

OPINION

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Dufferin scores

Kudos to Dufferin Aggregates for stepping forward and presenting a \$200,000 cheque to the Acton Agricultural Society's (AAS) It's More Than Fair Campaign.

AAS has ambitious plans to build a multi-use facility that will house the Acton Fall Fair in September and serve as a venue for other community events in the rest of the year. Most important, its chief tenants will be the Acton and Georgetown Soccer Clubs to provide indoor soccer in the winter. Soccer, as evidenced by the enthusiasm for the World Cup, is a growing sport and AAS has taken the ball and scored with their idea to combine their need with the soccer clubs'.

Dufferin Aggregates's combined cash and in-kind donation in materials will go a long way to making this multi-use facility a reality.

According to Campaign co-chair Brent Marshall the goal is to raise \$750,000 by the end of the year, but the immediate goal is to raise \$350,000, so that construction can begin and indoor soccer can kick off in early 2007.

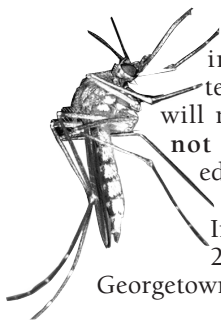
"Dufferin Aggregates has gotten our campaign off to a tremendous start," said Marshall. "We really appreciate their support and the leadership they have shown in giving back to the community. We're confident that as other follow their example we will meet our goal of \$750,000 by the end of the year."

AAS has been struggling for close to 10 years without the building during its annual fair days, but the 90-year-old group— this year's Acton Citizen of the Year— has never lost its determination in seeing a new building built to replace the demolished old Acton arena.

The fundraising campaign gets into high gear this summer and we hope that other companies will take heed and run with the ball towards the goal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Catholic supporter opposes board decision

Dear editor,
Re: Catholic Board decision puzzling (June 28, 2006)

As a Catholic school board tax supporter I am bewildered and angered by the decision made this week, to opt out of the Halton Regional Campus plan.

This plan offered both Separate and Public school boards the opportunity to work with the Region to offer more cost efficient services to the ratepayers of the region. The more money spent in the administration of the boards, the less money available to the students, classrooms and individual school needs.

The suggestion that somehow this was actually an attempt to reduce the independence of the Separate Board is ludicrous and demonstrates a level of paranoia that should be very disturbing to local Separate board supporters. Clearly Trustee Bob van de Vrande's position on both sides of the fence clearly epitomizes the bizarre decisions we have seen over this issue.

If these trustees honestly believe that Catholic education can be undermined by the location of the administrative offices or how they share the costs of office supplies, they clearly don't have a realistic vision of either Catholic education or the realities of the current state of educational financing in Ontario today.

I want the money saved by this project in my children's school not in

the board office. In November, every trustee who voted against this proposal should be removed from office. I'm sure we can find a few good people who will put their personal

empires and aspirations aside and think of the students first and foremost.

D. Harmer,
Georgetown

'National flag' upsets patriotic Canadian

Dear editor,
There are several folk around town selling flags this week. Most of them are soccer team flags for supporting your favourites in the World Cup. This is fine and a source of national pride for the countries involved in the World Cup.

However, one of these flags on display, very prominently at Alcott and Guelph Sts., was a red and white flag similar to our country's flag approximately 3ft. by 4ft.

The major difference in this flag was that the red maple leaf had been replaced by a marijuana leaf also in red.

That someone could come along and desecrate our county's flag and openly and brazenly display it on a major intersection in town defies belief.

I personally was incensed by this display but when I approached the vendor he told me his boss had ordered him to display it and he had no choice.

It was my impression that to alter any national flag in any way was illegal. If that is not so, then this display, to say the least, was a direct insult to Canadians and in extremely

poor taste.

A proud Canadian

John Tatham,
Georgetown

Maple Co-op Nursery School says thanks

Maple Co-operative Nursery School, located in Cedarvale Park, would like to thank the families of Maple and our local businesses for their generous donations to our Spring Silent Auction.

It was a great success, raising close to \$1,200! This fundraiser will help us purchase a new school sign and educational programs for our children ages 18 months to 5 years.

Special thanks to North Halton G.C.C., Mattina Cucina's, Elizabeth Fashions, Heather's Bakery, La Vita, Dairy Queen, Studio 19, Foodstuffs, Core Essentials, Curves, Flamingo Dance Studio, Downtown Spa, Play Junction, Rampulla's and The Freckled Lion.

Your contributions and community support were really appreciated.

Thank you again,

Lisa Hartsink, President