

Medical building proposal on life support

So far, nothing has come from a suggestion to turn the former Cogeco building on Main Street North into a medical centre.

Several executives of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 197, took their suggestion to the Mayor in recent exploratory talks, but the meeting did not result in any action.

Legion executive Gary Munday said they want to get involved to try to help bring doctors to town.

"We thought maybe we could put some money up and maybe buy the Cogeco building and turn it into a medical centre, but the meeting just sort of dead ended it (the proposal)," Munday said on Friday, adding the project would take Town money.

Munday is critical of the recruitment efforts to date.

"They've got 20 new doctors in Halton Hills. Well guess what? Acton got a nurse

(practitioner) and I haven't seen her yet. How do you recruit a doctor to Acton if that medical centre is the best you've got to show? Patients can't even get upstairs," Munday said, adding they'd look at other locations than the Cogeco building - rumoured to have been listed at a little over \$1-million.


Mayor Bonnette said he was "very pleased" the Legion came forward.

"And, they're coming forward with some dollars to put on the table to help with this issue," Bonnette said on Friday, adding no dollar figures were discussed.

Halton Hills has been re-designated as an under-served community when it comes to family practitioners. Since it was first designated in 2000, recruitment efforts have attracted 12 new doctors to

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Due to technical difficulties, several items were held over until the Dec. 9 edition. Late item's also could not be accommodated.

Acton Grade 9s good at math

Exceed both Ontario Board averages

The math skills of Acton's Grade 9 students with both the public and Catholic school boards exceed board and provincial results from last January's mathematics assessment.

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) cautions against using the results to rank or compare schools, because ranking does not explain why scores are high or low and ignores many factors that affect achievement.

At Acton District High School, 36 per cent of Grade 9 math students in the applied program performed at level three, equal to 70 to 79 per cent, or a B. Thirty per cent of Grade 9 math student board-wide were at level three, compared to 25 per cent across the province.

In the academic program, 73 per cent of Acton High students tested at level three, compared to 72 per cent board-wide and 62 per cent province-wide.

Gary Sadler, the Halton District School Board superintendent of education said the results would be used to plans for improving teaching and learning of mathematics.

"The math curriculum promotes a balanced approach to learning where facts and skills are practised on their own, but also applied in context," Sadler said in a press

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GENERATION EXCHANGE: Senior Marion Crumplen and Rotary exchange student Luane Tavares from Brazil compares notes at the Legion Rotary Dinner for Seniors in Acton Legion on Tuesday night. Over 300 attended the Yule dinner cooked and served by Rotarians and Legionnaires. -Frances Niblock photo.

Private sector partnership to develop Town's 401 Corridor

Halton Regional Council has approved a creative financing plan designed to bring water and wastewater services to the employment lands on Steeles Avenue between 5th Line South and Trafalgar Road in Halton Hills, the area is also known as the Halton Hills 401 Corridor.

The financing plan results from, and builds upon, the Region's original investment of \$26.2 million in water and wastewater infrastructure as part of the Halton Urban Structure Plan (HUSP), which will open up more than 500 acres of employment lands along the 401 Corridor in Milton and Halton

Hills. This reflects the Region's strategic goals to create and nurture additional local employment opportunities so that residents can live and work in Halton, and to retain and attract businesses.

The plan involves a financial partnership between the Town of Halton

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