



INFORMATION

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Acton Arena & Community Centre

Expressions of interest will be received by the Town of Halton Hills, Purchasing Agent until 4:30 pm, Wednesday, April 10, 1996 from Consultants who wish to be considered to provide Architectural Services and subsequent supervision of the construction of an Arena & Community Centre for the Acton community in the Town of Halton Hills. The expressions of interest will be evaluated to develop a short list. Selected firms will be subsequently invited to submit detailed proposals based on more detailed Terms of Reference.

Project Description

This energy efficient facility will replace the existing arena. The facility will consist of an arena ice facility, community hall, dedicated space for senior citizen activities and community storage. Arena spectator seating for approximately 800 people is to be provided. The facility is to be developed on an 8-acre site and will provide an appropriate civic presence at the easterly urban boundary to the Acton community.

The size of the new facility is approximately 37,000 sq. ft. with a preliminary budget of \$4,000,000. The site for the new facility lies within the urban boundary of the Acton east community and addressing all on-site servicing issues will be a requirement. The estimated starting date for the consultant to proceed is June 1996 with a fall 1997 opening.

The selected consultant must have significant experience in similar arena projects along with experience in the design of senior citizen's recreation facilities. The consultant must have a high degree of experience dealing with public concerns and involvement throughout the design development process.

Requirements for Submitting an Expression of Interest

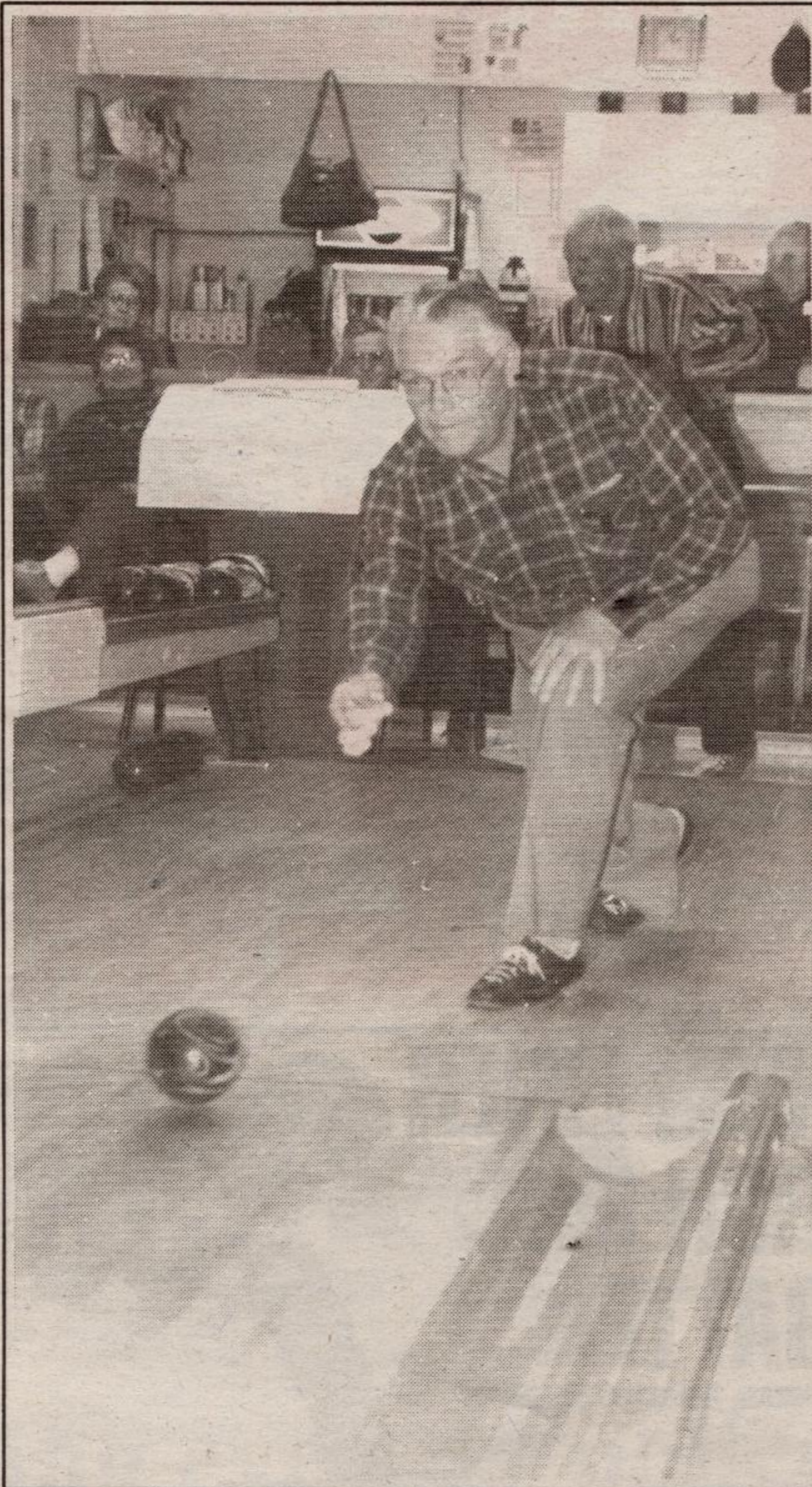
An expression of interest should consist of a letter of no more than five pages in length briefly stating:

- The firm's past experience in carrying out similar projects. (References for past projects are required.)
- Name, qualifications and experience of the individuals, including sub-consultants who would handle the project.

Expressions of interest (4 copies) should be forwarded by 4:30 pm, Wednesday, April 10, 1996 to the Civic Centre, attention of the Purchasing Agent.

General inquiries should be forwarded to: Mr. P. Stover, ext. 264.

1 HALTON HILLS DR., P.O. BOX 128, Georgetown 873-2600



A 'FRIEND'-LY GAME!

John Buckman shows great form and follow-through as he bowls a ball down a lane at Acton Lanes last Thursday afternoon, when the Acton Friends bowling league meets every week for a few games. (Karen Wetmore photo)

Volunteer gives back to Society

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

For Marilyn Förster-LoTurco and her family the phrase "Cancer Can Be Beaten" is not just part of an optimistic appeal for funds - it's the truth.

The first thing LoTurco, secretary of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, has to do on Monday, the first day of the Society's annual April fund raising campaign, is to take her son to Sick Kids Hospital for a cancer check-up.

LoTurco and son Matthew, 7, know what it is like to live with and survive cancer and for Marilyn, helping with the local cancer campaign is a way to say thanks.

Matthew was diagnosed with neuroblastoma when he was two-years-old and spent "one year and three days" receiving treatment.

Matthew was given the all-clear signal several years ago and continues with a yearly visit to Sick Kids for a follow-up.

"Matthew's treatment was hell and I don't know what we would have done without the volunteers from the Acton Branch, who became a



LoTURCO

part of our lives during that period, and after," LoTurco explained in an interview on Monday.

"I was hysterical following

the diagnosis and it was strongly suggested we make use of the local volunteers, especially the drivers who took us back and forth to Toronto for that year," LoTurco said.

LoTurco said the Acton Branch also paid for their mileage for subsequent checkups and made sure that there was "always someone on the end of the phone to chat with me and take an interest in Matthew."

LoTurco, who'll be out canvassing door-to-door for cancer donations next week, said that when she was asked to be secretary of the Branch, she said yes without any hesitation.

"We wouldn't have made it without the local volunteers and I will do whatever I can to give back some of the help we received."

You can buy daffodils to support cancer research tomorrow (Thursday) to Saturday at various locations in Acton.

It's time to think spring gardening!

BY KAREN WETMORE
The Acton Tanner

Last week's snowstorm may have you dreaming of spring. Linda Ellis, who tends the gardens at Blue Springs Golf Course, had some planting and care tips to share with Acton Horticultural Society members at their meeting March 19.

It's late-season snowfalls that created the rule for gardeners to not begin planting anything until after the Victoria Day weekend in May, said Ellis.

When the soil temperature warms up enough, Ellis recommends using a 5-10-5 (nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium) or similar ratio fertilizer for shrub and annual beds.

"If the beds have really hard soil with a lot of clay in it, use organic matter such as sheep manure, composted leaves, peat moss or sawdust to make it less heavy," she added.

Once this is finished, the garden is ready to be planted.

When it comes to watering, Ellis said many people don't use enough. Watering your flower beds for a few minutes only gets the top inch of soil wet. This promotes root growth only on the surface. For deep root growth, the water should penetrate down three or four inches.

"This also gives the plants a better chance of survival in case of a drought," Ellis said.

Gardens are best to be watered in the morning, so the foliage will have time to dry before nightfall.

While insects are a fact of life, there are some steps that can be taken to help prevent them from ruining your plants. Ellis advises to keep the area around the garden clear and to take out any rotting tree stumps.

"Cut out the diseased spots on plants and throw them away - don't compost them because the spores could spread and affect your entire garden."



Blue Springs Golf Course gardener Linda Ellis shared spring gardening tips with the Acton Horticultural Society March 19.



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Be a buddy!

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This program allows persons with special needs to be integrated into recreational programs.

Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. Call Susan LeFeuvre at 873-2600, ext. 266 for more information.