to increase surveillance to encourage people to obey the posted rules and not park illegally.

• Acton's Julie Conroy was named Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club of Acton. Conroy – "surprised and a bit astonished" – was honoured for volunteering her time and talents to the Acton Seniors' Centre and Acton Legion.

MAY
• Lucky Allen McKinley of Acton was thrilled with his \$100,000 Poker Lotto Jackpot "5 of 5" win. He thought he'd won \$100 until the Royal Jug City cashier set him straight. The father of five planned

to pay bills and live debt-free.

• Acton's Leanne Monaghan, co-owner of Staying Alive Fitness, qualified for the Boston Marathon after competing her first marathon in Mississauga in a chip time of 3:57.4, placing 38 of 120 in her age category.

• Over 100 volunteers – called "the glue that holds society together" – were honoured by Links2Care at its annual appreciation luncheon in Ballinafad.

JUNE
• For helping build the Canada of today, Acton Councillor Jon Hurst and George Helson received Queen's Diamond Jubilee Meals at a Civic Centre ceremony.

• The Town asked for an updated retail market study from Craft Development which wants to build a 28,500-square-foot No-Frills-type supermarket in Acton, just east of the McDonald's.

• Long-time Georgetown resident Alice Strachan was chosen as the new Halton Hills Trustee for the Halton District School Board. Seventeen candidates applied for the position, left vacant with the mid-term resignation of Trustee Gillian Tuck-Kutama.

JULY
• The \$2-million Halton project to replace aging and leaking underground water and sewer pipes on Main Street North from Knox Street to Wallace Street began – motorists are warned there will be delays and some homeowners and business will have temporary water hook-ups.

• The Town will lease the former Acton Fire Hall on Bower Avenue from Heritage Acton, with plans to use the space for Town programming – widely rumoured to be a new location for the youth drop-in centre.

• Losing the family farm, crippling unemployment and putting down horses that cannot be cared for are the worst fears of local horse breeders and racers in light of provincial plans to end the Slot-at-Race-tracks program.

AUGUST
• The summer Yoga in the Park sessions of-

ferred by Acton's Staying Alive Fitness gathered 463-pounds of food and \$175 Sobey's gift certificate for Acton FoodShare and \$400 for the Links2Care Backpack program.

• Downtown Acton was transformed for a massive street party featuring great music, good food, good deals and a lot of family fun for the Leathertown Festival, featuring non-stop entertainment on two stages, buskers, free McDonald's coffee and a pet contest.

• With a bountiful harvest, the first growing season of Acton's new Community Garden was a great success, bringing together community mem-



bering Terry Fox Run, putting the 32-year total of donations to \$724,912 much of it raised by people who had been touched by cancer.

• The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 100th anniversary with a party and annual general meeting where volunteers were thanked and a new executive elected.

OCTOBER
• Galvcast Manufactur-



ing announced it has been sold to an American firm, but all 168 employees at the Commerce Crescent plants will keep their jobs and several owners will stay on until retirement.

• Acton's Emily Boycott captured the Down Syndrome International Gymnastics Association World Championship title in Rhythmic gymnastics in England, thrilled to stand on a podium and hear O Canada played.

• Acton's Bradley Kri, 20, was selected as the first pick of the Toronto Rock lacrosse team in the National Lacrosse League draft. Kri, an award-win-

ning defenceman went 14th over-all.

NOVEMBER
• For her four-decades-plus volunteer social activism work, Acton's Shirley Broostad was presented with Community Champion award by the



Rotary Club of Acton.
• There were no injuries, but the explosion and fires that rocked Holly Industries and the surrounding neighbourhood prompted the Town to ask what can be done following the second explosion in less than a decade.

• A large crowd – school kids and aged veterans – attended Remembrance Day services at the Acton Cenotaph. The Town an-

nounces it wants to sign a Community Covenant with Ottawa to better support local veterans.

DECEMBER
• Metrolinx announces GO Train service in Acton will resume on Monday, January 7, with two morning trains to Union Station and two late afternoon return trains. Acton had GO Train service in the early 1990s for two years.

• Cruel vandals toppled

seven monuments and broke decorative hardware off the columbaria – "disgusting" acts according to Town officials who asked police to again step up surveillance.

• The Town officially opens the new Maria Street Bridge – a \$778,347 structure linking The Crescent area with Acton.

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