

Erin firm to relocate in the Acton area

High-speed Internet access was a "huge determining factor" in the decision of TVM (Total Vision Marketing) Building Products to relocate its distribution/marketing company to Acton from Erin.

TVM bought the vacant building on a one-acre property on the southeast corner of Highway 7 and Fourth Line, and will relocate its eight employees, assembly, warehouse and offices to the 10,000-square-foot building when renovations are complete - hopefully by September.

TVM purchased the building in a Power of Sale from the bank. The original owner received a building permit in 1994 and intended to open a bakery, but never received an occupancy permit.

TVM president Michael Boulding said he only grudgingly looked at the Acton site, because he was sure it wouldn't have the fibre optic system TVM requires to deal its three U.S. warehouses.

"We were pleasantly surprised to find that Halton Hills Hydro had run the fibre optic line

right outside the door," Boulding said, adding he had been looking to relocate their overcrowded Erin facility to Mississauga when the Acton building came up.

"It's a unique building - there's a 3,500-square-foot apartment on the upper level - and we might have a caretaker move in there or expand our offices in the future," Boulding said, adding he hopes to hire four additional staff within the year.

Boulding said they supply materials for the building industry, including reflective foil insulation, silicon and fire-stop sealants and polyurethane foams, but won't be mixing raw materials and chemicals in Acton, just repackaging manufactured goods.

The property is zoned M1 industrial, which allows for a number of uses including light manufacturing, service industrial, dry industry, indoor open storage and a depot for trucks and buses, including repairs and maintenance. Accessory office use is also permitted, along with an apartment.

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Councillor Clark Somerville has his locks shaven by Jon Hurst starting with a chain saw. It was all for the Cancer Society. See story on Page 3, photos on Page 4.



Longtime Acton resident, Cal McIntyre (left), is leaving Acton for an Aberfoyle rest home next week. See the story in Grapevine on Page 5.



Acton Aqua Ducks swim to the podium for medals at meet. See sports on Page 13.

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Town re-ignites smoking debate

AHS medals

Six Acton high school students were presented with medals for their efforts in Computer Aided Drafting and Design at the Annual Halton Technical Skills Olympics in Oakville on Monday, April 30.

The CAD competitions were administered and judged by Mohawk College student, Spencer Navarra-Chew, at Acton High School on Friday, April 27 and required students to demonstrate expertise in either Architectural Drafting and Design or Mechanical Drafting and Design.

Acton's CAD team returned with the following results:

Architectural CAD: Ryan McGonigle - gold medal; Jennifer Norman - silver medal; Sarah Rosenmeier - bronze medal.

Mechanical CAD: Greg Demand - gold medal; Jake Seigel - silver medal; Rachel McKnight - bronze medal.



A PLANT FOR MOM: Mike Brozic of the Horticultural Society helped Angie Kukkonen and her mom Tilly Deeder find peonies at the Society's sale. Tilly travelled all the way from Barrie for the great deals. - Angela Tyler photo

Bonnette says it's a provincial issue

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Suggestions that Halton should have a uniform bylaw to restrict and regulate smoking, lit a fire under one Acton politician - a non-smoker - who wants the Province, not municipalities, to enact legislation.

Ward 1 and Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette said he might be a "voice in the wilderness," on the smoking issue, but urged Council to let "sleeping dogs lie," when talk of a Region-wide bylaw came up at Town Council last week.

"We are going to get a backlash from some businesses in town. I think we went through the bylaw and, personally, I think the onus is on the Province to make it (smoking legislation) equal. They're the ones making all the money off the provincial sales tax on the sale of cigarettes," Bonnette said, also questioning who would pay to enforce the smoking restrictions.

Included in the Town's more restrictive smoking bylaw, passed by Council last February, is a provision to reconvene a committee to help draft legislation to get to 100 per cent smoke free - public places and workplaces - by July 1, 2003.

Town CAO Steve Andrews said now is a good time to be looking at how to implement a total smoking ban.

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Still no word from Magna

Months of waiting are taking their toll on Town staff and politicians who know what a bonanza it would be if Magna International picks Acton as the location for its proposed 500-job truck chassis plant.

"I wish, oh, I wish I could give you something, but we're still on hold," Mayor Kathy Gastle said on Monday, adding, "We still don't think we're out of the loop - but can't say, we have nothing con-

firmed, but the fact we're still being asked (by Magna) to comment is

somewhat positive." Gastle said at Magna's request they had another

Acton dad wins court case

Acton's Betsy Davitt, 11, should be home this weekend. Late Monday, her dad, Bruce Davitt, 50, learned a Michigan federal court had rejected his ex-wife's attempt to appeal an earlier order, based on the Hague Convention on international child abduction, that said Betsy must be returned to Canada immediately.

Davitt's ex-wife could appeal Monday's Michigan court order, but must return Becky, "forthwith" to her father, who was given school-year custody of Betsy by an Ontario family court in 1997, after the couple separated.

Davitt, locked in a cross-border tug-of-war with ex-wife
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meeting last Tuesday, but wouldn't reveal what is discussed as the Town is "told constantly" by Magna that everything must be confidential.

The Mayor said she's "sort of not getting as emotional," as in the past about the wait for word, but it's still like a 'roller coaster ride'.

At press time, Magna officials had not responded to requests for an update.

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