

Arena's ice rates going up 5 per cent next season

Council voted Monday in favour of increasing the ice rates for minor organizations from 15 per cent to 20 per cent effective July 1, 1994.

The new rates are based on a formula which relates to the recovery of total arena operations. Until 1993 the ice rate formula recovered 70 per cent of the total arena operating cost. The new increase will recover 80 per cent of operating costs for the 1994-95 season.


The rate for prime-time use will increase from \$86.50 to \$99.50 an hour plus GST. Minor age group rates will increase from \$73.50 to \$79.60 an hour.

Council decided on the July date to give organizations time to change their budgets to accommodate the new rates for the 1994-95 season instead of in the middle of the current season.

The increase in rates should generate a total revenue of \$36,000 — \$1,200 from public skating, \$2,300 from ice use outside prime-time hours and \$32,500 from prime-time use.

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FoodShare thrilled with sign

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Acton's Dave Hargrave of Dave's Lettering Service put the finishing touches on his donation to the Acton FoodShare last Wednesday — hanging their new business sign on the Perth Street building.

The 26-year-old Hargrave, who has designed signs for the last eight years, agreed to design and build the two foot by seven-and-a-half foot wooden sign after meeting with FoodShare co-ordinator Loretta Duclos.

"With signs quite expensive these days, I said I'd donate them," says Hargrave, referring to the front sign that reads "Acton FoodShare for the caring and sharing community" and a three-foot square sign that will be placed on the corner of Wallace and Perth Streets. The latter sign will direct people to the hidden building.

"I can't see charging a charitable organization. It makes me feel good and helps them," says Hargrave, who also built the signs directing people to the former FoodShare site on the Beardmore grounds.

Normally, Hargrave's 12 hours of work on the two new signs would fetch \$400. Quite reasonable, he says, when other companies would have charged around \$500 for the larger sign alone.

Hargrave works in a shop at the back of his Wallace Street home. This way, he says, there are no overhead, rent or electricity costs or the need for a staff.

Along with reasonable rates, Hargrave's work also offers a more personal touch. He says he doesn't dabble in stencil lettering like most businesses nowadays. Hargrave prefers old English print.

"I guess I'm from the old school of free-hand art," he laughs. "I don't consider art just cutting out letters. The businesses I deal with enjoy the free-hand style."

The modest Hargrave downplays his donation.

"I'm just a small part of the FoodShare. The food drives are no different from what I've done,"

he notes.

"I think they're beautiful," beams Duclos of the signs. "It's something we've needed for a long time. We're lucky we got in touch with Dave. I'm proud of the job he did and so are the FoodShare board members."

Hargrave also builds signs for cottages and houses.

"I think my prices are worth looking into rather than companies that have been around 30 or 40 years. Sometimes the bigger companies overlook the smaller jobs," he explains.



SIGN OF THE TIMES: Dave Hargrave, 26, of Dave's Lettering Service, hangs the sign he designed and built for Acton FoodShare. Hargrave donated the sign to FoodShare last Wednesday along with a three-foot-square sign that will be placed on the corner of Wallace and Perth streets. Helping with the sign is George Hargrave and giving direction from the ground is James Mitchell. (Doug Harrison photo)

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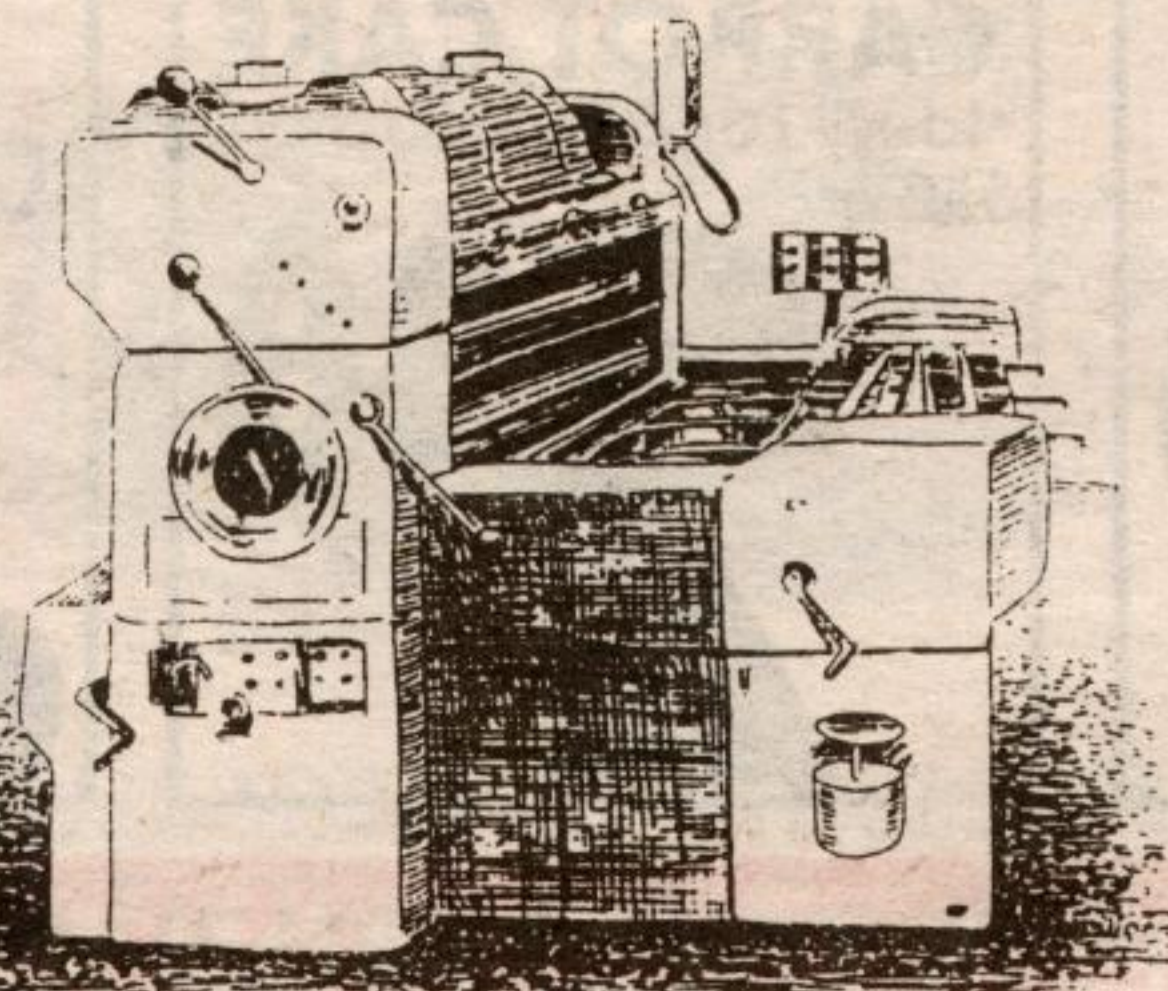
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