

Eloquent Acton Air Cadets accelerating to Regional Championships



By: Harry Rudolfs

Acton Air Cadets 197 "Typhoon" Squadron held their third annual Effective Speaking competition Sunday morning at the Acton Legion.

The squadron was well represented by five articulate young women and men who made three minute orations on such diverse topics the significance of Vimy Ridge, drone aircraft, and Canada's role as a peace maker. Next the contestants had to respond to an impromptu question: "Do uniforms stifle individuality?"

The competition was close, with first place going to Sgt. Alessio Luna followed by Ft. Cpl. Isaac Daleman and Cpl.

Nicole Shenectady taking third place. Cpl. Erika Labonte and LAC Jackson Vallance also made strong presentations.

"Effective Speaking is one of many things we do as part of the Air Cadets of Canada program," said Lieutenant Dobbs, the officer-coach for the Acton Cadets' team. "This competition along with many other opportunities gives them another skill they can use when they're finished with Cadets."

197 Typhoon Squadron is in its 34th year in Acton. Sgt. Luna and Ft. Cpl. Daleman will represent Acton in the regional Effective Speaking championships to be held at the Acton Legion on March 18.

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Residents to Town: Detox Centre threatens way of life

By: Vivien Fleisher

A citizens group from the 6th Line of Halton Hills south of Highway 7 led by fellow resident Art McConville, pleaded with council to reconsider allowing New World Detox from opening up a small treatment facility at 13604 6th Line.

Convinced that these centres are unregulated and therefore a threat to the peace and stability of the "paradise" they call home, each stood before council at the February 21 meeting and read prepared statements, describing a way of life they are now convinced will be under grave threat if the eight-patient capacity centre is approved.

Stating such facilities are mandated by the provincial government, McConville characterized the government as playing a game of "political Russian roulette" with people's lives, and that such operations are unregulated. This was the theme throughout each statement, and he added further that councillors at the centres are untrained, putting the public at risk. Jay Bishop, a grandfather of five, lives next to the pro-

posed centre. He asked council if they were "doing their job to foster a healthy community" in allowing such mixed use. Fellow 6th line resident Nancy Milne added she had "seen firsthand how detox changes addicts to worse people", while husband Ian Milne expressed deep concern over the propensity of addicts to break laws, the correlation to mental illness and asked "Would you let your kids play next to a detox centre?"

Town CAO Brent Marshall said council had agreed to speak to the owners of the centre and request they meet with residents to get some answers and allay concerns. Mayor Rick Bonnette also promised to write to the Minister and get clarification over regulation. Councillor Bryan Lewis reassured residents that he didn't want to diminish their concerns, but pointed out that not all those seeking treatment for addiction are criminals, citing Homewood in Guelph as an example, and that "We are not immune, no matter where we live." Councillor Moya Johnson appealed to those concerned for compassion.