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Downtown Acton gets a hat trick...

by: Josey Bonnette
Acton BIA Manager

Downtown Acton is on the move! We have three new stores located in our downtown BIA. Welcome The Vintage Shoppe located at 4 Mill Street East where you can find all types of collectables such as vintage Barbies, toys, die cast cars, coca cola, M&Ms, Campbell soup, some china and furniture. Store hours are Tues., Wed. 10 to 5, Thurs, Fri, 10 to 6. Sat. 10 to 5 Sun 12 to 5. Skye's Fashion Jewelry has just opened at 113 Mill Street East – drop in and say hello and check out their amazing jewelry and accessories. You can pick up some 'Bling without the Sting' and you will save the HST for the month of December. Acton now has its very own bakery welcome to S'Wheat Dreams Bake Shop located at 77 Mill Street East. Carrie-Ann and Robin have been working tirelessly and you won't be disappointed. Check out their in-store baked breads and sweets just in time for Christmas, they will also be serving homemade soups on a daily basis. Kudos also to Nancy Wilkes at Acton Optical, Nancy purchased the old Baptist Church and has relocated her business to 80 Mill Street East, same hours and same great service. Acton Coin Laundry is under new ownership and name. Welcome to Erin & Rob – the Laundromat is now called Maytag Equipped Laundry located at 20 Main Street South and their new hours are 7a.m. to 9:30 p.m., 365 days a year. Christmas is in the air, the Christmas lights are up, downtown shops have decorated their windows and this Sunday, De-

December 1 is *Light Up The Hills* at the Acton Arena. Events start at 6 p.m. with the arrival of Santa and the Acton Citizens Band will perform at 6:30. Monty Greig will be our MC for the evening and he will perform some of his songs from his newly released CD. We will have ignition of the Tree of Hope and the rest of our displays at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join the festivities. Free hot chocolate, cookies and entertain-



ment! Bring your camera to snap a photo with Santa. Enjoy a wonderland of lights from December 1 to January 3.

Holiday Magic on Mill & Main. Next Thursday, December 5 from 6 – 9 p.m. Mark this date on your calendar. You will have a chance to win a \$250 shopping spree in Downtown Acton. Fill out a ballot between 6 & 9 p.m. on December 5 at participating stores (look for the red & white balloons). The draw will take place at 9 p.m. You could be the lucky winner. There will be horse and carriage rides with Santa located at the Salvation Army Thrift Store parking

lot. The Acton Citizens Band will be performing in the Giant Tiger Plaza at 6:30 as well as the St. Joseph's School Choir. Christmas tree lighting ceremony at 7 p.m. at the old YMCA building – 40 Mill Street East. Bring an ornament to decorate the tree. Billy Keys will be performing at this location. Bill will be opening up Halton Music Store in early February in downtown Acton. Look for the red and white balloons at participating stores. Some stores will have complimentary apple cider, hot chocolate & cookies. Lots of in-store specials, food sampling, bag sales and great discounts.

Come & browse around Mill & Main for all your Christmas shopping ideas.

As the Christmas season is upon us remember that downtown Acton has over 90 shops and services to meet your every need. Please try and shop local and show your support to our downtown businesses. These are the businesses we call upon to support our local sports teams and service clubs all year long through sponsorships and donations. They support us, we need to support them.

Don't forget the "Sharing Tree". Unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at TDI Dance Studio, BMO Bank of Montreal, Scotia Bank, CIBC, TD Bank, RBC and Prosperity One Credit Union. This is a great opportunity for you to share the Christmas spirit by donating unwrapped gifts for adults and children to be distributed through the Acton Christmas Hamper Society to families in time for Christmas.

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