Building could be used as recreational centre

Heritage Acton wants control of fire station

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> Teritage Acton wants to take control of the old Acton fire

"We have a request to council that the old fire hall in Acton be turned over to Heritage Acton so that it can be incorporated into the old town hall and become an important community centre," Heritage Acton spokesperson, Dr. George Elliott told councillors at a general committee meeting Monday.

The town responded by suggesting that Heritage Acton submit its proposal to the Recreation and Parks Department immediately. The building was declared surplus by the town in the spring, and was put up for sale at an asking price of approximately \$160,000.

The old fire hall is located on the corner of Bower Ave. and Willow St. and is adjacent to the old Acton Town Hall, currently home to Acton Support Services and Information Centre.

"One principal reason for building the (town) hall in 1881 was to have a community meeting place with a stage; this is now not possible," Elliott said

However, Heritage Acton wants to change that. The group formed in 1977 with a community campaign to save the old town hall from demolition to make way for a parking lot. Subsequently, the town turned the hall over to Heritage Acton. To date, the group has restored 90 per cent of that building at a cost of \$340,498— all donated monies.

During the town's construction of a fire station, the stage area of the old town hall was removed and a cement block wall erected between the two buildings. The arch over the stage, however, was retained.

And although the upstairs auditiorium in the hall is almost completed, it cannot be used due to a lack of fire safety exits. This problem can be solved, Elliott said, by incorporating the fire hall with the town hall. The cement block wall could be removed so the stage could be restored— this was allowed for in the original construction. The second

floor of the fire hall would be the back stage area, with adequate dressing rooms, while the first floor could be converted into rehearsal rooms, meeting rooms or offices— whatever the market dictates.

"This stage could be used by local theatre and amateur groups who need a stage but do not need the professionally-equipped John Elliott Theatre," Elliott said. "The stage would be limited but it would be adequate as it was for almost 100 years previously in the old town hall."

Heritage Acton says that the stage could be used by local theatre groups, such as the Acton puppeteer group, or for dinner theatres or dances.

The building would be controlled and maintained by Heritage Acton, as the old town hall is now. The town's only cost in this venture, Elliott says, would be the donation of the building. In turn, the town would acquire a recreational facility at no cost and Heritage Acton would make sure the building is available to all community groups.

"Heritage Acton has a track record for getting things done," said Elliott, "and we will continue to do so."

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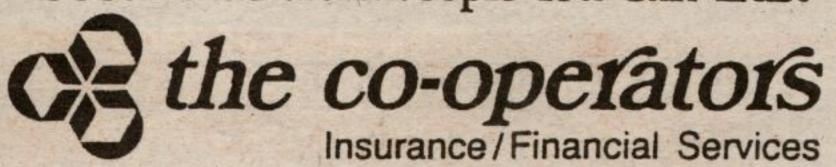
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