



**GIVING IT UP:** Matt Wilson, left, relaxes after giving blood for the first time at the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic held at the Acton Legion last Thursday. He was in good company with Richard Hadfield, who was donating for the 53rd time. (Eve Martin photo)

## Town can't ban tenders from dump-related firms

Based on their lawyer's opinion, Town councillors will not attempt to prevent firms with ties to Reclamation Systems Inc. (RSI) - the company that wants to put a massive landfill in the Acton quarry - from tendering on Town projects.

Acton Councillor Rick

Bonnette, who suggested that everyone bidding for Town jobs certify they were environmentally-friendly with no financial interest in any company with plans to build a sanitary landfill in Halton Hills, was disappointed.

"Sometimes the law and the courts work against the

good of the community and the people," Bonnette lamented Friday. "We've spent \$1 million to fight RSI's plans for the dump, yet we can't stop them and other companies linked to them, from bidding on Town projects and making a profit.

"It doesn't make sense, but there is nothing we can do because it might lead to further legal action by some of the firms that we had hoped to stop from bidding and benefiting from two projects."

Town staff said tender submissions should be based on price, quality and assurance the vendor will satisfy the terms of a contract. Adding a restrictive clause might leave the Town open to a challenge from vendors who felt they were treated unfairly.

## Dine and Dash year done

Having successfully accomplished its intended purpose, the Acton Dine and Dash Children's Breakfast Club served its last breakfast at Robert Little School on Friday.

The Breakfast Club began three-and-a-half years ago in response to the increasing demand by families with children in the FoodShare food bank in Acton.

In the early years at St. Alban's Church, when the menu included milkshakes and breakfast pizza, between 30 and 40 children were served, but recently the numbers have plummeted to between two and seven children per day and program coordinator Janet Cullen felt the service is no longer needed.

"The Breakfast Club's closing should be seen as good news in that fewer children are now coming to school hungry than three years ago," Cullen said in a press release.

In the first six months of operation 1,600 breakfasts were served. That figure

dropped to 1,377 in 1994-95 and this past year approximately 1,300 breakfasts of hot and cold cereal, juice and hot chocolate were served from a spare room at Robert Little School.

Cullen said the program would not have been such a success without the help of the Acton community.

"There have been many generous donations over the years - too many to list - but we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Acton IGA for its generous donation of most of the food for

the Breakfast Club."

Cullen also said the past year would not have been possible without the labours of Sharon Henderson, Brenda Watson, Frances Niblock, Roxanne Jenkins, Susan Kuechler, Janice Morrow, Rosemary Black, Holly Dunn and Margaretha Kuypers who served breakfast at the school over the year.

"Thank you to the staff and students of Robert Little for allowing us to come into the school and help out and thanks Acton for being so generous," Cullen said.

## Town to make an offer on CN land

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The Acton Tanner

Town Council will make an offer to CN Rail to buy a 1.6-acre piece of property which it earlier rejected because reports said some of the soil was contaminated and a massive cleanup was needed.

The land is between Eastern Avenue and the railway tracks and runs from Mill Street almost to the side entrance of the olde Hide House including the area of the former GO train station.

Although initial reports done by Terraprobe Limited of Brampton indicated that the site was contaminated with mercury and selenium, and 1,400 truck loads of soil would have to be removed, it now appears that no cleanup is needed and the land is safe.

Neither Town Administrator Ray King or Paul Bowen of Terraprobe Limited would comment on what had changed at the site to convince the Town to make another offer to CN - the Town's first offer

after Terraprobe first tested the site over a year ago.

"Any concerns we had about certain conditions before have been eliminated, so now we're attempting to proceed with the purchase," King explained last Wednesday.

King said long-term plans for the property could include land for road widening or for future Acton growth.

"There's also the whole area of economic development as far as Acton is concerned and it's an area that will be studied in greater detail in the future," King said.

Acton Councillor Norm Elliott said the Town would be foolish not to purchase the land now that "there is no evidence that any materials exceed acceptable levels," although he could also not explain how the acceptable test results were obtained.

He added Terraprobe did more trench testing and the results show "the amount of stuff on the site that's trouble is [within] acceptable levels."

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