

30 million dollar investment brings industrial development to Acton

By: Dawn Brown

“Christmas is coming early for Halton Hills,” said Mayor Rick Bonnette, during his speech at The Mayor’s Christmas Lunch hosted by the Halton Hills Chamber Commerce this past Thursday, December 8 where he announced a 30 million dollar investment into the economic development for the town of Acton.

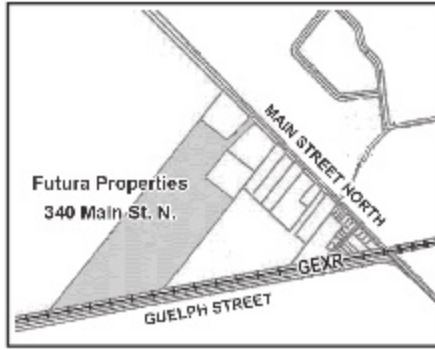
Futura Properties, a Vancouver based company, has purchased 55 acres of industrial land at 340 Main Street North from John and Dave McNally with plans to develop the land into a high quality industrial sub-division with lots ranging in size from two to 25 acres. The company is hoping to have the first building—approximately 150,000 square feet—completed in late 2017, and already has a lead tenant for the 20 acre western lot. The name of the company will be announced at a later date.

“We have been looking for a long time to find

the right site in Southern Ontario that had rail and road access to the GTA. We are very excited about this project and its location, and we are looking forward to attracting new business to Acton,” said Futura vice-president Rob Doman in a statement issued by the Town of Halton Hills.

The project his expected to mean new jobs for local residents and opportunities for businesses.

“Besides full time jobs and increase assessment for the Town there will be positive impacts. This sends a clear message that Acton is a place that you can invest in,” said Mayor Bonnette. “Whenever you have a significant investment there are always going to be potential spin offs for local business. This will be a work in progress to get all 55 acres developed. It is exciting to say the least.”



A sentiment echoed by the Acton BIA.

“The Acton BIA is very excited for this new development and its substantial injection into our local economy,” said BIA manager Sheena Switzer, adding that what is good for Acton is good for the Downtown. “This means local jobs for our residents, it means new business and infrastructure coming to Acton, and of course new tax dollars going into our local economy.”

“It is tremendous news for the Acton area,” added Regional Councillor Clark Somerville. “It is a great opportunity for people to be able to live and work in town.”



TOY DONATIONS: Leathertown Lumber collected and donated toys to The Salvation Army. Holding a selection from the numerous donations are: Gregg Evans, August Kranendonk, Major Rick Pollard and David Lindsay. - Dawn Brown photo

HILLSVIEW REPORT

By: Julie Conroy

The Centre will be open on Friday, December 23 and the Friday lunch ladies will be serving a traditional Christmas Dinner at noon. There will be a limited amount of tickets sold for this lunch starting on Friday, December 16. The Centre will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 27, open Wednesday, December 28 and Thursday, December 29, closed Friday, December 30. On the Wednesday, the usual drop in activities (shuffle board, carpet bowling and the painting class) will be held and on the Thursday, canasta in the morning and Bid Euchre and bridge in the afternoon. The monthly Wednesday evening euchre

games are cancelled until March 1. Another drop in program that I don’t often mention is the Chess group. They meet on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 2 p.m. in the lounge

50 excited ladies and men are looking forward to the “Secret Santa” gift exchange. I am always amazed how quickly the signup sheet fills. It’s always a fun time with lots of laughter and merriment when stealing each other’s gifts.

The first *Lunch and Learn* was a great success and the second one is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. If you are interested, you must sign up and pay by December 23 at 2 p.m.

The speaker this time will be Dr Michael Lunardo, Optometrist. The lunch at noon will be Chinese Food and dessert.

Following the holiday season when we seem to have attended many meals and social gatherings, you might feel the need for the nutrition series. Session one starts on Thursday, January 5 at 10 a.m. It promotes healthy digestion and detoxification. The series will run for four weeks. The signup sheets are at the usual spot at the reception desk.

On Thursday, December 9, while playing bid euchre Roberta Thompson and Shirley Hunter each had one mooner and Frances Hogenbirk and Doug Brown had two each.

The weekly 50/50 was not won again this week, so next week the amount to be won should be around \$400.

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