



GOING, GOING, GONE... The old Beardmore water tower comes down. — Angela Tyler photos

Rural adviser sees great potential in Acton's downtown

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Despite narrow roads in poor repair, a glut of vacant stores and a blue collar look, when rural agriculture rep John Swan drives through Acton daily on his way to work he sees great potential.

"There's no quick fix to Acton's problems but there is tremendous potential," Swan said recently. His new job as a rural community adviser with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs includes trying to help towns with economic development.

While being careful not to criticize what's already been done, Swan suggested Acton needs a completely different outlook, new attitude and common vision to tap into the tourists already drawn by the olde Hide House.

"There's an opportunity to support the Leathertown, artisan, antique angle on things, but the key is to have a collective agreement on a new, serious, direction or vision. There's no marketing or advertising of the positive assets of the town," Swan

Beardmore dust concern

There may be some relief for residents living near the former Beardmore property who are complaining about clouds of dust and odours as work crews demolish buildings on the site.

Acton councillor Rick Bonnette asked Town staff to talk to the demolition company to ask that they spray water on the site to keep the dust down.

said, cautioning that a fresh coat of paint and some more flowers aren't going to "get Acton where it needs to be."

When asked to assess Acton Swan pointed to a location "that some towns would give their eye teeth to have," high volumes of traffic, an already established marketing image, and undeveloped assets like Fairy Lake. The negatives include absentee landlords, too many

variety and pizza stores, "pathetic" road conditions and too many large trucks.

Swan, who has met with the Acton BIA (Business Improvement Area) and olde Hide House president Steve Dawkins, suggested the first job should be to inventory the good and the bad and create a new marketing plan.

Swan also put BIA staff in touch with Ministry officials to see if there's money avail-

able for economic development, but cautioned that any change must come from the grassroots level.

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They're back!

Downtown Acton is very pleased to welcome back Sweet Dreams Café! Owners Pat and Carmella have listened to their customers' comments and have reorganized to ensure that their service will become more efficient without sacrificing either the quality of the food or the wonderful ambience of the café. Their new hours are Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Beanie Babies have come to Acton!

Clarke's Newfoundland Store on Elgin St. has just received a new shipment of this popular collector's item. The store, which also carries sports cards and a wide selection of foods, gifts, tapes and magazines from Newfoundland, decided to stock the original Ty Beanie Babies due to many requests from Acton customers.

New Variety "Good News Award of the Month"

The new owners of New Variety at the corner of Wilbur and Mill St. E. are to be commended for the bright new facelift they gave their building! The outside received a fresh coat of paint and a new sign, the sidewalk in front is swept clean of debris and weeds and the windows are clean and uncluttered. Thank you for making your corner of downtown Acton look so good!

"Don't We Look Good" photo contest

There's still a month left in the Acton BIA's photo contest. Pick up an entry form at Acton Photo or The New Tanner office and you may win one of these great prizes: Vivitar APS compact camera, pair of Samsung binoculars, \$100 Acton BIA Cheques. Sponsored by Acton Photo, The New Tanner and the Acton BIA.

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Effective October 1st, 1998 the Town of Halton Hills will be implementing the fees noted below for the following services:

Live Birth Registration (payable at the time the Statement of Live Birth is filed)	\$20.00 (cash, certified cheque, money order)
Division Registrar Letters of Birth (Registration Confirmation - payable at time of issuance of letter)	\$25.00 (cash, certified cheque, money order)
Burial Permit (payable by Funeral Director)	\$20.00 (cash, cheque, money order)
Out-of-Town Death Registration (payable by Funeral Director)	\$20.00 (cash, cheque, money order)
Marriage License	\$100.00 (cash only)

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