



CHRISTMAS CHEER: Members of the 2nd Acton Sparks group presented a box of Christmas gifts to the Acton Christmas Needs Program last week. Accepting on behalf of Halton Hills Community Support and Information was Cathy Gerrow (right, middle). The Sparks include, front, from left: Taylor Archibald, Jessica Bartels, Brittany Brown, Madeline Christopher, Brittany Stewart, Virginia Seiler, Shannon Taylor and Shelby Hitchcock. Back: Junior leader Hayley Green holding Bridget McDonnell, Brittney Tennier, Jessi Barton, Allison Lemay, Chelsea Elliot, Lauren McMeekin and Katie Schupp. - Submitted photo

Will Acton east growth harm the downtown?

While some Acton merchants are worried development of the plaza and food store in Acton East may kill the core business area, others say keeping shopping dollars in Acton is good for everyone.

"As far as the downtown area, the expansion to the east of the business area is going to be a blow, and there's a rumour that the Bank of Nova Scotia is going up there, too," said John McNabb, owner of McNabb Graphics on Mill Street and chair of the Acton BIA (Business Improvement Area).

"It's a blow at this point because there's nothing there to fill the hole, but if something does come in, then it's going to be a plus and will balance itself out."

Judy MacDonald, owner of Country Reflections gifts on Mill Street, doesn't see the expansion of businesses in Acton East as a threat.

"I think we have the best of all worlds," MacDonald said on Friday.

"We have that wonderful, beautiful big plaza now with the IGA and we have all the little shops on the main street. I think people in Acton have the best of everything."

Acton shopper Cathy Lee doesn't think the east end development will hurt the downtown.

"We have some really quaint stores downtown and I can't see the plaza taking away from the downtown core - it really shouldn't because there are enough different stores downtown to draw

shoppers," Lee said, adding until IGA opened she shopped out of town for food for better prices and quality, but doesn't anymore.

Lee hopes a widespread rumour that IGA wants to open a Giant Tiger - a cross between Byway and a Dollar Store - in its old vacant store is true because it would go a long way to ensuring shoppers stay in Acton.

IGA owner Mike Manes said they are still negotiating for a tenant for the old store.

Be cautious of charity solicitation

Halton Regional Police are reminding people to ask questions when responding to requests for charitable donations.


The Police Fraud Bureau in Milton has received numerous calls lately with regards to charities soliciting funds. At this time of year, residents may receive an above average number of calls by various organizations asking for donations and sponsorships for various charities. Police would like to remind residents that most of these organizations are legitimate, however citizens should not be made to feel obligated in any way to donate.

If the authenticity of the charity is in question, people should ask for verification, proper picture identification, or a company call back

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Have a safe and happy Christmas from the Acton BIA and Downtown Merchants

