

## EDITORIAL

with Hartley Coles

# Congratulations to Fall Fair Board

Beautiful late warm summer weather and blue skies helped make the most successful fall fair in Acton's history a runaway success at the gate and in attendance last weekend. A threat that Hurricane Floyd might leave some residue behind in its route up the Atlantic east coast had evaporated by Thursday and weather forecasts predicted a sunny weekend.

It's history now. Friday dawned bright and sunny and the weather stayed that way until Prospect Park was cleaned up on Monday. Three full days of activities found the officers and directors of the Acton Agricultural Society drained but happy with the success of the 86<sup>th</sup> annual event.

Although officers had to deal with the loss of the old arena for displays and concerts they had two large tents erected that did the job. The Miss Acton contest, the Elvis show and the always popular baby show were big attractions that helped swell the crowds, slightly down Friday but up by \$10,000 in admissions on Saturday and Sunday.

There are so many attractions at Acton Fall Fair it would be impossible to list them all in this space without missing several. They all combine to make this the most successful in 86 years. Visitors were impressed with the midway, the petting zoo, the horse, tractor and truck pulls, the poultry display, the horse events, dairy and beef cattle shows and so many other events which all go together to make a fall fair. And the location, of course.

We would be remiss indeed if we failed to congratulate Ron White and all the officers and directors of the Acton Fall Fair for staging a fair that will live in memory as a highlight of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century in Acton.

## Escarpment controls threatened

Environmentalists and others interested in preserving the Niagara Escarpment are alarmed at the newest attempt to skirt Escarpment Commission's control. Four developer-landowners are seeking approval from the Province either to have their lands removed from the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area or to leave them in the Plan but designate them as an Urban Area.

It follows that if their wishes were approved they would soon be part of a built-up urban part of the Town of Milton, a move protectionist groups oppose. Halton Region, meanwhile, adopted a middle course - suggesting Escarpment Rural Area lands be designated Urban Area within the Escarpment Plan and keeping the other lands as is.

It suggests that this is the first thin edge of the wedge that would remove the controls from the Escarpment which bisects Halton Region from Burlington to Ballinafad. It's unusual features have been recognized by the United Nations as a World Biosphere Reserve and environmentalists and others wanted it to stay that way. We agree within reason. There are always exceptions, of course, and each case must be dealt with on its merits but this latest move to circumvent the controls is dealing with one of the most picturesque parts of Halton and there should be extreme caution.

We also agree with what another gentleman told us on the weekend. We are often quick to condemn those who would develop the Escarpment but thousands of acres of the best farm land in Ontario are being swallowed up annually and our protests are weak and ineffectual. One day we may well rue the day Class A farmland disappeared under development.

We should be consistent, not only protecting our natural features but the earth that grows our food as well. It's a point well taken.



**CANCER FIGHTERS:** Acton's Citizen of the Year, Dave Manes, flanked by Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson, Miss Acton runner-up Krystle Thompson, Miss Acton Amanada Corp and Councillor Rick Bonnette, cut the ribbon to officially kick off the 19th annual Terry Fox Run in Acton on Sunday. One hundred and 14 participants pledged \$25,200 - a record amount. - Frances Niblock photo

## Guy Paul and Mike like Acton Fair

By ANGELA TYLER

One of my friends once told me that I was more pro-Acton than most 80 year olds that have lived here all their lives. I will admit, I am very pro-Acton, but not everybody is as fond of our little town as some of us. Sometimes it can be the brunt of petty jokes or pushed aside by council like an ugly step sister. On the other hand, Acton certainly has a lot of things that people like. It's easy to get pulled down and not think about the great things here. Sometimes it takes someone else's eyes to make you remember the pluses, and sometimes those eyes belong to people you just wouldn't believe. This was the case for me this weekend.

On Friday, I had a call from my sister Tracey. A few of her Toronto friends were supposed to come up for a visit Saturday but she really wanted to go to the fair. "Do you think it will be okay if I asked them if they wanted to go to the fair instead?" she asked. There was no question in my mind: the fair. No sooner had the call begun, it ended.

Saturday started in its usual summer fashion, up early, head to the Trunk Sale, help my dad sell corn and look for treasures. During the morning I had a man say, "Would you believe we came all the way from B.C. to buy your corn and go to the fair?" You bet. My cousins came from Phoenix for the fair and some guy last week bought our corn to dry it and ship it to the Northwest Territories. In hindsight, this comment should have triggered something that Saturday was going to be unique.

I took off early to get cleaned up for parade photos but upon my return I had a last minute thought to check how the sales were going. My parents were standing with my sister and her friends. I had heard about her friends for years, talked on the phone but never met them until now. Here at the Acton Trunk Sale was Guy Paul Morin, his wife and their

son. They came for the Acton Fall Fair and the Trunk Sale. Wow! We shook hands and then I said one of the dumbest things I have ever said. "It's so great to finally meet you. I've heard about you for years." Oooh, what a dope! What I meant was I have heard so many great things about him like his musical talents, how he refinishes pianos and his years of courage with his case. The parade was starting soon and I made a quick escape from my foolish words.

Later in the day, I went with my friend Leanne and her family to the fair. It was past the post parade rush and we were hoping things had slowed down. You really do need to have children around when you experience the fair. After almost a half dozen kiddie rides and my traditional fair lunch of Frenchie's fries, the kids also needed some Fall Fair nourishment. So there we sat under a small canopy at the Acton Fall Fair when I spot Tracey and the Morin family. I was about to go over and say hi when I spotted Mike Bullard. Holy cow, Mike Bullard, host of Open

Mike on the Comedy channel was buying lemonade at the Acton Fall Fair. I ran over and grabbed Tracey and said, "It's Mike Bullard." She knew, she had already ran into him. Apparently I was the only one wound up about this. She continued, "Allison (Mrs. Morin) is going to ask him why (Guy) Paul hasn't been invited on his show." I starred in awe at Allison and responded with, "Serious?" She was only kidding, but before I knew it, it had been asked. Suddenly, Mike turned around and was shaking hands with (Guy) Paul. Wow, again! Here I was at the Acton Fall Fair in front of the lemonade booth watching Guy Paul Morin and Mike Bullard shake hands. It was ironic in a way. Here was one man who sought fame and another who was thrown in front of the media by false conviction. Of course, I had to get a picture. "Hey, why don't you come on the show? Celine Dion is on this week. I'll give you my number." Bullard said to Morin. He told Mike he was only kidding and carried on to introduce his family. It was then I had the oddest moment of the day. Mike Bullard looked at me and held out his hand. Before I knew it I was shaking his hand, introducing myself while (Guy) Paul was telling Mike I was his friend. Hard to believe it all started and was basically a result of a fast phone call from my sister.

I wanted to tell Mike of the first time we met...sort of. I heard in my head, "Hey, Mike, do you remember on Boxing Day at the movie theatre when some woman not paying attention while getting her car keys out walked into you?" I had the same dopey reaction then. Wow, Mike Bullard! Instead, I asked the question that I was asked each time I told somebody of my meeting Mike Bullard at the Acton Fall Fair. "Why are you here...I mean in Acton?" I questioned. His response, brief and to the point, said it all, "I like Acton and the fair." Well Mike, so do I.



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