

Parking concerns raised at YMCA rezoning meeting

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The owner of the former YMCA building in Acton hopes Town council will relax current development standards to allow her to rehabilitate the Mill Street building to include seven apartments.

Following a public meeting on the proposed re-zoning proposal at Monday's general committee meeting, owner Dianne Biggs said that she would love to see construction started by September and is confident the issues can be resolved.

"The building is in terrible shape and its been run down and neglected for at least five years before I bought it last year. What I want to do is improve the downtown of Acton and when I saw this building sit-

ting there like an eyesore it just hit my heart and I said I've got to do something so I took it on," Biggs said.

"I understand that people might have objections to my plan but it's still better than what they have there now."

Town planner Arvin Prasad walked the committee through the proposal, outlining how Biggs wants to rezone the two-storey building on a 2.2 acre site, which is zoned core commercial, to allow the seven apartments and seven parking spaces with access to and from John Street. While staff made no recommendation on the proposal, Prasad noted there are

concerns that need to be dealt with, including parking, before staff report back to council on the proposal.

The parking issue was also raised by Acton landlord Claudio Orticello who said he was concerned with traffic safety, along with a lack of green space.

Biggs' planning consultant Mel Code invited councillors to visit the site and suggested that Biggs was courageous to attempt to restore and rehabilitate an old building in the middle of the downtown of Acton.

The deadline for comments on the proposed rezoning is June 30.

Veterans to receive flags

In support of the many veterans who granted Canadians the opportunity to celebrate Canada Day, Shoemaker Funeral Home will be placing a Canadian flag on the graves of veterans buried in Fairview, St. Joseph's (Dublin) and Rockwood Cemeteries.

A small Canadian flag will be placed on the graves for Canada Day by members of the funeral home staff and the Acton Legion. The veterans' names were collected through phone calls received by Shoemaker Funeral Home and through information supplied by the Acton Legion.

This is Shoemaker Funeral Home's second year paying tribute to veterans this way. The staff at the funeral home wanted to find a special way to honour the men and women who made Canada Day celebrations possible.

The flags will remain on the graves until July 3. Any family members wishing to keep the flag may remove it before this date. If you are aware of any veterans who did not receive a flag, please contact Shoemaker Funeral Home at 853-0350 to arrange for a flag to be placed on the grave.

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Friends will be received at the Shoemaker funeral Home, 55 Mill St., East, Acton on Monday, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. where a funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 1998 at 2 o'clock. Interment Fairview Cemetery, Acton. If desired, memorial contributions to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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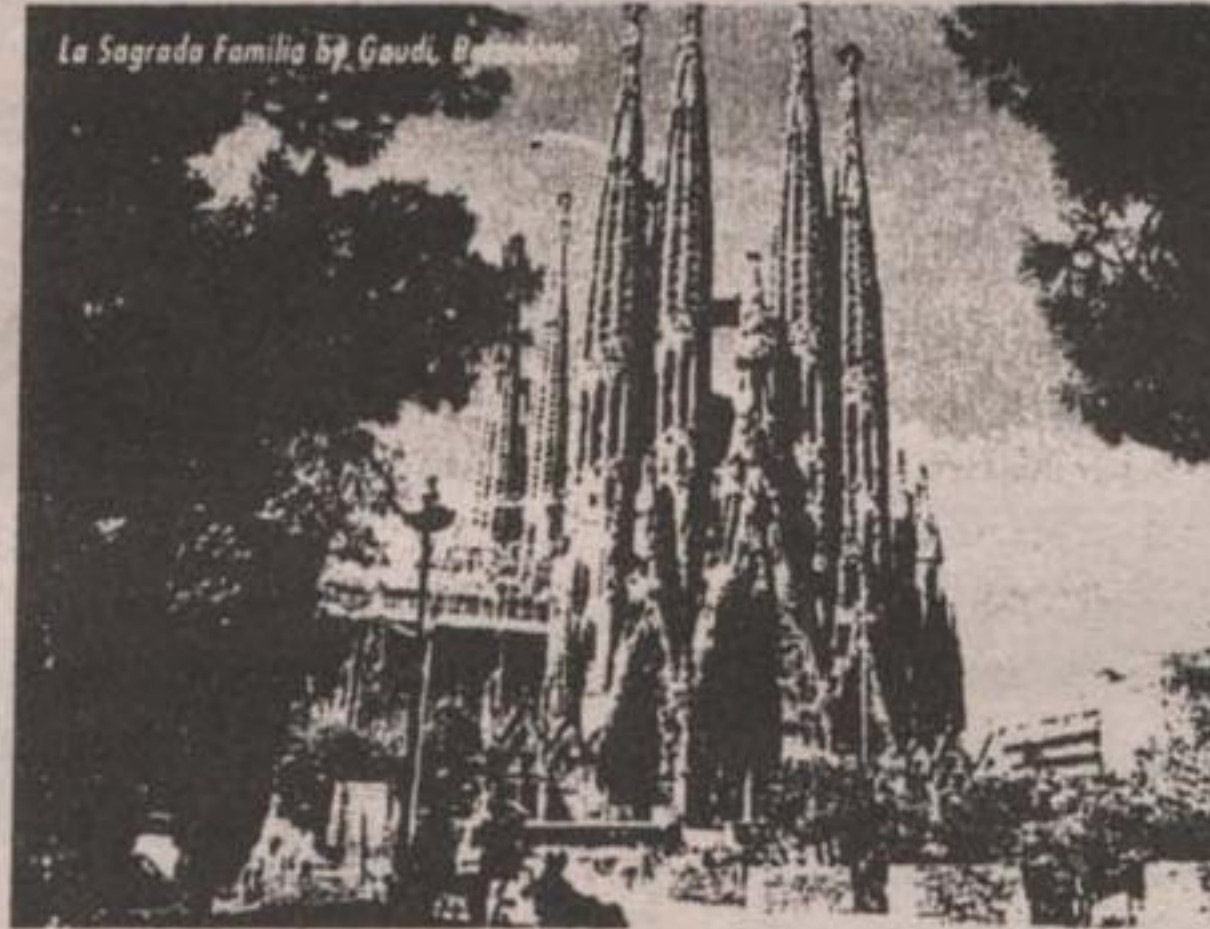
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