

Street sign poppies honour Acton vets

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The New Tanner

tion" for Acton's veterans and war dead.

The poppies on several new street signs in the wartime housing allow Acton to honour its veterans and fallen soldiers year round - not just on Remembrance Day.

Central Mortgage and Housing bought the property from Tony Seynuck, and in 1947 the first of 50 houses were built and offered to returning vets at low interest rates under the Veterans Land Act.

"It's a permanent way to pay respect all year to those who died fighting for freedom," Bonnette said after the signs were installed on McDonald Boulevard at Mason and Division Streets recently.

The five Acton signs - there are six in wartime areas of Georgetown - cost \$300.

After last year's Remembrance Day services, a petition was circulated in the neighbourhood and at the Legion, asking the Town to purchase and install the special signs to publicly honour Acton's veterans in the neighbourhood, commonly called Warren Grove and then the war-time housing area.

Approximately 60 years ago, the land was owned and farmed by Wallace Lasby, whose niece, Anne Drysdale, is a longtime resident of the McDonald-Mason area.

Drysdale, a Legion member who signed the poppy petition, said the special signs are a "nice recogni-

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LEST WE FORGET: Residents of McDonald Boulevard including from left, Lisa Glover, Kathy Verbeek, Roz Edwards, Emmeli Glover, Olivia Smith (front) and Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette check out the newly installed street signs that have poppies on them in honour of Acton's veterans.

Interest in plaza heating up

Centrefund Development Corporation is not the only company interested in purchasing a 3.4-hectares property in Acton east, approved for a 74,600-square foot plaza including a food store, retail store and restaurant.

While Centrefund has permission from landowner, Brookfield Homes, to file a site plan application for the plaza with the Town, it doesn't own the land on the south side of Highway 7, east of Home Hardware and the fire station on Churchill Road.

"At this stage they (Centrefund), along with a number of other parties, are expressing interest to acquire the site from us and we're in active negotiations at this time," Brookfield president Peter Nesbitt said on Friday, adding it was "quite common" for potential owners to file plans, at their own cost, in order to finalize a transaction.

Nesbitt also said "there could be" more plans circulated by other potential owners and that all of the potential owners are

taking in "very serious terms" about getting necessary development approvals before the end of the year.

"There are two, plus others, that have pursued and have got significant anchor tenants in mind. That's all I can say," Nesbitt said when asked what stores might be coming to Acton.

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