

Acton cancer fashion show fundraiser goal was to 'save the rest of our friends'

Vegan leathers – or “pleather” as it’s called in the business – harvest hues, techno-stretch fabrics and lots of zippers dominated the sold-out fashion show hosted by the Acton Branch of the Wellington Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society at the Acton Town Hall Centre on Monday night.

Nine models, including Acton Branch members Liz Bailey and Shirley Dyc, and BIA manager Josey Bonnette strutted the latest fashions from Elizabeth’s Fashions in Georgetown on the stage and among the guests seated at tastefully decorated tables in the auditorium. Guests were invited to “please touch” the clothing to get the whole tactile experience of the fall offerings from a wide-range of designers.

In her thanks to the Acton volunteers for their on-going hard work, Wellington Unit District Manager Lorraine Skarratt noted that everyone at the standing-room only event had a cancer story, and that they are making great strides with better outcomes.



VENDOR VARIETY: From unique accessories to beauty and health products, 16 local vendors participated in the Canadian Cancer Society Acton Branch’s fundraising fashion show on Monday at the Acton Town Hall Centre. – Frances Learment photo

Skarratt said with money raised at events like the fashion show, they now could claim a winning cancer survival rate. “Sixty-two per cent of people

diagnosed with cancer will survive... survivors are now in the majority (and) it’s a fantastic place to be but there’s still work to be done.” Skarratt said, prompt-

ing sustained clapping from the crowd.

The first outfit to elicit spontaneous clapping from the crowd was a little black dress with a modest neckline, a peplum, and rhinestone embellishment at the waist.

Before and during the show, guests browsed at booths manned by 16 different vendors who offered a wide range of goods, from make-up to health and beauty products to jewellery and accessories. Each vendor donated a gift, which was distributed in draws throughout the evening.

After the show, Acton Branch spokesperson Pat Kentner said they were “thrilled” with the full house, and very grateful for all of the people who helped make the night a success, including family members of Heritage Acton members who helped decorate the auditorium.

“Everyone has been touched by cancer – our goal is to save the rest of our friends,” she said, adding it will be weeks before they know exactly how much money was raised for cancer research.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

G R O W O P DISMANTLED

A 53-year-old rural Halton Hills man was charged with possession and production of a controlled substance after Halton police executed a search warrant at 11537 Fifth Line on Friday.

Police found 51 marijuana plants, varying in size, throughout the

rural property – some being harvested and some already dried inside a residence on the property.

ALARM MALFUNCTION

Acton firefighters installed a battery-operated fire alarm at a Main Street North residence after it sounded repeatedly at 11:22 a.m. on Friday. A tenant said

the main floor interconnected smoke alarm had also been sounding.

NEW BATTERY

No sign of smoke or carbon monoxide was found when Acton firefighters were called to a Dr. Moore Court residence at 3:13 last Thursday afternoon. The homeowner advised firefighters that a hard-wired smoke/carbon monoxide combination unit in the basement alarm was chirping. The unit was unplugged and run on a battery which the homeowner was advised to replace.

Earlier that morning

at 6:48 a.m., firefighters responded to a single-vehicle motor vehicle accident in the Dublin Line/25 Side Road area. Police and ambulance were already on scene and firefighters disabled the vehicle and helped with patient care.

FAULTY ALARM

A faulty smoke detector was blamed for alarm activation on Dairy Drive last Tuesday morning at 11:05. The homeowner reported that all of their smoke alarms were sounding, and crews found a faulty alarm on the third floor and the homeowner was advised to replace it.

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Beware of dating and romance scam

An increase in the number of people falling victim to a dating/romance scam prompted Halton police to caution people who use on-line dating sites.

The Halton Police Fraud Unit said the scam can involve using fictitious accounts on legitimate dating websites, or setting up a copy-cat website, made to look legitimate, to lure potential victims.

Fraudsters try to quickly build up a “friendship” or “relationship,” often claiming to have a very sick family member, and before long, the fraudster starts asking for the victim to send money to help their sick relative.

In other cases, the fraudsters send flowers or other small gifts and after building a relationship, talks about having a large amount of money they need to transfer out of their country, or that they want to share with the victim. They get the victim’s banking details, or ask for money to help cover administrative fees or taxes supposedly required to free up the money.

Protect yourself from falling victim to this scam if you use on-line dating sites by:

- Never send money, or give credit card or online account details to anyone you do not personally know and trust.
- Don’t give out any personal information in an e-mail or when you are chatting online.
- Make sure you use only legitimate and reputable dating websites.
- Be very suspicious if someone you’ve met through online dating is asking to borrow money or to have you send them money.
- If you suspect that you are being targeted by one of these fraudsters, immediately stop all communication with them and report the fraudster through the dating website and/or your local police.
- If you have been a victim of this scam and have not reported it to police, don’t be embarrassed or ashamed. This scam is designed by the fraudsters to play on your emotions and to purposely make you feel that way. People from all walks of life fall for this scam so please, report it to your local police.
- If you suspect a friend or family member is being preyed upon, contact your local police so that you can help prevent them from being a victim.