

Town staff to look for options to pay for senior and youth centres

Town Council's promise to investigate options to reinstate the \$2.45-million Acton Seniors Centre expansion, and phase two of the Gellert Centre in the 2015 budget leaves Acton Seniors Centre members cautiously optimistic following Monday's council meeting.

The \$18-million Gellert project – with senior and youth components – and the Acton expansion were among projects moved to an unfunded list during recent capital budget talks, leaving seniors in Acton and Georgetown disappointed and frustrated.

Georgetown Seniors Centre President Rick Chambers told council the Georgetown and Acton Centres have pledged to raise \$1-million for the projects, and their fundraising is "severely

jeopardized" by Council's funding decision which was disappointing and frustrating. Acton Seniors Centre President Bev Jones echoed Chamber's comments, and said they do understand Council's financial restraints. "But, the Seniors Centre is a major component for the community."

Regional/Ward Two Councillor Jane Fogal implored councillors to instruct staff to develop funding strategy options to pay for the \$18-million Gellert Centre by 2015/16. She said in February, Council "really overcommitted" itself with approval of new arenas and now needs to fix the problem. "I believe that we promised the seniors community that we would build these facilities for them..." Fogal said, adding she's opti-

mistic and confident that anticipated development charges will materialize to help pay for the needed projects.

At that point, Fogal's motion talked only of the Gellert Centre funding, but Acton Councillor Jon Hurst convinced his colleagues to include the Acton Seniors Centre project, and look at doing it in tandem with the twinning of the Acton arena in 2014/15.

"It should be anticipated that there will be some cost savings through construction efficiencies as well as a single construction disruption to the facility," Hurst said, adding he wants the \$225,000 design, engineering and construction of the Acton Seniors Centre to take place in 2014, with construction in 2014/15, at a cost of \$2.25-million.



FINAL FAREWELL: Harold "Sonny" Townsley's grandchildren carried his casket from Trinity United Church following his funeral service on Friday. The former Acton firefighter's remains were taken to Fairview Cemetery by Acton's antique fire truck. – Frances Niblock photo

Fond farewell for Harold "Sonny" Townsley

The coffin carrying the late Harold Townsley was carried down the aisle at Trinity United Church on Friday by his jersey-wearing grandchildren to the rollicking beat of Stompin Tom Connors' *The Hockey Song*, an anthem to the game that Townsley loved.

Harold Bruce "Sonny" Townsley died peacefully in Guelph hospital on November 22 at age 81, leaving behind a rich legacy of contributions to baseball and hockey and sports develop-

Townsley, a former firefighter, Acton Citizen of the Year and Halton Hills

Sports Museum Hall of Fame Builder, played semi-pro baseball for Washington in the 1940s, Senior A for Milton and Intermediate B for the Acton Tanners. Behind the bench, he coached the Acton Fire Fighters Bantam hockey team and the Acton Sabres, as well as a stint as Assistant GM of the Erin Shamrocks. He was a near constant presence at the Acton arena as manager.

As they left the church to escort his coffin to Fairview Cemetery on board Acton's antique Studebaker fire truck, perhaps several of those bereft at the loss of

their friend and loved one, might have hummed:

Hello out there, we're on the air, it's 'Hockey Night' tonight.

Tension grows, the whistle blows, and the puck goes down the ice.

The goalie jumps, and the players bump, and the fans all go insane.

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Big thanks to Cosmic Warehouse Band for providing the amazing music for the evening!!

The 197 Parent Sponsoring Committee would like to extend a very big thank-you to the following people who provided the much needed help that made this event a success:

- Janet & Tom Grant who dedicated their Saturday afternoon by preparing our buffet for all to enjoy!
- The 197 Branch of the Acton Legion for the Hall & the Crew of Bartenders who provided our refreshments for the evening!
- The 197 President of Ladies Auxiliary Peggy Harris and her assistance with the space required to make our buffet!
- Joyce Buchanan for her wonderful donation of pastries which complimented our buffet!
- To the following cadets who dedicated their Saturday afternoon to help the Sponsoring Committee decorating the hall for our Halloween Dance – Sgt. Mehta, Amit – Sgt. Tippett, Robert – Sgt. Crha, Mark – F/Cpl. DeRabbie, Chantal.

Thanks to all for making our first dance a success, we raised **\$2,600.00** which will go towards our goal of providing extra activities for our cadets.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers for their continued support and hope to see you all next year, so start working on your Halloween Costumes!!

Christmas Memorial Dove Tree

Once again, you, your family and friends are invited to take a complimentary dove from our Memorial Dove Tree in memory of each of your loved ones who have died.

The Dove Tree will be in the funeral home December 1st to 5 p.m. on December 24th.

MacKinnon Family Funeral Home
"Shoemaker Chapel"
 55 Mill Street East, Acton
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