



A sketch of the new Acton Agricultural Society building in Prospect Park

## Town, Fair board sign building deal

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All that stands in the way of a new fair building in Prospect Park is approximately \$100,000. That's how much the Acton Agricultural Society is short as it plans to build a replacement for the old Acton arena.

With \$215,000 in the kitty, and \$20,000 promised by the Town, Society president Doug Fread told Council on Monday they are in a "healthy position" as they plan for the new building, which will cost between \$350,000 and \$375,000.

The Society is also submitting applications for government grants and had an ambitious schedule of special events planned for the coming months.

The Society and Town reached agreement on the ownership and operation of the new building just hours before the deal was ratified by Council. It won't be made public until it is signed by the Society, but the Society will

own the building and the Town will own the land and use the building throughout the year.

The initial 10,000-square-foot building, with washrooms, will be located almost exactly where the old arena was, but the entrance will face westerly. It can be expanded to 15,000-square-feet. The exterior walls will be decorative block and steel siding and there will be a wrap around canopy.

Fread gave Council a brief history of the Acton Fall Fair, billed as the best little fair in Ontario - a fact, not a boast - Fread said, adding the Society invested \$80,000 in the old arena which it uses for the fair weekend to house the Homecraft division exhibits and for contests.

Acton Councillor Norm Elliott praised the Society members in the gallery, saying they made this project a reality.

"These days when dollars are tight and it seems like there's another fundraiser announced almost every

week, what they've accomplished so far is truly commendable," Elliott said adding he hopes the donations pick up now that a concept drawing is available to see.

The Society hopes to break ground during this year's fair in September and have the building complete by the end of the year.

After the meeting Fread

said if they don't reach their fund raising goal by September, they'd "postpone the construction start until we do get it."

The Town's director of recreation and parks, Bryan Shynal, said the Society will be able to put tents on the tennis courts again this year for the Homecrafts and entertainment.

## Town, Region aid Walkerton

The Town will contribute up to \$1,000 to help Walkerton, where it could be five or six more weeks before the municipal water system is operating again after E. coli caused death and illness.

At the suggestion of Ward 2 Councillor Kevin Kuiack, who reported that a truckload of four-litre container of water costs approximately \$4,000, the Town will make a joint contribution with Halton Region.

Halton Council was expected to approve \$2,500 - either to buy water or send as cash to Walkerton, and any from Halton's other municipalities, would be pooled.

"I really feel that it's almost like downloading. It's a crisis, but if they're in need of water, the Provincial government should be responsible for trucking that water and having it there," Chatten said, adding it's great to help, but it's a provincial responsibility and municipalities shouldn't have to bail the province out.

ous future. He is very committed to the corporation and is a key member of our senior management team. I have relied on Joe's leadership and have valued his advice and support over the past two years," Marshall stated.

Chairman Savoline also praised Rinaldo for his leadership and contribution to the Region.

## Joe Rinaldo leaves

Chief Administrative Officer Brent Marshall has announced that Joe Rinaldo, Commissioner of Corporate Services, has resigned to accept the position of General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services with the new City of Hamilton, effective in mid July.

Rinaldo has worked for Halton since 1983, and has been responsible for the Finance and Corporate Services departments over the past 17 years.

"Joe has always put the needs of the community first. Under his leadership, Halton has earned a solid reputation for strong financial management, which has been recognized by the financial community as well as the residents of Halton and has helped to set the stage for a prosper-

## Charge Kitchener man

A 42-year-old Kitchener man is facing a criminal charge after a seven-month-old child was left abandoned in a vehicle at Mohawk Raceway, Campbellville on June 3.

A citizen noticed a baby in a locked vehicle parked in the parking lot at Mohawk Raceway on Guelph Line in suburban Milton (Campbellville). Security staff was notified. They in turn notified the Halton Regional

Police Service.

The child was removed from the vehicle and examined by paramedics. The baby was somewhat dehydrated but was otherwise okay.

The child's father turned himself in to detectives at the Halton Regional Police Service's Milton station on June 10, 2000. He was arrested, processed and released for Court in July 2000.

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