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Leisure centre Mayor's vision for 2000

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

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Two very different visions for the Town emerged during last week's nine-year capital budget forecast.

While Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said her vision includes a new leisure-aquatic centre for the milestone year of 2000, Ward 2 (including rural Acton) Councillor Kevin Kuiack said his vision for the future is to have "all gravel roads in the county tarred and chipped by the year 2000."

Kuiack's comment drew appreciative chuckles and smiles from his fellow councillors who have had numerous delegations from rural residents demanding that their roads be improved.

Councillors supported the Mayor's recommendation that the terms of reference for the Town's facility development plan include a requirement that a major recreational facility be constructed in the year 2000, if at all feasible.

Serjeantson said the facility should be located "in the

middle of Town", although she refused to identify a specific site.

"If we're really serious about actually providing a facility in the future, we should be looking at it now and start looking at fundraising now that we've got the Acton arena on board," Serjeantson said.

Councillor Kuiack returned to the road issue several times during the debate and at one point questioned whether the half-a-million dollars earmarked for gravel

resurfacing during the next three years was adequate.

"It doesn't seem that we're using it [the roads budget] effectively if we are getting all these complaints from people on the Fifth and Sixth Line who have garbage roads... and I think we should reallocate half of that money to do something better than just putting gravel on the roads," Kuiack said.

Cutbacks in provincial funding forced the Town to significantly reduce the amount of capital work to be

done over the next nine years. The gross cost is \$40.2 million, down \$25 million from the proposed forecast approved last year.

The lion's share of the \$3.3 million capital forecast for next year is earmarked for 20 engineering and public works projects, including storm outfall work on Commerce Crescent, resurfacing of Mill Street from Victoria Street to Cobblehill Road and engineering work for phases six and seven of the Glenlea reconstruction project.

The highest priority project in the engineering and public works forecast for

1998 is Phase 1 of the Poplar Avenue-Crescent Street reconstruction and the second highest priority in the recreation and parks budget that year is demolition of the old Acton arena in Prospect Park.

In 1999 the forecast includes money for Phase 6 of the Glenlea-Churchill Road project.

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette was successful in persuading Council to move up the proposed reconstruction of Victoria Street from Brock Street to Main Street, what he called "one of the worst roads in Acton," by two years to 2002 from 2004.



A BANNER DAY!

The Acton Horticultural Society is the proud owner of a new banner. It was designed by local artist Maria Sallay, left, who included the Society logo, the pansy, in the design. Marilyn Young, centre, did the appliqué work on the banner and Phyllis Patrick came up with the idea after noticing that many other horticultural societies have banners. (Karen Wetmore photo)

Lottario jackpot of \$1.1 million won by Actonite

"I am retired as of today," Kevin Archibald, a 34-year-old lifelong Acton resident said when he picked up his Lottario prize of \$1,166,910 last Monday.

Archibald, an aircraft technician, won the jackpot in last Saturday's draw, but didn't check his ticket until Sunday night at 10:45 pm. When he realized it was a winner, he hurried to Acton Discount Variety, where he had originally bought the ticket.

"I almost drove through the garage door," he said, trying to get to the store, but was able to confirm his winnings just before the store closed.

Archibald has been playing Lottario for more than 12 years. Last weekend he decided to spend an extra \$10 on some Quick Pick tickets

since the jackpot was so high. Lucky thing, because it was on one of the Quick Pick numbers that he won.

He and his wife, Jeannette, a hairdresser, have a six-month-old daughter. They initially plan to pay off their mortgage and a car loan.

"I'm going to put the money into a G.I.C. for a month and make plans," added Archibald.

Nearly all lottery winners in Ontario invest or pay bills, and most share their winnings with family or friends, or donate to charity.

Let's hope the Archibalds aren't too pestered by long-lost family members, new-found friends or persistent charities - unless they want to be and unless one of those includes Acton's hometown newspaper!

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