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Strong staff key for business of the year

BY DOUG HARRISON

Dave Manes singles out cleanliness and customer service as the two keys needed to be successful in operating a business.

And who's to argue? For it's these two that have played an integral part in Acton IGA being selected as the 1992 Business of the Year.

"It's certainly a pleasant surprise, a nice honour," said the modest Manes, 55, who will be recognized for his success tonight (Wednesday) at an awards dinner. "However, I think this award is from stuff accumulated over the years and not just in 1992. You can never do without good staff and strong management." And support from your family.

The 65 members of the IGA crew include a number of full and part-time employees as well as Manes's family (his wife Marnie,

who works twice a week in the store's office, his three children and son-in-law, Kelly McArthur).

Graduating from Oakville's Sheridan College in 1983 with an honours diploma in marketing, Manes's eldest son, Michael, now serves as a partner in the business and spends most of his time running the show in Milton. The elder Manes says his son has done a good job keeping the establishment clean.

Manes took over the Milton IGA on Bronte Road in December, 1992, remodelled it and opened for business on Feb. 3. Manes says it's comparable in size to that of the 13,000 square foot Acton store.

A person entering the Milton store wouldn't recognize it from its predecessor, though. He said the response from the Milton residents has been great.

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ALL IN THE FAMILY: Dave Manes, far left, owner of Acton IGA, will be honoured tonight at the annual Chamber of Commerce 1992 Business of the Year dinner. Cleanliness and customer service are just two reasons why Manes is being rewarded for his strong business qualities. Another is a hard-working staff of 65 part and full-time employees. A dedicated Manes family heads the IGA crew. Shown here, left to right, are Manes's wife Marnie, son John and son-in-law, Kelly McArthur. (Doug Harrison photo)

Dump fight money reduced

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Acton Councillor Norm Elliott is frightened and frustrated with having to pay legal bills to fight a proposed landfill in Acton and several on Halton Hill's eastern boundary.

During Town budget debates last Saturday Elliott argued that \$100,000, earmarked to pay lawyers and consultants to fight a proposed landfill in Peel, should be cut by \$25,000.

At Monday's General Committee meeting Councillors cut another \$22,000 from the proposed landfill fight fund to offset the same amount that they added to help pay for a temporary Seniors' Centre in Georgetown.

Elliott told Councillors that several Brampton officials on the Credit Valley Conservation Au-

thority were surprised to learn that Halton Hills had any money set aside in the budget to fight the proposed Peel dumps.

During the initial debate Elliott argued that Halton Hills can not fight every proposed landfill in Ontario.

"What frustrates me is that these things have a habit of growing. Our legal expenses to fight the proposal to turn the Acton Quarry into a dump are mind-boggling. A quarter of a million dollars in legal fees.

"It drives me crazy when I look at the recommended \$100,000 to fight the Peel dumps. It infuriates me. We seem to be held to ransom. We can't spend any money locally because we don't have enough money. It's like a black hole sucking our money out of our pockets.

We've got nothing left for the amenities we need as a community," Elliott said.

The Town also allocated \$50,000 in the budget for legal fees in connection with the fight against the RSI plans to convert a mined-out portion of its Acton Quarry into a landfill.

Town staff say the \$50,000 maybe a very low estimate, depending on a Divisional Court ruling on the jurisdiction of the Consolidated Hearing Board that refused to hear the application.

"It frightens me that we are spending \$50,000 in legal fees to fight the RSI proposal and our staff say that may not be enough," Elliott argued.

Council is expected to ratify its budget decisions on Monday, March 8.

Acton educators are honoured

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Two educators at Acton High will receive prestigious Halton Awards for Creativity in Education, or ACE, awards at tomorrow's (Thursday) meeting of the Halton Board of Education.

Acton High principle Ozzie Caldarelli and head of science, Dr. Paul Tamblyn, are among nine Halton teachers and staff that will be honoured.

Principal Caldarelli's award stems from his work with the school's outdoor education program.

All Grade 10 students spend

a week outdoors as part of the program, designed to enrich and expand their academic and social development.

Dr. Tamblyn will receive the Ace Award for Science for his independent research projects.

Acton High science students conducted research projects with the help of outside professionals including veterinarians, engineers, professors and other outside professionals.

The ACE Award recipients will each receive a certificate and a cheque for \$1,000 to be used for career development.

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