

Acton company relocates to Milton

The bottom line convinced the new owner of an Acton plastic vacuum forming company to relocate to Milton.

Plastics Eighty Ltd., a custom manufacturer of plastic products for medical and automotive uses, needs to expand and although the company had an agent look-

ing for a suitable Acton facility, it determined it would be cheaper to relocate to a Milton industrial park.

Plastics Eighty general manager Roy Ford said they wanted to stay in Acton, but couldn't afford to.

"We needed a new larger facility so we can grow and we're limited at the current

location on Wallace Street," Ford said recently.

"We considered staying here in Acton and we looked at another building here, but it just wasn't cost effective. It would cost more to have a custom-built building built to lease in Acton than it would in Milton," Ford said, adding that company owner

Mark Heisz wanted to stay in Acton, if he could.

The 14 full-time employees at Plastic Eighty have all agreed to work in Milton and Ford said they could be out of the Acton building by May 31.



Plastics Eighty was formed 20 years ago by Acton's Ruddy Holmes and

the late Paul Murr. The company was sold to Heisz two years ago and the building, owned by Holmes, is now for lease.

Maureen Holmes, who worked in the business with her husband after his partner died, said they were sad to see the company leave town.

"When you sell something it's up to the new owners and unfortunately, he decided to leave. When we sold we didn't know this would happen - we never expected him to leave town. Poor old Acton kind of loses again," Mrs. Holmes said on Monday.

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Cynthia Tobin is celebrating 25 years as a teacher with the Catholic Board of Education. See story on Page 6.



Acton Figure Skating Club's Circus Extravaganza delighted a capacity audience on the weekend. See photos on Page 8.

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Study 24-hour ambulance

Councillors want another meeting on development

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette hopes to keep the spotlight centred on encouraging growth in Acton by calling for another meeting between the Town and developers of three major subdivisions which were given draft approval over five years ago.

Bonnette characterized a recent meeting to discuss impediments to growth as "positive" and said he doesn't want the momentum to stall.

"On the regional end things are falling into place. I just want to make sure that the Town's end is as well and that things are going to fall in place for the developers," Bonnette said.

"I don't want to say who, but we had one developer at the last meeting - one out of the three - that is very keen to get going and I want to stay on top of it.

"I want to be like a dog on a bone to get after the developers and staff to get something happening."



WITTNAUER AWARDEES: Two Acton Figure Skating Club members, Cassandra Job (left) and Ruth Eddolls received special recognition during an awards ceremony at the Club's Circus Extravaganza last Thursday.

Two Acton skaters win awards

Two members of the Acton Figure Skating Club have been nominated to receive special awards from the Canadian Figure Skating Association in recognition of their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication.

At the club's season finale, Circus Extravaganza, last Thursday both Cassandra Job and Ruth

Eddolls were named as nominees for the Wittnauer Awards of the Year

Job, a Grade 3 student at McKenzie-Smith Bennett, has shown true grit, guts and determination since she joined the CanSkate program three years ago. While advancing proficiently through the system hasn't come yet, Cassandra's spirit and dedi-

cation are unflagging as she refuses to give up.

Acton skater Ruth Eddoll's hard work, "heads up attitude" and willingness to help with all aspects of the Club, made her a perfect choice for the Program Assistant Award. Eddolls has been an amateur coach for six years and has represented Acton at the Interclub level

Region prepares to take over service

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Service calls at the Acton ambulance station - the only one of six Halton ambulance stations without 24-hour service - are being reviewed by Halton Region as it prepares to take over land ambulance service from the province.

Last week, regional councillors voted to continue using Canadian Medical Response, which owns the Halton-Mississauga Ambulance Service, and the Halton Hills Ambulance Service, to supply ambulance service. Halton will pay the providers management fees to operate the health care service and will hire a Regional director of land ambulance.

Halton's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Bob Nosal, said the Ministry of Health is reviewing the ambulance call statistics for Acton to determine if increased service is warranted.

"If the stats and the opin-

ion of the Ministry consultants bares it out that we need coverage in Acton during the day, well then that would be a staff recommendation, but we're not at that point yet," Dr. Nosal said in a recent interview.

Dr. Nosal said Halton would need three to five new ambulances and crews to meet growth demands over the next five years and Acton could be first in line for improved and expanded service.

"Obviously, Acton is going to be one of them and it's a matter of where is the first priority. It may very well end up being Acton because that's the one we're looking at most closely now."

The cost to staff an ambulance station with one vehicle and one paramedic year-round is \$475,000. In Acton, volunteers staff the ambulance from 6 p.m. to until 6 a.m. and on weekends. Georgetown staff covers calls at all other times.

"To cover Acton during the day from Monday to Friday, an estimate of cost that I had heard was going to be \$130,000 a year," Dr. Nosal said, stressing that would be with volunteer service.

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette, instrumental in opening the Acton ambulance station almost 10 years ago, said he wants to see 24-hour service.

"Our volunteers are very willing to support around-the-clock service, now we

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