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Business owners exchange ideas

BY BRAD HAMMOND

The Acton Tanner

This past Wednesday, 15 Acton business people met at Andy's Family Restaurant on Mill Street, to discuss the future of Acton and its business conditions.

Paul Nolan, editor of *The Acton Tanner* stated Thursday, "We met to discuss the present business climate in Acton and what we can do to improve it. Whether we believe things are good or bad right now, there is room for improvement.

"It was an excellent meeting because there were so many business people who were exchanging many different ideas about the community."

Janis Fread, Jake Kuiken, Jennifer Baumeister, Les Pelitis, Gord Chapman, Len Tuitman, Jo Lister, Sandra Deforest, Elly Snels,

Andy Katsilieris, James Virgin, Jeff and Claudette Herrington, Edna Perkins and Nolan all attended this meeting and formed an association of local businesses.

"There were many issues expressed, but the overall consensus is that we have to convince Actonites that it is a good idea to shop in their hometown, that Acton businesses must look out for each other and do business with each other. We have to promote our town as a great place to live and work. We have to sell Acton," explained Nolan.

Jeff Herrington of Herrington Printing, volunteered to act as unofficial chair of the new group. This yet-to-be-named association of business people, is completely independent of the BIA and Halton

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Hide House to remain open during summer

BY PAUL NOLAN

The Acton Tanner

Hide House president Steve Dawkins made four announcements yesterday (Tuesday) which indicate the company's aggressive restructuring process is, in fact, picking up steam.

According to Dawkins, the Hide House will not be following through with plans to close down for a three-month period in late spring and early summer; rather they will remain open seven days a week until March 20, then weekends-only through July, when the store's seven-day-a-week operations will resume.

In related announcements:

• The olde Hide House plans to establish more on-site "themed" areas like its present FlightLine

and West Wearhouse. Design and merchandise planning for these new areas will occur over the summer.

• A number of parties have expressed interest in operating a new restaurant on the site of the former Jack Tanner's Table, and Dawkins is optimistic that a deal can be worked out that would see a "good quality food service operation on-site by the Civic Holiday weekend."

• The Hide House will play a major part in *The Acton Tanner Visitor Edition*, a special quarterly tourism journal planned by Wicklow Hills Publishing, publishers of this newspaper. The first edition of *The Visitor*, scheduled for a February mailing, will promote

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LOOK OUT LILLEHAMMER!

Garatt Williams waits for a pass from a Best Transfer teammate during Tyke house league hockey action at the Acton arena on Saturday. Garatt played a role in his team's defeat of McIntyre Fuels, picking up an assist in the 11-2 victory. (Mike Albano photo)

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