

Sheppard tells arena crowd, nothing is written in stone and there is still time

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Town is negotiating with the owner about the price per acre for the property and who would pay the servicing costs.

When Bruce Cargill accused staff of painting a bleak picture to manipulate the picture concerning the park site, Town parks and recreation director Tom Sheppard told the crowd that staff are not biased

towards any one site.

"We are just the bearer of bad news. It is just as aggravating for us to go through this process as it is for you to sit here and listen to it. I assure you no councillor or staff member has any prejudice. No councillor has leaned on us to try to slant the outcome. You might not like the bottom line. I can hear your frustrations but I won't apologize."

Sheppard also told the arena crowd that nothing is written in stone and there is still time to negotiate with the owners of the other two sites.

"The developers tell us they would like to see a park and an arena to use as selling points for their developments. We say, if it is so important to them, then they should help us. We hope the deadline of the Sept. 21 general committee meeting will encourage talks with developers."

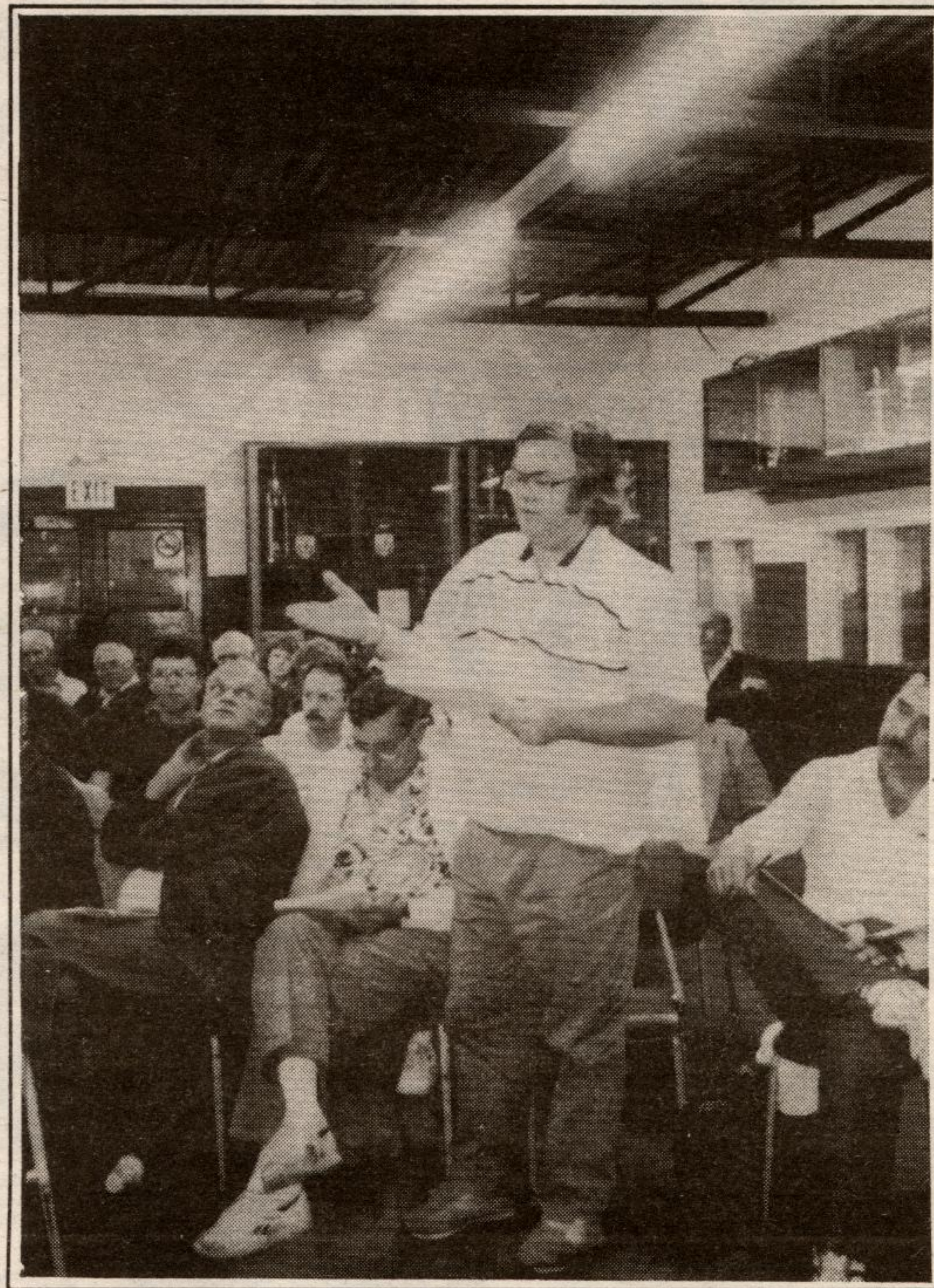
After the meeting user group spokesman Gord Chapman was satisfied the issues are being heard.

"I don't really want to comment until our ad hoc user-group has our meeting next week. The consensus of the committee to date, based upon the information we had, was that we felt the Prospect Park site is a poor site. Tonight I heard from new people with new reasons against the park location."

George Henderson, president of the Acton Agricultural Society, was non-committal after the meeting.

"I've got a double interest in this issue. As president of the Agricultural Society I know we want to maintain a good setting for the Acton Fall Fair and an arena is an integral part of it. On the other hand I've got four children who use the arena and park facilities year-round so personally I've got to look at it from both sides," Henderson explained.

The fair board is having a closed door meeting Thursday, Sept. 10 to deal with the site location issue.



Gord Chapman, chairman of the ad hoc arena users' group in Acton, argues against rebuilding the Acton arena in Prospect Park at a public meeting Wednesday (Sept. 2) night. (Frances Niblock photo)

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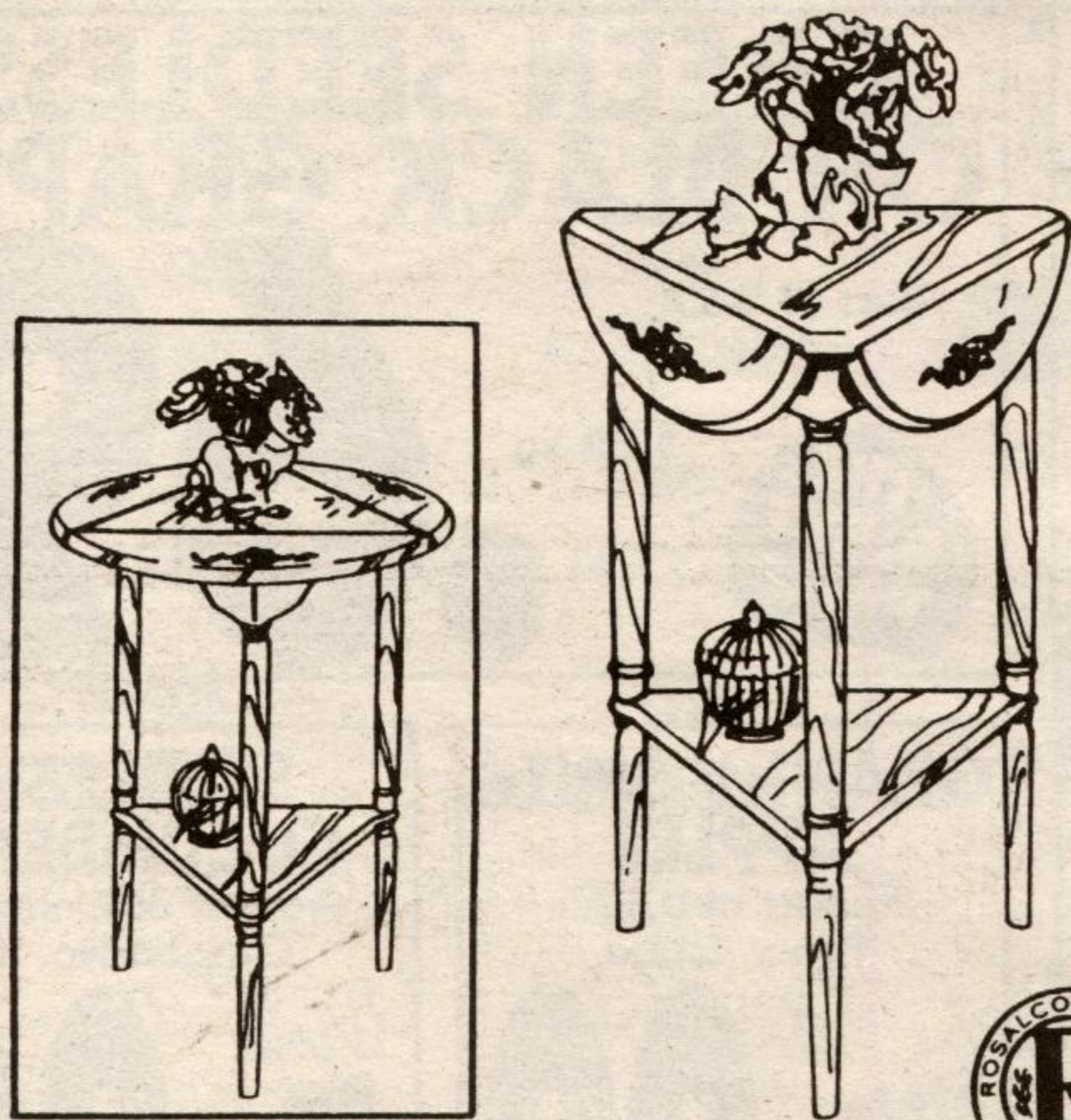
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funny story about that day. As they passed, cars were stopping on the highway; one man reached into the barrel as if he was expecting a piece of chicken."

Last year in Ontario \$3.2 million was raised for cancer research. As of March 31, 1992 the Marathon of Hope and the 11 Terry Fox Runs have raised more than \$96 million Canada-wide. That money has gone to the National Cancer Institute of Canada.

Cancer Statistics:

- Cancer is the number two cause of death in Canada, ranked behind heart disease and stroke.

- One in four deaths from all causes is cancer.

- Excluding skin cancer, just over one in three Canadians will develop some form of cancer during their lifetime.

Survival Rate:

- In the 1990s, one of every two cancer patients under treatment will survive at least five years, compared to one in five during the 1940s.

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