

ABT Co. completes one year without accidents

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Acton's ABT Co. has reached a success which can be difficult to achieve for many companies. The Hwy. 25 factory recently made it through 365 days with no lost time due to accidents in the workplace.

"It's pretty unusual going 36 hours without an accident. This is a major accomplishment for any company with a factory," says Siobhan Lilly of human resources.

Each of the company's four shifts were honoured for

their contributions with company sweatshirts, winter jackets and a free meal before their shift began.

ABT Co. took over the vinyl siding company just over a year ago. One of its policies is to enforce a strong safety message to its employees. Signs promoting the use of safety equipment are posted on the walls inside the factory and each shift has employee safety representatives who attend monthly health and safety committee meetings.

Vice-president of the plastics division, Peter Tronquet, reports that of the seven ABT Co. plants in North America, six have gone for at least one full year with no time lost because of accidents.

Gary Ball, vice-president of the vinyl siding division at the Acton plant, told employees to include safety into their work first and work on making vinyl second.

"We've made it off of our CEO's hit list and on to the top of the list instead," he added.

The Acton factory employs 145 people with a total of more than 200 when including the Milton plant.



365 DAYS WITH NO TIME LOST FOR ACCIDENTS: Employee safety representative Brian Patterson, centre, receives a safety award from ABT Co.'s vice-president of plastics, Peter Tronquet, left, and Gary Ball, vice-president of vinyl siding.

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Proud Campaign raises arena funds

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Organizers of the Acton Proud Campaign are looking for fundraising support and ideas to help pay for upgrades to the \$4.1 million Acton East Arena and Community Cen-

tre, slated to open next fall.

With an ambitious goal of \$230,000, the arena fund development committee already has commitments to help with fundraising from the Kinette and Kinsmen Clubs of Acton, Rotary Club

of Acton, Acton Minor Hockey Association, Acton Legion House League Hockey Association and the Acton Figure Skating Club.

The money raised during the next eight months will be used to pay for things such as

individual seating instead of bench seating and a larger lobby area. Anyone with a fundraising suggestion is asked to submit it to Arena Facility Supervisor John Archibald by Nov. 21.

Paul Stover, the Town's manager of facilities, said they are still on course to go to tender on Dec. 16, and general contractors have pre-qualified by submitting company information.

"This allows us to pare the list down to companies that are capable and serious about bidding. We will submit a tender package to those firms in December, with tenders closing in January," he said.

The arena steering committee was forced to remove some "frills" from the design when the estimated cost from the quantity surveyors came back a little over budget.

"What we're hearing from all builders is that they're very hungry (for work) out there. We should get some very competitive bids and that equates to a lower over-all price, which will, hopefully, pull us back to where we can get everything we want."

Safety first

Once again, chainsaw safety instruction is being offered in the Acton area. This 15-hour training is required for all persons using a chainsaw as part of their job or to produce products for sale. Casual and weekend users would also benefit from this "hands-on" practical approach to safety, maintenance, sharpening, cutting techniques and solutions for problem trees.

The training course takes place Nov. 28-29 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. To register or for more information, call instructor David O'Drowsky at 853-4994 or fax 853-5119.

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