

# Looking back at 1998...

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§ Pre-engineering work begins on the \$6 million reconstruction of Highway 7 from Acton to Georgetown. Provincial officials cite poor road conditions and a higher than average number of traffic accident fatalities as the reasons for the improvements.

§ Three Mississauga friends purchased the Red Dog Café from Acton's Steve and Carol Brunelle.

§ A group of Acton teens with nowhere to hang out, except on the street, is looking for support to open a drop-in centre at the old Prospect Park arena. Halton Hills Support Services and Information (formerly ASSIC) also struck a committee recently to look into opening a youth drop-in centre in Acton.

## APRIL

§ The Acton Agricultural Society asks Town council to reallocate money earmarked for demolition of the prospect Park arena and instead use them to fix the ageing facility.

§ A group of Sixth Line residents, who live north of

Highway 7 convinced budget committee members that their road is so unsafe that \$115,000 initially removed from the capital budget by Town staff, should be added back in this year's spending plan.

§ Officially, the cause is undetermined, but a pot left on a stove burner in the kitchen of the Georgetown Little Theatre (GLT) may have started a \$450,000 blaze that gutted the historic Stewarttown building.

§ A canine census, proof of annual rabies vaccination and support for implanting microchips in dogs for identification are all part of the Town's new enhanced dog licensing program.

§ Acton Nellis Construction Novice Sabre I goalie Spencer Veness had a shutout against Erin/Hillsburgh as his team won the OMHA Tri-County Harrison division championship with a 5-0 win to take the series 2 games to 1.

§ Acton Andy's restaurant Novice II Sabres captured the OHMA Tri-County Doherty division crown with a 3-2 win over Grand Valley.

§ Steve Andrews, P.

Eng. was chosen from over 100 candidates as the new CAO for the Town of Halton Hills to replace retiring Ray King.

§ The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce names Acton Musicland Business of the Month.

§ Acton's Gus Galimanas' relentless scrubbing and disinfecting earned him the honour of having the cleanest Subway Salads and Sandwiches franchise in Southern Ontario. Gus has won the top prize five years in a row.

§ Hard work, a positive attitude and determination were common traits to all three of the outstanding Acton public school students chosen as Celebration of Student Excellence award winners by the Halton District School Board. The three students were Shannon Tunney, Lindsay Neil and Jennifer Rigney.

§ Failure of a main dry sprinkler valve may mean that the Acton Agricultural Society won't be able to use the Prospect Park arena for this year's fair.

§ Nick and Maria Kekis celebrate 25 years of owning

and operating the Station Hotel.

§ Management is forced to run the Region's wastewater treatment plant in Acton as a strike by 113 Halton Region employees continues.

§ Four of 12 Acton High school students came home with medals from a mechanical and computer-aided design skills competition.

§ Local politicians have mixed reaction to the proposed 6.97 per cent tax increase for this year that would add \$150 to the average homeowner's property tax bill.

§ Massive teacher lay-off and school closing are possible as the Halton District School Board grapples with the implications of the Province's new education funding formula.

§ Acton High's spirited rendition of Grease, the 70's movie musical about the 50's, wowed crowds at three sold-out performances.

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**INTERCLUB BOUND:** Sixteen members of the Acton Figure Skating Club qualified to go to an Interclub competition next month in Mississauga. Members of the Interclub squad include, front, left to right: Samantha Mills, Laura Vickery, Jessica Brake and Jen Roskam. Middle: Aiden Stanley, Mandy Timmings, Anne Byrne and Lucie Langer. Back: Erin O'Leary, Ruth Eddolls, Jen May and Bronwyn Marshall. - Submitted photo

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