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YMCA building



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The building at 40 Mill St. East once housed the YMCA, giving Acton the distinction of being the smallest Canadian town to have a Y.

The building, constructed in 1934 with a bequest from Acton's J.A. Murray, at times has housed a police station, Town offices and library. It was converted to rental apartments more than a decade ago, and the building is currently listed for lease.

PAST PAGES

TEN YEARS AGO

- Once the cash-strapped Halton District School Board determines how much land it needs for a communications tower at its vacant Speyside School site, it will sell the remainder as an unwanted asset.
- Waste-high snowfalls prompted emergency officials to ask residents to dig out any fire hydrants on or near their property so they can be located quickly by firefighters in an emergency.

FIVE YEARS AGO

- While the proposed sale of part of the McKenzie-Smith Bennett School site adjacent to Churchill Road is emotional for some local citizens and parents of students at the school, it is strictly a matter of dollars and cents for the Ministry of Education which demands the Board sell surplus assets.
- A three per cent wage increase in each of the next four years was included in a new contract ratified by Halton public school secondary school teachers. The agreement gives a new teacher with a four-year degree \$45,208 annually, topping out at \$84,086 for teachers with 12 years of experience or more.

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