



STRIKES AND SPARES: Acton's Gordon Smith, 17, is a member of the Region 5, 5-pin bowling team that captured the Silver medal at the recent Ontario Special Olympics.



POOL POWER: Special Olympian Emily Boycott of Acton breast stroked her way to five medals - three Gold and two Silver - at the recent Ontario Special Olympics in Toronto.

Acton Athletes...

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"She's going to do well and go far and has a very good chance - I've got my fingers crossed - that she'll go on the national team to represent Ontario in 2002," Hickson said, adding Emily is a natural with a difficult stroke like the breast stroke.

For Acton's Gordon Smith, a Grade 11 student at E. C. Drury, being part of the Region Five 5-pin team that captured the Silver medal in Newmarket, is a real accomplishment, according to his mom, Kim Smith.

"Bowling brought him out of his shell and he got to know a lot of people like him, it gives him a challenge," Smith said, adding the Silver medal is great, but the smile on Gordon's face since the medal ceremony is even better.

Ethel Gardiner's eloquent plea...

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"In Acton, we have that just backwards with the smaller site being at the secondary school and the larger one at the elementary school," Gardiner said, drawing applause from the approximately 30 Acton citizens in the public gallery when she added that compared to any other area in Halton, Acton does not have surplus property.

Trustee Peter Petrusich asked board staff if high school students really use the MSB land as claimed, and if it would be a hardship for the educational component of the two schools if the land was sold.

Superintendent Al Greyson said while he toured the site last Tuesday, a gym

class from Acton High was using the baseball diamond.

"The secondary facility is fairly limited, there's basically a track and a soccer pitch and beyond that, there's not much useable green space," Greyson said, adding Acton doesn't have some of the facilities that most of the other schools do.

Pointing to a 2,800-name petition urging the board not to sell the MSB land, Gardiner said the negative public response to the proposal is unprecedented in Acton.

"One of our core values is public input and this folks, is strong, significant public input," Gardiner said, adding that the other Halton communities that may lose schools and land, are also getting brand new schools and playing fields.

"Acton residents don't ask for much. We don't see them down here very often demanding things, but the retention land is extremely important to the families up there in terms of providing recreational facilities," Gardiner said.

There were claps and cheers as the trustees voted unanimously not to sell the MSB and outside the board chamber there was relief and

some surprise.

"I was surprised that they voted the way they did. I think it's the right decision, but I'm pleasantly surprised," said Dolores Black of Acton. That sentiment was echoed by Heather Thompson, who said Acton citizens carried the day and proved that "small town people can get together and beat the big guys."

Acton Councillor Clark Somerville was "ecstatic" after the vote and proud of how the community banded together to fight for the land. Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette said the win was a result of a concerted effort by a lot of people, including chair Gardiner.

"This fight brought a lot of community pride - people went out of their way to find and sign the petitions - over 60 per cent of the people on the voter's list signed the petition and that's phenomenal."

Former board chair, Arlene Bruce of Acton, said she was confident trustees would be reasonable and vote to save the land and Gil Douglas, president of the Acton Soccer Club, said for the club to operate it was "absolutely imperative that we won tonight and we won resoundingly."

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