



SURPRISE! SURPRISE! Hilda Short found herself holding a perfect cribbage hand, a 29, during a game at the Acton Seniors Centre last week. A hand like this appear very rarely, players assure us. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Winter Fair to kick off building campaign

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Next month's Acton Winter Fair - a fun-filled family night of outdoor games, food and contests - will kick off a year-long fund-raising campaign by the Acton Agricultural Society for a new facility in Prospect Park. While Society members are still debating how high to set the goal, it's esti-

mated close to \$300,000 will be needed to replace the old arena which the Society used for fair events and to house the Homecraft division entries. The Society is expected to confirm a goal and fund raising campaign plans at its annual general meeting next week.

Society spokesperson Janis Fread said they hope the event will raise a little money, but more importantly, raise awareness of the campaign for a new facility.

The Boathouse will be a

warm Winter Fair headquarters and proposed events include a snowman making contest, cross-country skiing, tobogganing races, a dog-sled team and other winter games. The Winter Fair will also feature a mitten knitting contest.

A number of proposed lake-based events, including an ice fishing contest, were dropped when the Town raised safety concerns.

"We don't monitor the ice conditions," said Bryan Shynal, the Town's Manager of Parks and Cemeteries in a

recent interview.

"In fact, we sign the perimeter of the lake as such, so I don't know that its ever been safe, and it may well have been, but we don't monitor it and I'm not in a position to start monitoring it for a special event," Shynal said.

The Town has agreed to flood an area of the park, weather permitting, for ice events, "without the element of risk."

The Acton Winter Fair will be held Saturday, Feb. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Rift healed

Joint church service Sunday at Legion

All of Acton's nine churches will take part in this Sunday's Service of Christian Unity - unlike last year when two churches, Acton Baptist and the Salvation Army, Acton Corp, boycotted the service to protest the theology of the guest speaker, Lois Wilson, the former Speaker of the United Church of Canada.

This year's guest speaker, Pastor Shawn Brix, chair of the Acton Ministerial Association and pastor at Bethel Reformed Christian Church, said they were "past last year's rift."

Pastor Brix said he will remind the joint congregations that they share a common mission and purpose - that they're "all in the same boat," when he preaches from a sermon called One in Heart and Mind on Sunday.

Noting that first century churches, which had to deal with Christian-eating lions, often found itself in prayer with a common vision and a common purpose.

"My sense is that we need to reflect that early church a little more closely for its very

real sense of mission and the need to be in prayer for that to reflect that early church a little more closely for its very real sense of mission and the need to be in prayer for that mission," Brix said.

The Unity Service begins at 10 a.m. at the Legion.

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