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LENDING A HAND!

Four-year-old Stefan Smelsky found a friend in Megan Davis, 10, as she helped him around the rink last Friday during the free skating times sponsored by the Rotary Club over the holidays. (Karen Wetmore photo)

Most tenants support new condo plan

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

Seeing was apparently believing for some tenants of an Acton apartment building that is proposed for conversion to condominium status - the first proposed conversion in Halton Hills.

Last month families from five units at the Ransom Street building travelled to Burlington and Hamilton to look at buildings which their landlord, Megna Real Estate and Insurance, had already converted from rental to condominiums.

Ransom Street superintendent Garry Moore said the residents were "thoroughly impressed" with the upgrading done in the converted buildings and that the trip helped convince some undecided tenants that the conversion is a good idea.

"I would say the people in 10 to 15 units, maybe half of those renting here, are seriously interested in buying their unit now," Moore explained on Monday.

Under the Provincial Rental Housing Protection Act the Town has final say

on Megna's application to convert the 31-unit rental building to condominiums. At a recent public meeting on the proposal, only one resident spoke against the conversion and a staff report and recommendation is in the works.

Building co-owner Bruno Megna said a rent rebate program will allow existing tenants to purchase their units for no money down and anyone who doesn't want to buy can renew their monthly lease for up to five years.

Megna said regardless of the outcome of the conversion application, work will be done on the property.

"Yes, there's some work that could be or should be done and we will repair the parking lot and balconies," Megna said.

Memorial trees to be planted this spring

The families of deceased Rotary Club of Acton members will be asked if they want to honour their loved ones by planting a memorial tree in the Acton Rotary Park on Elizabeth Drive.

For approximately \$300 you can buy a tree to be planted, and the name of the person you are memorializing will be inscribed on a central plaque.

Rotary Club spokesper-

son Doug Fread noted that after initial publicity about the memorial tree planting program in *The Tanner* several months ago, between 12 and 15 people asked to buy trees.

"We'd like to plant about 30 trees this spring and will continue to take orders until March," Fread explained last Friday.

When the Rotary Club of Acton "adopted" the park

in 1988 it set up a phased development plan with the Town to improve the area.

The Town's master plan shows that between 75 and 80 additional trees should be planted in the park.

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