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## Facelift for new firehall

By DONNA DANIELLI

Although the tender for the new Campbellville Fire/Police and Ambulance Station was awarded last month at Milton's Town Council, what the station will actually look like wasn't determined until the Council Meeting on September 23.

The tender went to Council for approval on August 26, showing a variance of \$267,350 over the original budgeted cost, but at that time, Ward 3 Councillor Cindy Lunau requested that the Town approve the base bid of \$1,663,850 so that construction on the new building could commence, with the additional request for \$154,500 in enhancements to the building to be voted on at the next Council meeting. This motion insured that the project could continue on its timeframe of a projected opening next year, while allowing those Council members absent on August 26 the opportunity to have a say on the actual look of the building, the budget for which comes from development charges and slots revenues.

The key issue for Councillor Lunau, as well as Councillors Keates and Lee, was the enhancement package for the building which would see a change from a standard brick con-

struction with a flat roof and metal accents above the bay doors to a building with a parapet, metal cornice and a stone brick. Campbellville residents Paul Merrit, Mary Wilson, and Monica Stanley also took the opportunity to speak to Council about the need to improve the design of the building. Paul Merrit, owner of the station's neighbouring Ridleys Windows and Doors explained, "Campbellville has paid a price for the monies raised by the Mohawk slots. The Mohawk slots have provided the funding, and I would like to see the monies from that spent in Campbellville to improve the aesthetics. I believe we are building a landmark here." Mary Wilson reminded Council that the corner of Reid Side Road and Guelph Line where the station will be built is often the first thing many people see of the village. "Let's make sure we put up something that shows some thought, quality of design and long term plans," she urged.

Milton Councillor Richard Malboeuf contested the need for the extra expenditure. "I was at the public meeting that showed the designs," he stated.

There were only a few people who were concerned about the design

and they are the same people who are speaking here tonight. There wasn't a great outpouring of dissent from the Campbellville citizens." Councillor Lunau, who also attended last spring's public meeting retorted that "just as beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so obviously is the interpretation of public meetings. My interpretation of that day was that many residents were concerned about the facade."

Milton Councillor Brian Penman expressed concern about where responsibility for the initial variance of \$267,350 lay.

"If we knew the Region was kicking in on the \$267,350, I would feel more comfortable with the \$154,500, but this could be over \$420,000 that the Town could be completely on the hook for," he pointed out. While no formal agreement has been reached with the Region regarding the ambulance station's share of the variance, Town staff indicated they felt confident that the Region would assume some of the extra \$264,350 in expenses. Councillor Malboeuf, who serves as Regional Councillor, expressed his doubts about that, stating that his conversations with the Regional Chairman and the CAO of

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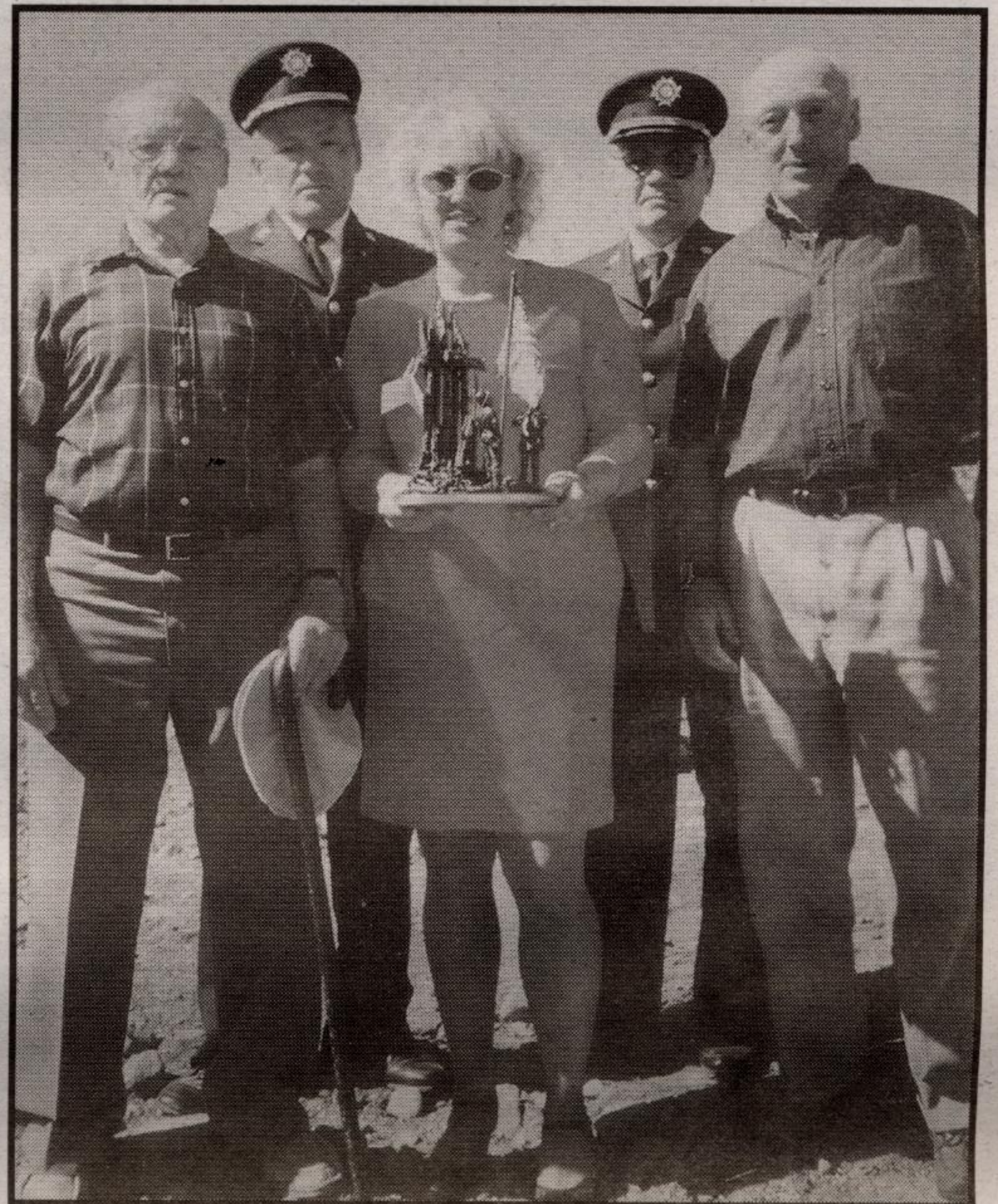


Photo By DONNA DANIELLI

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Campbellville Fire, Ambulance and Police Facility was held Tuesday Sept. 17. Present were Lloyd Stokes, Lyle Stokes, The Gardener's Courtyard's Dawndeanna Murphy, Bill Stokes and Doug Stokes. The new station is being built on land donated by Doug Stokes, whose two brothers are Campbellville Firefighters. Ms. Murphy was on hand to donate a statute honouring firefighters called "Beyond the Call of Courage."

### Inside this Month's Compass

#### COMMUNITY CORNERSTONE

It's hard enough being sick without having to also worry about how to arrange transportation. Red Cross volunteer driver like Speyside's Archie Brown make a difference in their community.



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#### SHOEBOX MEMORIES

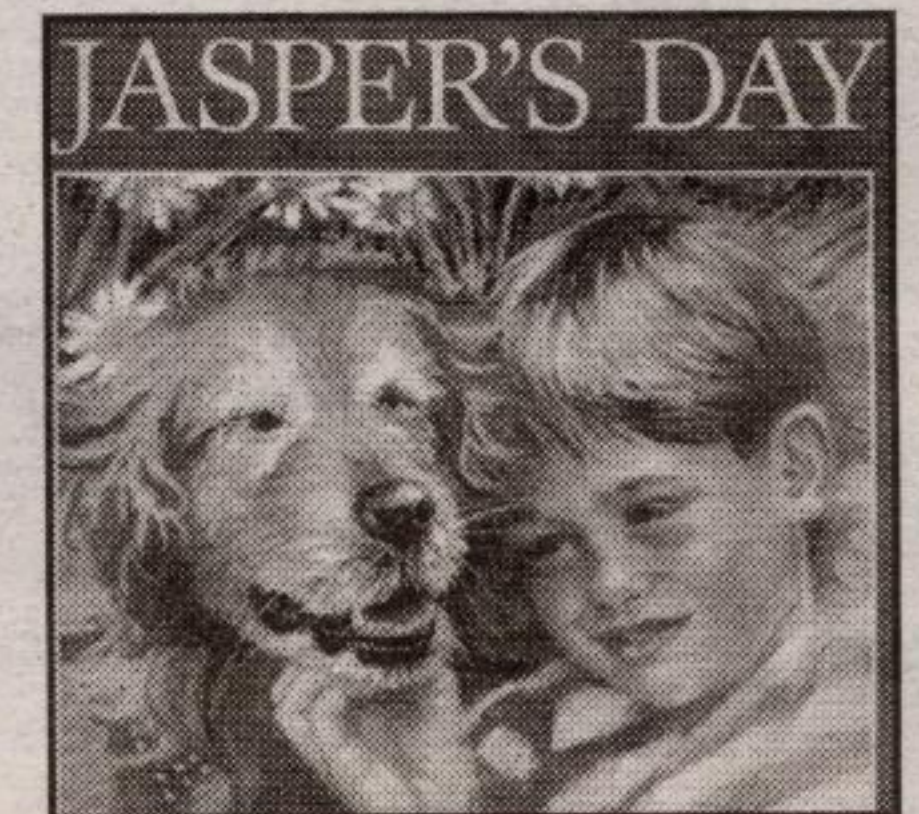
William Grant of Glengarry County in 1828 and settled in Acton and married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Ryder, daughter of Henry and Mary Ryder, who farmed the homestead on Third Line, Acton, at the foot of Swackhammer's Hill.



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#### IDLE PURSUITS

Although death and remembrance are thought to be a time of crying, they are also recognized as times for healing and laughter. Jasper's Day, a new children's picture book by Janet Wilson, celebrates this passage.



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