



**CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF:** The Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society began its month-long fundraising efforts at a volunteer appreciation dinner last Wednesday. Unfurling the Society's flag from left are volunteer Hugh O'Rourke, Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie, branch president Cathy Gerrow, Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson, branch member Liz Bailey and volunteer Vic Bristow. (Karen Wetmore photo)

## NEWS SHORTS

### Cash taken from car

Sometime overnight between April 2 and 3, an amount of money was stolen from a 1989 Ford parked on Churchill Road South. The cash was taken from the glove box. Police say there were no signs of forced entry into the car.

### Teens attempt siphoning

A resident in a Maria Street apartment observed three male teenagers among some parked vehicles last Monday at about 3 am. The teens had a gas can with them and it is believed they were possibly siphoning gas from other vehicles.

The resident called police and the teens fled on foot. No thefts of gasoline were reported.

### Wallet stolen from home

A Holmesway Place home was broken into last weekend between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. A wallet containing identification and cash was taken. The residents of the home were on vacation at the time. Police say there was no evidence of forced entry into the home.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"In Acton the women expressed a real sense of isolation and a desire to meet and talk with other women who might have the same concerns or questions."  
— Susan Coyne, Acton Women's Association, Page 4

### DID YOU KNOW?

Researchers have found, on the left hand, the ring finger is longer than the index finger in three out of 10 women, but in six of 10 men the ring finger wins hands down.

## Secessionist 'shocked' by tax fact

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The Acton Tanner

A cold, hard fact about how little Acton taxpayers contribute to the Town tax levy has taken the wind out of Clark Somerville's secession sails.

Somerville, 34, who thinks that Acton is always getting the mucky end of the stick when it comes to being part of Halton Hills, recently formed the Acton Sovereignty Association Party (A.S.A.P.), which has a mandate to remove Acton from Halton Hills.

However, Somerville was very surprised to learn in an

interview on Saturday that Acton, in fact, pays approximately 14 per cent of the total \$9.7 million that will be collected Town-wide in taxes this year.

"Is it only 14 per cent? I'm quite shocked. I can't believe that it's so low," Somerville said.

"I guess that maybe we aren't getting such a bad deal," Somerville allowed, as he noted he originally came up with the idea of seceding from Halton Hills before final approval was given to build the new Acton arena.

"The possibility that project would not be approved

was the straw that broke the camel's back. I'm still concerned that if Acton people want to talk face-to-face with somebody from the Town, they have to go to Georgetown."

Somerville said that he'd had calls from 30 or 40 people following his Letter to the Editor in *The Tanner*.

"People are stopping me on the street and saying, 'Right on,' and suggesting that I run for Town Council in next year's election. People are also telling me that maybe I have too much time on my hands as well," Somerville laughed.

"My comments struck a nerve with quite a few people. I've told them to phone their councillor or the Town to express their concerns," Somerville said as he noted that A.S.A.P. is still in the formative stages.

Somerville admits that forming A.S.A.P. was done tongue-in-cheek, but that it did what he'd hoped by igniting a sense of spirit and pride in living in Acton.

Town treasurer Andy Koopmans agreed some people will be surprised by the 14 per cent figure for Acton's share of the total tax bill.

"Acton taxpayers are getting the ability to share in Town services (for their money)," he said. "Acton is getting some very specific services provided to them, [including] the fire hall and the new proposed arena."

## Users agreeing with Town

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ing and was confident their concerns about the location of the benches and penalty box, the number and size of dressing rooms and adequate storage areas will be addressed by the Town as the arena takes shape.

"Once I meet with our executive we will come back with a wish-list, including a desire for a large foyer and meeting room to handle tournaments," Strong explained in an in-

terview on Monday.

"What we want is pretty basic and I think everybody realizes those are the kinds of things that have to be done," Strong said as he noted that the Association has not yet committed to a fundraising campaign for the new facility.

Acton's John Toebes, Sr., who represented House League Hockey at the meeting, said the situation looks good to him.

"I hope we get what we want, including the complete

covering of the time-keeper's box," Toebes explained in an interview on Monday.

Toebes also suggested that the Town make the community room large enough to hold 300, not 200 people and ensure that the dressing rooms are large enough.

Toebes also has another wish on his list.

"I wish they would speed it up a little—there's too much talking," Toebes said.

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