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JUST FOR YOU MOM!

Amanda Corp, 10, was busy Friday putting her creative juices to work in order to make a beautiful Mother's Day card. The Grade 4 St. Joseph's Separate School student is shown here gluing a flower on to a vase at the Acton Library's Mother's Day Crafts afternoon. Amanda was off school for a PA day and enjoyed the crafts and company at the Library. (Doug Harrison photo)

Stuck at 7,000

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Acton politicians and developers are frustrated, angry and disillusioned following a special meeting on Monday to deal with water problems and possible solutions in Acton.

At the meeting the Ministry of Environment (MOE) said that no additional growth in Acton can occur until monitoring is done to prove that taking additional water from the Prospect Park well will not adversely affect fish in the lake and downstream in Black Creek.

After the meeting Acton Councillor Norm Elliott said he has almost given up hope that Acton

will ever be able to grow to 10,000 people.

"I'm frankly totally disillusioned. I think it would take a miracle for the MOE, Ministry of Natural Resources and Department of Oceans and Fisheries to change their positions," Elliott said.

"I'm completely, totally frustrated. We've been working towards growth with the Acton Implementation Study and the Urban Review Study and we come in here, five weeks away from an Ontario Municipal Board hearing on Acton development, and are told the MOE wants a two-year monitoring period," Elliott said.

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PCB transfer held

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The proposed move of a steel drum containing known carcinogens to Acton is on hold.

Maple Leaf Foods Inc. wants to move electrical capacitors containing PCBs to its registered Acton storage site at 100 Elgin St., the old Beardmore property.

Maple Leaf informed the Town of the transfer from its Dresden storage site as a courtesy, but before it could happen, the Ministry of Environment (MOE) stepped

in and refused to give permission for the move.

Maple Leaf's vice-president of real estate, Peter Goddard, questioned whether they need MOE approval, but nonetheless agreed to not make the transfer.

In an interview Monday, Goddard said a routine transfer evolved into a "situation" when one branch of the MOE did not know what the other was doing.

"We've been negotiating with the MOE on almost a daily basis

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GO cutbacks protested

Town Council wants GO Transit to reconsider its decision to cut train service to Acton beginning July 3, due to Provincial spending cuts.

Monday night Councillors approved a resolution from Counc. Rick Bonnette urging GO to cancel plans to cut train service.

"Two and a half years ago there was much fanfare for the inaugural GO train ride," Bonnette said.

"It was a very joyful day as well as a cold day. But it's not as cold as the feeling I have for the Province today, knowing that they will take away the GO Train."

Bonnette argued that the move flies in the face of the NDP's public transportation policies.

"It's a slap in the face of Acton. People depend on the train to get to their jobs."

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