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CANCER MONTH

April is just around the corner and that means Cancer Society Month is soon here. It all starts on April 1 with "Blitz Night." At Rene's flower shop on Friday, Mayor Russ Miller posed with Jennifer Gerrow, 10, left and brother Michael, 7, showing a sample of the beautiful daffodils that will be available. It's the third consecutive year the two youngsters have posed for the Cancer Society. (Doug Harrison photo)

Cantel looks at alternate sites

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

A group of concerned Acton residents may find out tomorrow night (Thursday) if Rogers Cantel Inc. has found an alternate location for its proposed 340-foot cellular communications tower.

At a meeting two weeks ago, Mayor Russ Miller asked Cantel officials to come back with alternative sites and answers to a long list of concerns and questions from residents about the tower.

At that meeting, Cantel offered to work with the Town and citizens to find a suitable location.

Cantel's proposal to build the tower, on the agricultural land north of Highway 7 and east of Dublin Line, falls under Federal jurisdiction so Town zoning and planning by-laws do not apply.

Cantel spokesman Rick Arends said they are looking at alternate locations, including land in Acton's industrial park and the old Beardmore tannery lands.

"We are now analysing, from a technical view, some of the alternate sites suggested by the public at the initial meeting," Arends said.

"The location is mostly determined by technical objectives and we are looking at sites to the southeast and the west. We approached Maple Leaf Foods about the Beardmore land last summer and at that point they weren't interested. We will re-approach them, but if the owners of any alternate site know we are interested in their property, they can ask for a very high rent, so we have to be very careful from an economic point of view," Arends said.

Arends said they do not want to come up with an alternate site that will just upset a new group of land-owners.

"That tower, because of the size, is always going to be in some-

body's backyard, and obviously, the people whose backyards it is in now are most vocal.

"If we move it away from their backyard and into someone else's, well then this group might disappear and a whole new group might pop up."

Arends said if no suitable alternate site can be found, Cantel would step back and reassess its options.

"We are a company that is very publicly-directed and usually go into a community to build a tower because of complaints about poor cellular service.

"We've never not built a site. We've always found alternative locations. We've never been so pushed up against the wall that we've been forced to build at a location nobody likes. I hope we can find a site in Acton."

Tomorrow's meeting begins at 6:30 pm at the Acton arena.

Education taxes jump

Barring any additions or deletions at tomorrow's (Thursday) Halton Board of Education meeting, trustees will approve a \$291 million dollar operating budget for 1993.

That is \$50 more than last year and results in a total education tax bill of approximately \$1,300 for an Acton taxpayer with an average assessment of \$5,700.

At Monday's meeting trustees voted to apply an additional \$1 million in Provincial grants to the mill rate increase, dropping it to 3.43 per cent from four per cent.

Since just half of the board's 4,000 teachers and staff voluntarily agreed to give up one day's pay as many as 37 staff may be laid off.

Search on for top citizen

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Wanted: The names of Acton citizens, or groups, who have enriched the community and made major contributions to the town.

The Acton Lions are now accepting nominations for the 1992 Citizen of the Year and Lions spokesman, Dave Pyke, said the award is a very public thanks to someone in Acton who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to improve life in Acton.

"We look for someone who has made a major contribution to this community. Someone who has

given of themselves and their time, not in their normal line of business," Pyke explained in an interview last Wednesday.

A committee of three Acton Lions and two citizens review all nominations and select the winner, whose name will be announced on Thursday, April 8.

The actual award ceremony takes place Friday, April 30 at the Acton Legion.

The Citizen of the Year award was first presented in 1957 by the Acton Chamber of Commerce and the Acton Lions took over the event

in 1989 after the amalgamation of the Acton and Georgetown Chambers of Commerce.

Recent winners include Jon Hurst for his work with the Terry Fox run, Joan Waldie of Acton FoodShare, Cornelia Turpin for her work with minor sports, the Acton Legion and the Acton Volunteer Firefighters.

Nominations should include an outline of the individual's or group's work in the community and must be mailed, not later than Tuesday, March 30, to the Acton Lions Club, Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 28, Acton, L7J 2M2.



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