



HELPING HANDS ALL AROUND: The free skating provided by the Acton Rotary Club at the arena during March Break brought crowds of skaters, some of whom needed a bit of help getting around the rink. Lending support to each other last Thursday were Jessica Earle, 7, at left, her grandmother Ruth Musselle, Barbara Stofast, her daughter Nikki, 3, and husband Karl. (Karen Wetmore photo)

Hydro warns its customers to check their power bills

Special to The Tanner
The Halton Hills Hydro-electric Commission, in conjunction with the Municipal Electric Association (MEA), would like to forward the following warning:

Numerous commercial electricity customers in the province have recently received "promotional material" resembling electric utility bills, from a company

called Ontario Energy-Electric. This is *not* a power bill and Halton Hills Hydro would like customers to be aware of this fact.

Halton Hills Hydro-Electric Commission is advising electricity customers of the following:

- Ontario Energy-Electric has no connection with Halton Hills Hydro or Ontario Hydro.

- Ontario Energy-Electric is not authorized to sell electricity in Ontario.

- Customers should act carefully when considering any unsolicited invoices for services they have not received.

Any customer receiving such a "bill" is advised to call Halton Hills Hydro at 853-3700 or (905)453-2222, and ask for extension 216.

Transfer station rejected

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner
Acton politicians want a nice looking commercial plaza on the old Ajax site at the Queen Street-Young Street curve — not a used-tire transfer and storage facility.

At a special council meeting on Monday, Town politicians approved a formal objection to the transfer station

proposal, based on its proximity to a neighbourhood, safety concerns and esthetics.

Tri City Services Ltd., a used-tire recycler that leases the site, wants to quadruple the number of tires it can store and transfer at the site to 20,000 from 5,000, and has applied for a certificate of approval from the Ministry of Environment and Energy.

Council will tell the MOEE that the location is a "gateway" to Acton's core and Council's "vision" for the site is the recently approved commercial zoning for a plaza.

Council asked the MOEE to consider some conditions if it approves Tri City's proposal, including a privacy fence to shield neighbours, and that a license be given for just one year.

Seniors get a break

In a precedent-setting move, the Town will allow the Acton Legion Seniors Residences Incorporated to defer payment of \$166,866 in development charges for one year after the date the building permit is issued for the seniors' non-profit Birchway Place development.

Normally, development charges are paid when the building permit is issued, but Legion Seniors chair Gord McCutcheon asked for the deferral and staff recommended it be granted, given the current economic climate and the acknowledged need for seniors' housing.

The Legion Seniors must pay interest charges and administrative costs and in the event of a default, the development charges will be added to the municipal tax bill.

NEWS SHORTS

Citizen nominations sought

Nominations for Acton's Citizen of the Year for 1995 are again being accepted by the Rotary Club of Acton.

Continuing the tradition which began in 1957, the Citizen of the Year award will go to someone who has helped to benefit the community in some way. Each nominating letter should include the name of the person or group being suggested for the award and a few background details indicating why the candidate is a suitable one. The name and phone number of the person doing the nominating should also be included.

The Rotary Club took over the Citizen of the Year program last year from the Acton Lions Club, who were having membership problems. A committee of Rotarians will review the nominations received and will announce a winner early in April, said Rotarian Doug Fread.

Citizen of the Year for 1994 was Jack Carpenter, known especially for creating Lighten Up Canada day. Other recipients have included Joan Waldie (Acton FoodShare), Jon Hurst (Terry Fox Run) and John Toebes Sr. (minor hockey).

Mail your nominations, which are being accepted until March 31, to Citizen of the Year, Rotary Club of Acton, P.O. Box 22, Acton, Ont., L7J 2M2.

Narcotics charges

Three teenagers were charged with the possession of marijuana last Friday evening on Cobblehill Road near Main Street.

The trio were in a car when they were stopped by the Halton Regional Police for a traffic violation. The officer who approached the car noticed a smell coming from inside the vehicle. When the officer investigated, a quantity of marijuana was found.

Charged with the possession of a narcotic are two female youths, 18 and 15 years old from Acton and a 16-year-old male from Milton.

False alarms

Maybe the novelty of March Break has worn off for some. The Acton volunteer firefighters were called to the arena last Friday just after midnight after its alarm had been activated. It was later determined to be a false alarm.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I hope that it doesn't mean that [rural residents] are burning the garbage on their property and I wonder if staff knows what they are doing with it."

— Rick Bonnette, Acton Councillor, Page 5

DID YOU KNOW?

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By March 27th, 1996

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