

Ted supports Ernie...

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Mike had a job to do," Chudleigh said, adding the Common Sense Revolution was necessary to kick start the economy in 1995 when the Progressive Conservatives swept into power at Queen's Park.

After creating jobs, reducing unemployment and cutting taxes, Chudleigh said they now need to manage that turnaround.

"Ernie is more of a manager and much more of a chairman of the board kind of thing," Chudleigh said adding they expect far more of con-

sensus-style government if Eves is chosen Premier.

Chudleigh praises the other leadership hopefuls, perhaps hedging his bets, noting that Clement, who promises more tax cuts, has handled a number of tough portfolios.

Chudleigh said Flaherty, who also promises more tax cuts, has performed well and Witmer has a "sensitivity," and has been a good environmental minister after also doing a "marvelous" job during the previous four years as health minister.

Chudleigh calls Stockwell an "unsung hero," in many areas.

"He's done a great job in labour, again a very difficult portfolio for us as Conservatives and you know, you don't read about the controversies with unions like we had in the years prior to his being minister of labour," Chudleigh said.

There are nine undeclared backbenchers, including Harris who will not name his choice, in the leadership race that will be decided in a March 23 vote by MPPs.

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Huge increases to use schools...

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Traditionally in Acton, the Guides, who have five of their seven units meeting weekly at either Robert Little School or McKenzie-Smith Bennett School, have not paid to use the schools and now face a \$16 an hour rate for a single gym rental, and some tough decisions.

Scout spokesman George Henderson said they have Thursday nights open at the Scout House and he "couldn't see why" they wouldn't open their doors to the Guides.

All Scouting programs in Acton are held at the Scout House and Henderson said the \$80 registration fee includes a portion equal to the \$17.12 school gym rate, to pay for the upkeep. North Halton Scouts in Glen Williams, Georgetown

Hornby/Ashgrove and Milton face the fees in September.

Henderson said 20 years ago, Acton Guides held their meetings at the Scout House, but moved to church halls when the Scouting leadership asked for \$5 per person to cover heating and upkeep costs. He said the fees could mean the boys would have to do more fundraising.

Guides of Canada, Acton District Commissioner Linda Ellis said the rental issue would be on the agenda at the next District meeting.

Ellis said while Guides have used church facilities in the past, they moved their Pathfinder from Trinity United Church to the school gym this year because they needed more space on a regular basis.

"We haven't made a deci-

sion concerning next year, but find our older girls need more room, like a school gym, to run their program," Ellis said, adding affiliated Guides in Brampton, like those in Toronto, are already paying school boards fees to use their facilities after-hours.

The Town will try to lessen the impact by delaying implementation of the agreement by six months until September 1, 2002, forfeiting \$98,000 from the groups.

The Town's manager of recreation, Joy Thompson, said the school board would now be charged for its use of Town parkland adjoining school sites.

She said they're still talking with the board about the play equipment installed, maintained and inspected by the Town at various schools and the costs for crossing guards.

Letters announcing Council's approval of the news fees and new \$2-million liability insurance requirement have been sent out to the user groups.

The Town is planning a workshop for the groups to explain the new and increased rates and insurance requirements.

The Acton Badminton Club faces a 134 per cent increase, to \$2,247 from \$961, to rent the gym at Acton High School and members will meet to discuss if they can afford the new fees.

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