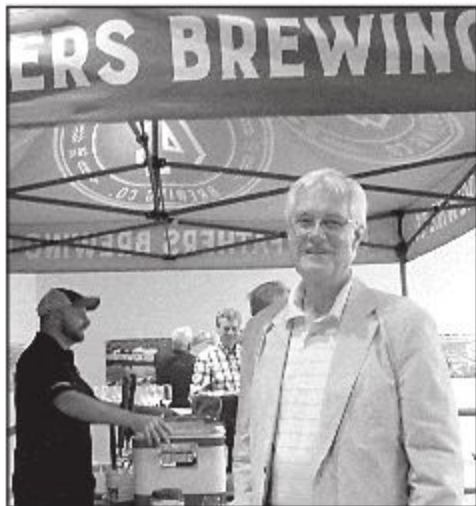


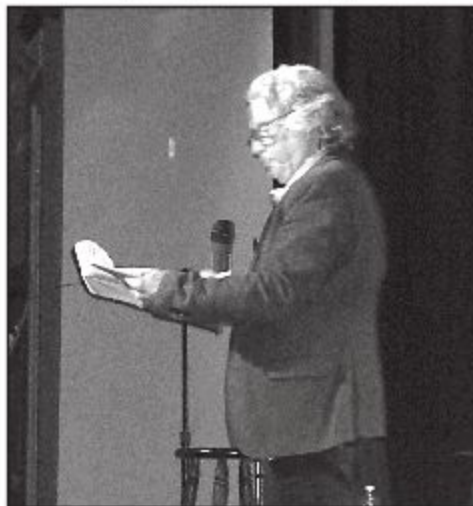
The Nylons fill the Town Hall with song



The Nylons made Acton a stop on their farewell tour last Thursday performing a 24-song set before an adoring audience at Acton's Town Hall Centre. The show was part of the Concerned Residents Coalition's (CRC) fundraising efforts.



CRC President Doug Tripp in front of Wellington County's Four Fathers Brewing company, who generously donated all proceeds to the CRC.



Emcee musician and Rockwood native James Gordon introduced the band.
- Vivien Fleisher photos



Acton Farmer's Market on hiatus next year

By: Dawn Brown

Due to dwindling attendance and fewer vendors participating, The Downtown Acton BIA Board has decided to put the Acton Farmers' Market on hiatus for next year. Thursday, October 6 was the market's last day.

The Acton Farmers' Market has been in place for seven years now. However, the market has struggled for the last few seasons. BIA Chair Dana Selby explained that the board discusses the market annually while preparing the budget, and that the decision to put the market on hiatus has been in the making for more than a year.

"Although we all agree that the market in theory is a fantastic venture, in reality, the attendance at the market is often disappointing," Selby said. "Given the main purpose of BIA events and initiatives, the Farmers' Market being one of these initiatives, is to bring people downtown and hopefully get them involved with our members, that is unfortunately not happening."




Selby explained that the BIA Board with input from its membership hopes that a hiatus will allow the board to take some time to determine the best use of BIA resources and perhaps be

reinvent the Farmers' Market to gain community support and become a sustainable community event.


"The BIA recognizes the value in terms of what a viable market can bring to Downtown Acton," Selby said. "Our new manager has a considerable amount of market experience, and we have challenged her to come up with new ideas and new strategies regarding bringing the market back at a future time, if feasible."

While vendors and patrons alike have expressed disappointment at the news, Selby sees this as an opportunity to review and rethink the market going forward to make it a better fit for the downtown. However, in order for the market to return there must first be consistent vendor participation, the market must become a financially viable initiative and, most importantly, there must be greater community attendance and support.

Selby went on to explain, "The Acton BIA has recently released our strategic plan which involves a complete rebranding and an aggressive outline for economic development and revitalization in Downtown Acton. The board and its manager are dedicated to the implementation of these plans and recognize the important role our farmers market can play in it."

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