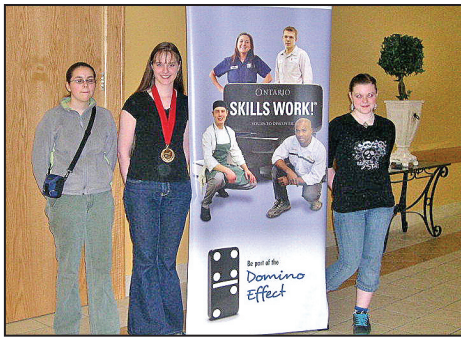




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Two Acton High School students win medals at the Ontario Skills Competitions in Waterloo. See Page 4.



St. John's the Evangelist Church in Rockwood held a special St. John's Day last Saturday to celebrate the saint's life. See Rockwood Mill Page.



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FITTING TRIBUTE: Acton veteran Mary Irwin handed out flags to Maria and Mattias Buttwell of Mississauga during last Thursday's Candlelight Tribute service at the Acton Cenotaph to honour the sacrifices of those who served in the cause of freedom and peace. — Frances Niblock photo

Council approves \$1.3 million loan

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
 The New Tanner

Subject to a number of conditions, the Town will loan the Acton Agricultural Society \$1.3-million to help it construct a new multi-purpose building in Prospect Park

Town councillors okayed the loan, in principle, under the Town's Municipal Assistance Program on Tuesday, ending the Society's seven-year bid to replace the old Acton arena that was torn down by the Town after it built a new arena in Acton East.

Council's approval hinges on the Society securing the balance of \$350,000 for a \$500,000 down payment, getting an updated construction cost estimate from a surveyor and providing rental contracts from building users guaranteeing revenue.

That isn't going to be a problem according to Drew Brown, the professional fundraiser hired by the Society to spearhead its ambitious \$750,000 fundraising campaign, co-chaired by former councillor Norm Elliott, Halton CAO and Acton resident

Brent Marshall and Society building committee chair Jim Pink.

Asked if he had any concerns with the Town's conditions Brown said that he was "quite confident" the Society could raise the money in "reasonably short order."

The Society already has \$250,000 in its building fund and its goal is significantly more than what is required for the financing plan.

Brown also said the Trillium Foundation was waiting to learn of Town Council's decision on the loan before it dealt with the Society's request for a \$100,000 grant to pay for the indoor turf.

The Society's plans call for a \$1.9-million, 25,600-square-foot building on the footprint of the old arena, and while the main purpose

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