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FRIDAY...

Local mixed martial artist Stjepan (Steve) Vujnovic puts his 4-0 won-loss record on the line Saturday in Edmonton. For preview see Friday's *Independent & Free Press*.

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Holiday On Ice

Local artist Shirley Deaville of rural Georgetown, displays the original copy of her painting *Holiday Ice*, which has been used as part of a Canada Lung Association fund raiser in partnership with the Canadian Hockey League. The limited edition, signed print is available online through the Lung Association, and can be personalized with any team from the Canadian Hockey League. See story page 3.

Photo by Ted Brown

Capital budget clears first hurdle

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The demolition of Dick Licata Pool and the rehabilitation of the bridge on Main St. in Glen Williams are just two items on a long list of 2008 capital projects approved by the Town's budget committee Monday night.

After going through the budget item by item, committee (all council members and the mayor) approved a \$10.8 million capital budget and \$111.5 million 2009 to 2017 capital forecast, both of which were up only slightly from the totals originally recommended by Town Finance Director Ed DeSousa at the beginning of the evening.

DeSousa was calling for a \$9.97 million capital budget and a \$111 million capital forecast.

The key reasons for the increases that were approved by committee were decisions to move forward with three items from Council's

Strategic Plan including the Town's Green Plan at a cost of \$75,000, and 401/407 Corridor Expansion study at an overall cost of \$400,000. Committee also gave the green light to refurbishing and replacing equipment at Georgetown Library and the Cultural Centre Gallery at a total cost of \$175,000.

Seven projects represent 54 per cent of the 2008 capital budget.

- They are:
- \$1.65 million, pavement managed on various roads in Acton including Kingham Rd., Storey Ave., Church St. and Acton Blvd.
 - \$950,000, Glen bridge rehabilitation
 - \$630,000, Dominion Gardens phase 2
 - \$618,000, Dominion Gardens splash pad
 - \$605,000, 10 Sideroad boulevard and streetlights
 - \$561,000, Acton Community Sports Park, phase 2
 - \$391,000, public works equipment replacement

One of the capital items that generated some lengthy discussion around the council table was \$35,000 to install new sliding automatic doors in Acton Arena as part of the Town's 2007 Municipal Accessibility Plan.

Councillor Clark Somerville questioned why they should have to pay \$35,000 for accessibility items in a building that when it went up only 10 years ago had accessibility features built into it.

"With it being done in the late '90s I would have thought we had a lot of these things put in," said Somerville.

He asked what the annual operating costs would be for sliding doors.

Paul Stover, the Town's Manager of Facilities, didn't have those costs readily available, but said there would be a maintenance contract. He also said the doors in the arena "need attention" and some need to be replaced.

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