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## Arena's pro-shop saved

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
 The Acton Tanner

A last-minute compromise means the M & M Sports Pro Shop and skate-sharpening facility will not have to move out of the Acton arena.

On Monday night, officials with the Town, Minor Hockey Association, House League Hockey Association, Acton seniors and the three Acton councillors reached a deal to relocate the pro shop at the arena, instead of closing it on Jan. 1 as scheduled.

The move to the arena by Acton seniors, who will open a seniors centre there in the new year, meant that the pro shop and skate-sharpening service would have to go.

That prospect caused concern among the hockey groups in Acton along with players' parents, who were unhappy with the prospect of using the automatic skate-sharpening machine at the arena.

Town staff had said it would not make economic sense to relocate the pro shop because this season may be the last in the aging arena, as plans proceed for a new arena in Acton east.

The compromise deal will allow the pro shop to relocate at its former location, just inside the arena's front doors. Acton Minor Hockey will purchase a steel security door, since entry to the pro shop will now be through the Town's concession booth.

Work on relocating the pro shop will begin in early January, in conjunction with the \$20,000 in renovations necessary to prepare the arena for the new seniors centre.

## New winter carnival kicks off in Feb.

BY DOUG HARRISON  
 The Acton Tanner

There will be more red noses than ever around Acton this year.

Organized by Andy Katsilieris, owner of Andy's Restaurant and a member of the Action for Acton business group, each of Acton's three public schools, along with St. Joseph's Separate School and Acton High will be running their own outdoor winter carnival on separate days from Feb. 6 to 10.

The week will kick off with a lineup of people donning red foam noses along Main Street for the

annual Red Nose Day, the brain-child of Acton's Jack Carpenter.

Each school will then go to work ice sculpting, skating, competing in snowshoe races, winter relay events and other activities for Carnival Week in Acton.

Katsilieris's initial plan was to see schools from North-Halton compete in baseball, lacrosse and other field games, but he feels a winter carnival involving just Acton schools should be a hit.

"I've always wanted to do something to involve all the schools,"

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### HOLIDAY HAMPERS!

On Thursday, McKenzie-Smith student council president Andy Kilmer and Grade 8 rep Rebecca Austin showed off the results of the school's annual Christmas food drive. The goods will be distributed around Acton. Staff at the middle school collected money for social services rather than holding an internal gift exchange. (Doug Harrison photo)

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