

Seniors' centre talks continue

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

Although it's in the preliminary stages, there is progress by the Acton Seniors' Centre Committee in obtaining the old FlightLine leather store for a centre.

The seniors are scheduled to meet with Paul Stover, the Town's superintendent of facilities, and Tom Shepard, director of Recreation and Parks, tomorrow (Thursday).

Stover said on Monday he met with the building inspector who toured the inside of the FlightLine building, and with representatives from the olde Hide House, who own the Mill Street site.

Stover continued by saying the

seniors will be informed of the results of the inspector's findings, the architectural plans, the Town's proposal for operation, operating costs and how the responsibility of repairs will be shared.

In addition, the fire rating will have to be changed, since there are different rules when transferring from commercial use to use for public assembly.

Acton seniors have been pursuing a centre for over five years, but have been put off because of high refurbishing costs to existing facilities.

The old fire hall on Bower Avenue, which had been an option since late last spring, is no longer an alternative after it was determined \$500,000 was needed to make it a usable facility.

Acton Esso station closes its doors today

BY PAUL NOLAN

The Acton Tanner

Acton Esso was instructed to lock its doors at 9 am today (Wednesday), as that gas station has been ordered to shut down by parent company Imperial Oil.

The Acton station is one of a reported 750 being closed as part of a downsizing program, according to Wendy Durno, co-manager along with her daughter, Tammy Anderson.

"This unfortunate decision will affect many local customers and put two full-time and six part-time employees out of work," said Durno Monday.

Durno took over from former manager Roy Furtado in June 1990. Under her administration the station has received a number of service awards; last year the Acton business was named the Number 1 Full-Service Esso Station in the Toronto Automotive category.

Durno, a Guelph resident, said she has been eager to relocate for over a year, but Esso has been unable to place her. The Mill Street station is in need of a major renovation, she said.

"We have seen couples marry, have children, listened to problems and shared in joyous events. "Tammy and I will miss Acton and all of our customers."



ON YOUR MARK, SET, GO!

Wayne Hopkins and Morris Barber, both 12, get ready to leap on their snow racers for a speedy trip down the hill at St. Joseph's. The McKenzie-Smith students were taking advantage of the slick hill conditions created by last week's freezing rain. (Lori Frechette photo)

Businessman believes development is crucial

BY BRAD HAMMOND

The Acton Tanner

Last week, Council heard a proposal for the development of an estate subdivision in the 17 Sideroad and Milton Town Line area.

Applicants Jack and Jane Williams, owners of the property, were asking for an amendment to allow the development of a 20-lot rural estate subdivision.

Although many residents of the area are not in favour of this amendment, local businessman Alec Kitson believes the development will only benefit the community.

"People in Acton need to work and spend money in Acton. The development would be a positive message for the community," said Kitson, vice-president and general manager of Acton Precision Millwrights.

"The development would create a win-win situation. If they have satisfied all of the requirements then Council should not

stand in the way of this economic stimulus for Acton," explained Kitson in an interview earlier this week.

"The Williams' have already stated that they will be using local construction companies for the project, and that will bring money into Acton. The new residents could easily influence business in the town by opening stores or sharing ideas. They could bring as much as \$1,000,000 annually to local restaurants and shops in Acton."

Kitson is hoping that Council will see past the concerns of the local residents and pass the amendment on the basis that this development is needed for the economic growth of Acton.

"I think and hope Council will do the right thing. They really do not need to worry about the effect of this. It is a good development and good for the town."

Council is expected to debate this issue as early as March.

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