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**HOT FUN!** Sera Stinson, 8, Heather Atkinson, 7 and 4-year-old Lindsey Atkinson team up to build a sand castle at the Prospect Park beach last Wednesday. (Doug Harrison photo)

## Acton buildings may get grants

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
 The Acton Tanner

Two historically significant Acton properties may benefit from a provincial grant program.

Halton Hills Council will ask the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation to approve matching grant applications for restoration improvements to the Acton Town Hall and to the old Moorecroft residence, at 98 Church St.

Under the Province's Designated Property Grants program, owners of properties that have been designated as historically significant can apply for matching grants to maintain their properties.

Paul Detlor, the owner of Moorecroft, plans to rebuild two existing porch supports, paint an upper gable end and repair an eavestrough.

Of the \$5,000 cost, \$3,600 is the estimated eligible cost and the Province will be asked to pay half of that — \$1,800.

The plans for Acton Town Hall, which now houses ASSIC offices, include replacing eight original ground floor windows with a grant request of \$3,000.

## Acton lottery winner says 'miracles do happen'

BY DOUG HARRISON  
 The Acton Tanner

What can Mark Jones do for an Encore?

For starters, the 41-year-old Acton resident can think of how he'll spend the \$219,060.10 that he won in last Wednesday's Lotto 649 draw.

The production specialist at Chrysler in Bramalea decided to buy \$54 worth of tickets, including two Encore tickets, for the \$10 million jackpot instead of his regular weekly purchase of \$10.

Jones was reading his Toronto Star at 8 am Thursday when he came across the numbers. He darted to the phone to tell his wife, an assembler at Varian in Georgetown. She didn't believe it at first, but that changed when her husband reeled off the six figures.

"I was nervous until I knew for sure I had won. You just never

believe it. I thought I'd only won \$5,000, so when I went to the Smoke Shop (Village Variety on Mill Street) I almost dropped. (Owner) Helen Jocque was more nervous than I was," says Jones, who purchased two winning Quick Pick tickets at the store before heading to work last Monday.

Jones, who doesn't usually play the Encore on his tickets, gave it a try since there was such a large jackpot. He purchased two sets of \$10 tickets at 12:35 pm. and came up a winner on both.

There were five matching numbers plus the bonus on one ticket, while three numbers on one line netted him \$10 on the other.

"I always hoped I would win, but you never expect it," says Jones. His previous Lotto 649 winnings over the past 12 years totalled \$70. "Miracles do happen. Normal people do win."

It was perfect timing for the father-of-two who began six weeks holidays on Friday.

Jones, his wife Louise and children, Darryl, 17, and 10-year-old Cathy will discuss their plans for the money while on vacation.

"We're settled here, our kids have been raised here, so it's up in the air," the 15-year Actonite says. "We might look at a house, but we've never been impulse buyers. We'll take our time."

Jones says he was more nervous at work on Thursday than when he picked up the cheque and after he secured it in the bank.

"It really sunk-in then. I went in to work to cover for a lift-truck driver. I couldn't lift, stock or drive, so they took me off the truck and I came home," he laughs.

"Only eight years to go and I can retire. That certainly helps a bit."



**WINNERS!** Louise and Mark Jones are celebrating after their numbers came up in Lotto 649 last week. (Doug Harrison photo)

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