

Town committee shortlists architectural firms

Plans are well underway for the long awaited indoor recreation facilities.

A team of town staff members and representatives of council have arrived at a short list for architectural firms for both the twinning of Gordon Alcott Arena and the planned recreation centre, which will include an aquatic facility and multi-purpose space.

A total of 34 submissions from architectural firms were received which illustrates there is significant interest in these projects, a town press release stated.

Final recommendations of the firms for each project, will be placed before council in early December for approval. This will enable the firms an opportunity to review the background information on the community and projects prior to the end of the year.

In early January project consultants will be meeting with user

Fund-raising to begin soon

group representatives, including agencies and the business community, staff and council to discuss various aspects of design features which will be considered. Once the information is amassed the conceptual design stage will be started.

The public will also have the opportunity to provide input and comment on the conceptual designs.

Upon acceptance of the preferred conceptual designs, they will be brought before council for comment, alteration where required, and approval.

The tender for construction will be awarded with the target date for breaking ground of July 2000 and occupancy in the spring 2001.

A major part to the success of these community projects is the

fund-raising campaign. A committee is being developed to manage the capital campaign with the objective of raising \$2 million.

A number of residents, service clubs and businesses have inquired about opportunities to contribute. The town committee said it hoped to have a plan in place early in the new year which will provide opportunities for involvement and giving.

The Town of Halton Hills recognizes that many valuable fund-raising initiatives are currently underway in the community by various organizations, the press release stated.

"All these programs will contribute significantly to the quality of life in our community and we encourage residents, organizations and the business community to give generously. Together we can continue to make a difference as we invest in the health of our community," the release said.

TOWN HALL AT A GLANCE

Mayor seeks crossing review

In light of the truck/train collision at the Fourth Line that claimed the life of a Little Current man last week, Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson has requested that all level railway crossings in the town be reassessed.

Serjeantson, on behalf of the town, has sent a letter to Transport Canada requesting an assessment of the 14 level railway crossings in Halton Hills. Ten crossings are on town roads, four on regional roads and nine don't have gates.

The assessment is to begin within the month.

If the study reveals the need for gates at a crossing the \$80,000 to \$150,000 cost of installation will be shared by Transport Canada (80 per cent), the town or region depending on who owns the road (12.5 per cent), and the railway (7.5 per cent).

Somerville asks for lighting

Council approved, at Councillor Clark Somerville's request, that staff investigate the feasibility of lighting the Church and Willow Sts. municipal lots in Acton. Somerville initiated the motion at the behest of Acton BIA.

Names added to street database

Ward 2 Councillor Kevin Kuiack, chair of the town's street naming committee, made an appeal to the public at a recent council meeting, for more names to add to the town streetnaming database. Names are accepted or rejected based on criteria. Names recently added to the database included Shain, Bowman, Laura, Robinson, McNally, Alderbrook, Belmont, Grange, Grove, Vale, Sprucedale, Sandhurst, Hartwell. Not included was Xanthios, Bird, or Stewart's Mill. Names assigned to the new Verdeux development on 15 Sideroad are Belmont Blvd., Grist Mill Dr., Willoughby Way, Lawlor St. and McNally St.

Fund-raising begins for park

Councillor John Day announced the door-to-door fund-raising campaign for improvements to Remembrance Park has begun this month.

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