



## BIA examines its future

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The New Tanner

The existing boundaries of the Acton BIA (Business Improvement Area) could be expanded to include businesses east of the railway tracks as the BIA board of management takes a very preliminary look at the pros and cons of expanding.

The Acton BIA, as designated by Town Council, currently includes the geographic core of Acton and the Olde Hide House. It was initially formed in the 1970s to help provide affordable parking spaces for downtown merchants who were losing customers to the malls.

The BIA has evolved over the years to handle downtown promotion, marketing and beautification. Last year's budget, levied from approximately 80 BIA members, was \$47,000.

Acton Councillor Clark Somerville, council's rep on the BIA, is spearheading the

expansion proposal, and revived the expansion debate at last Wednesday's BIA meeting.

"All of us shouldn't be in competition," Somerville said, adding that the whole town would benefit if BIA improvements were extended to the east end of town and if east end stores were included in BIA promotions.

BIA co-ordinator Janis Fread said both potential and existing BIA members will be surveyed for their opinion as the boundary expansion is investigated.

"Obviously, if we had more membership we could do more promotions and projects, but at the same time that's a large area to cover because we'd have to do the same kind of improvement as downtown," Fread said.

Acton east businessman and The New Tanner publisher Ted Tyler predicted that most businesses east of the tracks would question the economic sense of joining the

BIA.

"Up to now there's been two or three suggestions that the east end form their own association - they were so mad several years ago because they (the BIA) was excluding us from Acton promotions," Tyler said.

Gary Barton, owner of Glenlea Drug Mart, who attempted to join the Acton BIA more than five years ago, wants to hear more about the plan.

"There are benefits of belonging to the BIA in terms of generating awareness of the business," Barton said.

"Perhaps with us working together we can promote the Town a little, rather than having everybody driving to Georgetown or Guelph (to shop)."

Any expansion of the existing BIA boundaries would have to be acceptable to two-thirds of businesses within the potential expansion area.

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May 15	299	279	259	May 16, 23	270	250	230
May 22	309	289	269	May 30	300	280	260
May 29	329	309	289	June 6	300	280	260
June 5, 12	329	309	289	June 13, 20, 27	320	300	280
June 19, 26	349	329	309	July 4, 11	350	330	310
July 3, 10	349	329	309	July 18, 25	400	380	360
July 17, 24, 31	399	379	359	August 1, 8, 15, 22	400	380	360
August 7, 14, 21	399	379	359	August 29	390	370	350
August 28	369	349	329	September 5	370	350	330
September 4, 11	369	349	329	September 12, 19	330	310	290
September 18	339	319	299	September 26	300	280	260
September 25	319	299	279	October 3, 10	280	260	240
October 2, 9	299	279	259	October 17	270	250	230
October 16	279	259	239	October 24	270	250	230
October 23, 30	259	239	219	October 31	240	220	200

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April 30	259	239	219	May 1, 8, 15	240	220	200
May 7	289	269	249	May 22	270	250	230
May 14, 21	309	289	269	May 29, June 5	300	280	260
May 28, June 4, 11	329	309	289	June 12, 19, 26	320	300	280
June 18, 25, July 2, 9	349	329	309	July 3, 10	350	330	310
July 16, 23, 30	399	379	359	July 17, 24, 31	400	380	360
Aug. 6, 13, 20	399	379	359	August 7, 14, 21	400	380	360
August 27	369	349	329	August 28	370	350	330
September 3, 10	369	349	329	September 4	370	350	330
September 17	339	319	299	September 11, 18	330	310	290
September 24	299	279	259	September 25, October 2	300	280	260
October 1	279	259	239	October 2	300	280	260
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