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No Tanner next week!

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**ALL WRAPPED
UP!**



Matt David, 5, and Traci Pereira, 9, dressed up as Christmas trees for a special assembly at Robert Little school last Friday and were voted by the whole school as having the best costumes. (Karen Wetmore photo)

**Town will
continue to
fund Band**

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The Acton Tanner

The Acton Citizens' Band is one of only two community groups that will receive a grant from the Town this year and it won't know how much it will receive for several months.

The other organization to receive corporate funding is the Glen Williams Town Hall Board to help pay for its annual Canada Day celebration.

Although staff had suggested that both groups receive 92.5 per cent of the Town grants they got last year, \$4,625 and \$555 respectively, councillors didn't want to be locked into any amounts heading into the budget debates and left the dollar figures out.

While agreeing to fund only the groups that received grants last year, Council also endorsed staff's recommendation to give responsibility for the annual grant program next year to the Recreation and Parks Department.

While the list of groups that received grants each year has dwindled to two, a number of community organizations and groups receive subsidies through re-

duced rental rates and waivers of fees for licenses. In total the Town provides approximately \$300,000 in subsidies to recreation and cultural groups each year.

In defense of the Acton Citizens' Band grant request, Acton Councillor Norm Elliott noted the Band had received a grant since 1967 and that it believed all along there was a guarantee that the grant would continue.

"The Band was led to believe by Mr. Shepherd (the Town's former Director of Recreation and Parks) that there would be a report back before this year's budget that would pursue the opportunity to blend the Band in with the Parks and Rec. operating budget," Elliott said, noting that staff's suggestion to give the Band 92.5 per cent of last year's grant was designed to give the Band some funding assurance.

Jobs' future good

Halton-Peel MP Julian Reed reports the federal government's job strategy has had good results so far. In his year-end report, Reed states that 660,000 jobs have been created since the job strategy's inception and 220,000 jobs were created by the private sector between November 1995 and October 1996.

"Conditions are ripe for more economic growth and job creation down the road," stated Reed. "But we still have some distance to go to generate the jobs we need - especially employment opportunities for youth."

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