

Library board plans major fundraising campaign

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

The Halton Hills library board is cautiously looking into a major, on-going fundraising campaign to help expand and enhance its collection, but has shied away from charging more user-fees or increasing the fees now charged for replacing library cards, replacing lost materials, fines and videotape insurance.

Faced with on-going inadequate funding, the board has struck a fundraising sub-committee to come up with a sharp-focused and well-planned campaign to raise money to enhance the existing library collection.

"We figure people will support the purchase of materials where they won't give money to just general support of the library," chief libr-

ian Betsy Cornwell explained in an interview on Friday. The library does have a donation program that includes issuing tax receipts but Cornwell said the program has never been publicized.

Cornwell said there is now a "much more focused opinion" on the board that the library needs to have a permanent fundraising campaign and can't expect to be supported by tax funds.

"I don't disagree that we should go out and ask for more assistance, but I belong to the old school and I personally, I still believe that this should be publicly-supported institution. I don't have any problem with voluntary fund raising and if the board wants to get into that, that's great, but I don't think that it should be wholly supported through donations because then it becomes essentially a

membership-only library," Cornwell said.

When determining what kinds of campaign to stage the board will look at plans it drew up several years ago when it thought that it might have to stage a fundraising campaign to make up for an expected \$50,000 provincial funding shortfall. A change in provincial policy meant the plan never had to be put into Acton but in 1996 the board surveyed its patrons to determine how to raise the money and found that the community was polarized.

The top choice was to pay a voluntary "membership" donation in exchange for a tax receipt and not stage a glitzy fund raising campaign while the second most popular choice was, surprisingly, a tax increase.

Cornwell said the opposing views from the community and library users will make staging a successful campaign "tricky."

"It's going to take a lot of real fancy footwork, I think, to make something like this work."



WINNERS: Brenda Watson, left, chair of the Acton BIA, presents Corey Campbell with a cheque after winning a draw at the Leathertown Festival. Tammy and Bob Mitchell, right, owners of Queen's Pizza, received a plaque for tying with Andy's Restaurant in the Festival pizza war. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Story of the old Acton Arena

By MAC SPROWL
Special to The Tanner

On April 19, 1928 a proposal was put forward for the erection of a new modern substantial covered rink for Acton for skating, curling and hockey.

After careful consideration of all data obtainable, the Acton municipal council and the Chamber of Commerce came to the conclusion that the proper executive oversight in the erection and the administration of a skating and curling rink in Acton.

1) That a building of steel construction covered with steel roof and siding with an ice surface of 70 by 175 feet, seating for 1,500 persons and an additional three standard rinks for curl-

ing at a cost of \$15,000.

2) That 5 per cent debentures for \$15,000 to be issued by the Corporation of Acton if the ratepayers give their approval to the proposal as per bylaw which will require an annual payment of \$1,203.04 to meet and liquidate in 20 years.

3) In order, however, to provide against any possible peradventure as to the net revenues failing to meet the annual amount required for principal and interest and to protect the ratepayers against any assessment to cover such deficit, the committee secured the provision namely Messrs. Beardmore and Company have given undertakings to pay up to \$200 per year during a 10 year period if and when the net revenues

fall below \$1,000 a year. To supplement this the committee reserved the signatures of 247 Acton citizens the majority property owners who agreed to pay \$5 per year after Beardmore's \$200 per year. The committee members were N.H. Garden, C. Hartley Harrison, R.J. Kerr, John McDonald, and E.J. Hassard.

4) On May 7, 1928, 231 persons signed to back up their decision by assuring financial obligations. In May 1928 the vote on the bylaw went as follows.

Acton Town Hall	
For the Bylaw	103 persons
Against	37 persons
Spoiled ballots	2
Total vote	142
Majority for the Bylaw:	66
Post Office	
For the Bylaw	118 persons
Against	56 persons
Spoiled ballots	2
Total vote	176
Majority for the Bylaw:	60
Total Bylaw majority:	126

The following year on February 2, 1929, a private bill entitled a Rink Bylaw had to be passed by the legislature. The private bill had to be presented before the legislature which was bill number one. Those who went to Toronto were Reeve Amos Mason, clerk Farmer, Dr. Coxe, and Torrance Beardmore. The passing of the bill meant to proceed to build the arena.

On October 17, 1929 the rink committee approved the building the arena which soon after started.

On December 25, 1929 the official opening took place of the new arena. Reeve Mason was chairman and also present were Dr. Nelson and Hartley Harrison. Mr. H.P. Moore, the oldest citizen spoke, one who always retained an interest in you people's activities.

Tannery razed

Continued from Page 1
volvement with the site (Beardmore site)." Miller agreed that all the buildings, including the former Wool Combing building are being leveled "it's just a question of whether it will be this year or next year."

LEARN TO SKATE

Halton Hills Skating Academy



presents



BLADE BASICS

Progress Reports
Badges
Individualized Attention
Convenient Evening Times
10 Week Sessions

Limited Enrollment

Registration to be held
at Acton Arena on
Wednesday, August 26, 1998
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

For further information call
Barb Metelka 853-0382
Brenda Schrempf 853-3682

NEW BABY



At your house?

It's time to call your
Welcome Wagon
Hostess.

She will bring
congratulations and
gifts for the family and
the NEW BABY!

Call Betty Ann
853-1944

WELCOME
WAGON
SINCE 1930

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRE-REGISTRATION - SEPTEMBER 1998

Pre-registration Includes:

- Student information verification forms collected
- Acceptable use policy for computers forms collected
- Timetables distributed
- Lockers assigned
- Yearbook/Student Card photos taken, student photos purchased
- Purchase of yearbook and student card/library card packages
- Student planning calendar distributed

Pre-registration Schedule:

GRADE 9

Thursday, Sept. 3

10:00-11:30 - Gr. 9's whose last names start with A-L

11:30-1:00 - Barbecue and orientation

1:00-2:30 - Students whose last names start with M-Z

GRADES 10-OAC

Tuesday, Sept. 1

1:00-4:00 p.m.

5:00-7:00 p.m.



All students must pre-register during one of the designated times.
Further information was mailed to all students last week.

CENTRAL ONTARIO AUCTIONEERS

Professional Auction Services

Estate & Industrial • Certified Appraiser
Consignment Welcome



NORM WEBSTER

(416) 523-6645 (pager)

(905) 873-7633 (home)

R.R.#1, Limehouse ON

FRESH PICKS OF THE SEASON

Pickling Cucumbers, Tomatoes, New Potatoes Available

At the Charles Greig Farm

Bob & Mabel Devolin



Take Highway 25 South from Acton.
Turn LEFT onto 15 Sideroad at Speyside.
Travel 6 km East to Greig's (north side at #11821)

Open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

877-7484

Daily Weather & Picking Conditions Permitting

Beefsteak & Italian Tomatoes, Red, Green & Savoy
Cabbage, Romano Beans, Squash, Broccoli,
Cucumbers, Dill, Vegetable Marrow & Berries

PICK YOUR OWN at "The Farm" - De Paoli Ready Picked Available (Please Call Ahead)

Southwest of Georgetown, 1 km west of Trafalgar Rd.
on 15 Sideroad, Stewarttown, First farm on north side of road

873-2050 • 877-7976

8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Friday • 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday
8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday & Holidays