



YELLOW RULES: Members of the Yellow team prepare to take part in the school's Terry Fox Run event on Monday. — Frances Niblock photo

October's Fire Prevention Month

October is fire prevention month in Halton Hills.

Normally only one week gets special attention, says fire chief Brian Ellesworth, and local fire fighters are joining the province-wide fire safety campaign October 3 to 9.

However, given their ever-widening sphere of responsibilities, Halton Hills fire fighters are emphasizing the whole month and including lifestyle messages in cooperation with assorted accident and injury prevention organizations.

As part of their efforts to promote use of home fire extinguishers, Ellesworth said, they will be at Home Hardware in Acton on Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. While a couple of fire fighters are available in the store to answer customer questions and concerns, a couple of others will be outside prepared to show the fire truck and equipment to young and old with interest in their operation.

The public is also invited to attend the Bear Hug Band Musical Safety Concert on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in Georgetown's St. Francis of Assisi School. The show includes music and audience participation on numerous

safety issues, Ellesworth said. Donated proceeds will help the Risk Watch Injury Prevention Program for Halton Hills children.

Correction

The Rotary Club of Acton made a profit of almost \$5,000 from its annual beef draw during the fall fair.

The amount was incorrect in last week's paper.

The money will be used to fund Rotary and other community needs.

The Tanner regrets the error.

Leisure Centre location opposed by all three Acton councillors

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

The three Acton councillors who argued against locating the Town's new \$6.3 leisure centre in Georgetown South hope they are proven wrong, but still have concerns with the decision not to build the recreation centre at a central location on one of two sites near the Civic Centre.

Town staff and the consultant rank the Georgetown South Community Park site higher than a site at Maple Avenue and Princess Anne Drive, based on a lower cost and nine other factors including close proximity to a large population, pedestrian and cycling access and it's an area slated for major growth.

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette said locating the facility in Georgetown South was not the best business decision Council could have made because it could "alienate one-third of the population, everybody west of Trafalgar Road."

"I think they missed the boat on a business decision when you're looking at the fundraising that will be necessary, and you're looking at trying to include the whole community," Bonnette said, adding he's received calls from people in the old part of Georgetown who don't feel that this will be their building.

Councillor Norm Elliott said the decision to locate in Georgetown South, the most remote location from Acton that could have been chosen, was wrong.

"The decision to put it in the south of Georgetown is not necessarily a bad one. From the Acton perspective, it would have been better if it had been more central," Elliott said, adding he hopes fundraising efforts in Acton for the facility will not be hurt by a sour grape attitude over

the location.

Councillor Clark Somerville said he was "disappointed" with the decision to locate in Georgetown South.

"If you're going to build it, build it where it's most accessible to the rural area and the people of Acton, who I hope, will drive that distance, as opposed to going to the Milton leisure centre," Somerville said, adding in the week after the vote on the location, he received phone calls and e-mail messages from Georgetown residents, including some in Georgetown South, saying the facility should be built closer to the downtown.

Somerville said the decision "came down to dollars" since the consultant said it would cost approximately \$750,000 less to build in Georgetown south than at the Civic Centre location.

Ballinafad resident Lois Fraser, who sat on the Town's master parks committee, said she didn't want Council to make a decision based on dollars.

"My head says that its wonderful we are getting the facility, but my heart says it should be built right smack dab in the middle of town because putting it in Georgetown South is not fair to Acton residents who will have to drive that much fur-

ther," Fraser said.

"I think the Council missed a chance to make a statement and tie the community together by making the accessible to more people."

Along with the decision to build the leisure centre/pool facility in Georgetown South, Council also approved spending \$3.7 million to twin the Gordon Alcott arena. Over half of the total \$10 million

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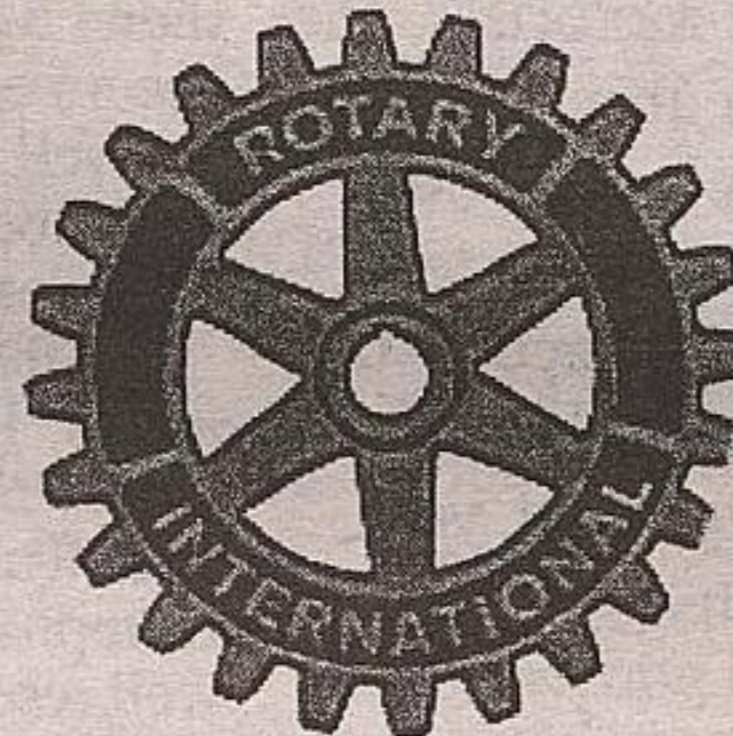
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