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Fair makes profit, explores move

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The possibility of moving the Acton Fall Fair from Prospect Park was raised at the annual general meeting of the Acton Agricultural Society on Saturday at Knox Presbyterian Church.

While updating members on the Town's plans to build a new arena, Society president George Henderson said the Society's official stance is that the Fair would stay in the park but that there are other options.

"Maybe we can find some place else for the Fair. A lot of other fairs have found places of their own," Henderson said.

Henderson was responding to questions from Society members about what would happen with the existing aging arena, where all of the Fair's indoor displays are located, when the new arena is built.

Although no location for a new

facility has been chosen, local councillors have said publicly that there is no "political will" to rebuild on or near the current arena location in the park.

"Maybe we could take over the arena. The idea deserves consideration. But because of the shape of the facility our building fund would be depleted if we had to do repairs," Henderson said.

Society members also heard that although attendance was down at the '92 Fair because of bad weather on the Friday night, there still was a net profit of \$8,133. Total prize money paid out was \$24,593.

Members also re-elected the current executives for the next year. Returning for the second year of their two-year term are president George Henderson, first vice-president Janis Fread, second vice-president Jim Warrington and secretary-treasurer Daniel Varanelli.

No money for "Y" housing proposal

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

It will be another six months before proponents of a mixed housing plan for the vacant YMCA building on Mill Street know if they will get Provincial money for the project.

Thursday night, the group learned that their application had been rejected because of "severe limitations" within the Ministry of Housing for the total number of non-profit units approved for the southern region, which includes Acton.

The proposal calls for the Y building to be converted into 12 inter-generational housing units for young mothers and seniors.

In an interview Saturday, Acton's Eileen Dix, who works with the independent non-profit group proposing the project, said they will try again.

"Despite not getting an allocation for this project, we remain optimistic that the project will get funded under the Provincial housing initiatives, in the near future."

Dix said they will re-do all of the paperwork and re-submit the proposal again this spring, with a decision expected in July.

The Y building, owned by the Central Lakeshore YMCA, was built in 1934 and has been vacant since October of 1991.



FUTURE SCIENTISTS: Some of the best and brightest science students at St. Joseph's School won awards in a recent science fair. Their projects included everything from studies on worm composting, to generators, to soil conditions. Shown here in a group photo taken Thursday are, back row, left to right, Melissa Wood, Julie Restivo, Nicole Lee, Erin Montgomery, Anne Marie McGeragle. Second row, left to right, Bryan Coles, Kevin Dick, Danica Albano, Adriann Coe. Front row, left to right, Susan Lehman, Tanya Tonkovich, Brendan McGrath. Please see story on Page 4. (Frances Niblock photo)

Acton red noses try for Guinness record

BY ERIC BALKIND

At a press conference hosted by the olde Hide House in the congenial atmosphere of Jack Tanner's Table on Monday, Acton's Jack Carpenter outlined plans for the 1993 edition of "Lighten Up, Canada."

According to Jack, the event is rapidly gaining acceptance and an initial order for 100,000 noses has already sold out; a further order for 25,000 more is now in process. "Other municipalities including Guelph and Kitchener-Waterloo are participating but Halton Hills will be known as the red nose capi-

tal of Canada," he predicted.

On Friday, local businesses will be promoting this novel event in a number of imaginative ways.

The biggest event will take place on Friday at 11 am when Mill and Young Streets will be closed while local residents participate in an attempt to get into the Guinness Book of Records by creating the world's longest line of red noses.

Local schools will be involved at both ends; to the east, M.Z. Bennett and McKenzie-Smith students will be marching down to start the line and to the west, young-

sters from St. Joseph's and Robert Little will add their numbers.

The public is invited to fill in the middle of the line or, of course, anywhere where there's an empty spot. It is expected that there will be well over 1,500 participants in this unique event.

Mr. Carpenter wishes to emphasize that Lighten Up, Canada is certainly not a fund-raising event; it's meant to be pure and simple fun but, who knows, one day maybe it could become a civic holiday and, let's face it, we could always use one of those.

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