



AWARD WINNERS: Royal Canadian Legion Br. 197 presented long service awards to many members at their meeting Sunday. Among the 50-year recipients were back row from the left, Hamilton Peal, 55 years, Hugh O'Rourke, Grant Allan, Doug Guthrie, and Martin Mullen, (seated), all 50-year members. Also receiving 50 year pins but not present to receive them were Don Ryder and A. Commanda. -Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Hanging in Halton Hills

Halton Hills Community Support and Information announced it has been selected to sponsor a Youth Service Canada Project. Known as "Hanging in Halton Hills". This YSC project will provide ten out-of-school and presently unemployed young people in the Halton region with new job skills and a gateway to the workforce.

Kimberley Rogers, the YSC project coordinator "feels this is boost in the arm for youth within Halton Hills. The seven month project has three main components in bringing forth this vision into a reality a) an evaluation of the Open Door Youth Centre; b) development of the Acton Youth Centre; c) sustainability of youth programming.

Resist urge to merge

Concerns and questions about a Town proposal to amalgamate the Acton and Georgetown hockey leagues and figure skating clubs - an unpopular idea in Acton - were raised by several Town councillors last week.

The suggestion is included in the draft facilities strategy study which general committee members were briefed on last week.

The consultant identifies a leisure centre - indoor pool and the twinning of the ice surface at Alcott arena in Georgetown, as priority facilities for the Town to build. The consultant said the amalgamation would ease the shortage of prime time ice in Halton Hills, freeing up 15 hours of ice time a week.

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette asked consultant Wendy Donovan-Neale what benefits an amalgamation could have, suggesting it's a very sensitive issue that could discourage volunteers, unwilling to devote time to a group they didn't feel a part of.

Donovan-Neale said staff time would be saved dealing with just one group and amalgamation would mean

smaller teams could be consolidated to allow more players and teams with the same amount of ice hours, or less.

"We understand that there's a tradition and a history and it (amalgamation) isn't something you can force and it's not something that will happen overnight," Donovan-Neale said.

"I think in the long term you are a community - you are Halton Hills and I would think that over some period of time people will begin to more see themselves as Halton Hills.

Acton House League Hockey Association President George Hunak said he will do everything he can to stop an amalgamation.

"We don't want it. They (Georgetown) don't want it so why do it?"

Bev Bailie, president of the Acton Figure Skating Club said that neither the Acton nor Georgetown clubs would be willing to give up their Canadian Figure Skating Association sanctions which would have to happen for the clubs to amalgamate.

The final report from the facilities study committee will be ready for council debate in May.

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