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Verbal deal for Cantel site

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Rogers Cantel Inc. has a "verbal agreement" to lease land in south Acton for a 300-foot cellular communications tower.

Cantel supervisor Rick Arends is meeting this week with owners of four sites in the Highway 25 and 25 Sideroad area.

"We have a verbal deal with one of the owners and I've scheduled offer presentations to the others," Arends said in an interview Thursday.

"I know we have at least one site acceptable to both the Town and local citizens," Arends said.

A strong lobby by residents in the Highway 7- Dublin Line area convinced Cantel to look for an alternate site that would impact less on local residents.

One of the sites being considered is owned by the Town and two are owned by Maple Leaf Mills.

Arends said he has not had any questions or comments from people living near any of the four proposed locations.

Dump ban?

Last night, town politicians were poised to throw their "strong support" behind a Private Member's Bill which would effectively stop the Acton Quarry dump plan.

MPP Noel Duignan's bill would prevent Reclamation Systems Inc. (RSI) from using a mined-out portion of the quarry for a landfill site.

The bill, which received first reading in June, would amend the Environmental Protection Act to ban further waste management systems and waste disposal sites in the Niagara Escarpment area.

Mayor Russ Miller told Council last Monday that "we have to impress our concerns with RSI on the Legislature."

Record harvest at local food bank

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It was a bountiful year, especially for hungry children, thanks to Acton FoodShare.

Thanks to the generosity of many, the food bank provided 57,834 pounds of food to 1,581 families, including 1,428 children last year.

The number of children who received food is up 37 per cent over last year and the year-end

statistics also show that the number of families who received food is up 30 per cent.

Donations of food were up five per cent over last year and FoodShare provided five per cent more food.

Cash donations were also up but those figures will not be available until the FoodShare annual meeting next month.

For FoodShare co-ordinator Joan Waldie the year was both good and bad.

"I'm still overwhelmed with the generosity of Acton area residents. Without them, FoodShare could not exist," Waldie said in an interview Thursday.

The downside, Waldie said, is the substantial increase in clients.

"People are really hard up. Most are good people who have lost their jobs and are embarrassed that they need our help," Waldie explained.

Formed almost three years ago, FoodShare's mission is to prevent hunger and malnutrition by providing food on a temporary basis.

As the FoodShare board of directors assesses 1992 it is also planning for a spring food drive.

"We're in fair shape but not great shape," Waldie said.

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TALENTED TEAM: Harvey Dewhurst (left) and Fred Piehl, members of the Acton Senior Citizens' Band, recently brought their show to St. Joseph's Separate School to entertain about 35 seniors and several Grade 4 and 5 students. It was all part of the seniors' first interactive luncheon. Dewhurst and Piehl have been performing for the seniors on their twice-a-month luncheons for the last three years. (Doug Harrison photo)



GETTING PUMPED: Second year aerobics participant Ann Davies stretches her arm to the limit in a weight exercise at a recent Wednesday evening aerobics class at McKenzie-Smith. Davies, who works out under the instruction of Maureen Holmes, also attends the Monday night class. Both weekly fitness classes attract about 30 exercise enthusiasts. (Doug Harrison photo)

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