



ACTON ACES: Acton students who received the top mark in each course, Honour Society members and special awards recipients were honoured at the school's annual Honours Awards evening last Wednesday at the school. See Page 10 for all the results—Submitted photo

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**YOUTH SUPPORT:** Fun, information and a place to hang out are the main reasons Acton teens flock to Off the Wall, the Mill Street youth centre run by Halton Hills Community Support and Information. Centre staff include, from left: child and youth worker Claire Langridge, youth workers Amanda Kostiuik and Laura Wood and Joan Barham, executive director of HHCSI. — Frances Niblock photo

## Off The Wall Youth Centre hit with teens

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**  
 The New Tanner

The Off The Wall youth centre in Acton is good at being many things to many people — meeting needs of local teens, their parents and downtown merchants by giving teens a place to hang out.

The centre's best-loved feature is that it is a great place to hang out, according to many of the teens who frequent the Mill Street facility.

The centre is open for programs from 3:30 to 7 p.m., on Wednesday for juniors — ages 9-12, and on Thursdays and Fridays from 5:30 to 9 p.m., for seniors, aged 12 to 19. Youth workers are available for support during office hours, daily.

Approximately 45 juniors and 35 to 40 seniors use the centre weekly — taking part in scheduling programs, using the pool table, foosball game, computers, watching television or just hanging out.

Acton's Melissa Paul, a 15-year-old Grade 11 student at Christ the King, is a regular who also volunteers on junior night.

"I come to hang out, but we have stuff we do around here," Paul said on Friday as she met up with friends at the centre.

The previous night, Paul had volunteered at a six-band concert at the Open Door youth centre in Georgetown attended by approximately 20 Acton teens.

"It (the centre) is somewhere you can go if you need help, or just to hang out," Paul said, adding she comes with a regular group of approximately 20 teens.

Amanda Williams, 18, stopped by the centre on Friday with a toddler she was babysitting in tow.

The Grade 12 student at Acton High School said the centre "keeps children out of harm's way, like off the streets and stuff, something for them to do when they have nothing to do."

"There's not much to do in Acton for young kids and this is the place for them to go," Williams said, adding she would be hanging out on the street if the centre didn't exist.

Seventeen-year-old Natasha Pike said the best thing about Off The Wall is the staff.

"You can always talk to the workers, and whenever you need help with something or you are upset or something, (you can) come here and talk to them. They are awesome for that," Pike said.

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# Compromise on Downtown parking?

Parking may be returned to the south side of Mill Street as the BIA attempts to appease some downtown merchants who say a new total ban on parking from Main to Willow Streets is hurting their businesses.

At a BIA meeting last Wednesday, merchants who had signed a petition asking

for the parking ban to be lifted, were asked exactly what they want.

Wards 1/2 Regional Councillor Clark Somerville, the Town's BIA rep. said the consensus was that people wanted parking allowed on the south side of Mill Street.

"Every merchant there said they would

be happy with that," Somerville said on Tuesday.

"It was never our intention to impact their businesses. We just wanted to help traffic move through the downtown and to improve safety and sight lines.

Somerville said he is preparing a Notice of Motion asking Council to consider

allowing parking on the south side of Mill Street, but he is unsure if he would be able to contact all of the interested merchants, as promised, so it could be dealt with at Monday's Council meeting.

Reinstating parking on the south side of Mill Street would make seven or eight parking spaces available.

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