

Guelph firm gets contract...

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 raising goal of \$350,000 and now have \$466,744 in commitments in just under three months of fundraising. The total fundraising goal over three years is \$750,000.

Brown said they have received more money than they've asked for, and so far, have not had one refusal.

"That is very unusual... you expect to be turned down by

some people that you ask..." Brown said adding they have received \$10,000 in cash, have \$80,000 in signed commitments and have made requests for an additional \$150,000.

"We've also identified another \$400,000 in asks that we that we're going to be making over the next few weeks," he said adding of the 36 donations to date, the average is \$11,774 – a real tribute to the community.

Earlier in the meeting, Acton Councillor Mike O'Leary said at the request of the donor, the name of the company that pledged an additional \$80,000 on Tuesday – described as one of the major industrial firms in Acton – will not be released for several weeks.

O'Leary noted that the company had already pledged \$20,000 to the building campaign, raising the total

donation to \$100,000.

Council also agreed to waive build permit fees and other related development fees, estimated at under \$5,000.

Mayor Rick Bonnette said it was "just unbelievable" that Society fundraisers have been able to collect pledges and cash totaling almost half-a-million dollars in three short months.

Based on a timeline that allows four weeks for finalization of the financial documents, site plan approval and issuing of permits, resulting in a construction beginning in early to mid-October with the building finished in May or June with an official grand opening for the 2007 Acton Fall Fair.

A highlight of this year's fair will be the groundbreaking ceremony for the new building, slated for 2 p.m. on September 16.



BUZZING FOR BEN

Clippers were going and kids were smiling



Buzz for Ben day raises over \$1,500 to fight MD

Hurricane Ernesto could not dampen the determination of the five young brothers who weathered the storm to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy last weekend. Despite heavy rains and their screened tent cart-wheeling down Hwy 7

due to winds, the Buzz for Ben was an overwhelming success!

A caring and generous Acton helped Noah MacDonald and his brothers Jesse, Aaron, Elijah and Jonah raise over \$1,500 on that wet day. Mandy Dixon of Mandy's Hair Creation lifted off the locks of the boys and other determined supporters.

People came by and dropped off donations and enjoyed what may be the dampest BBQ of the season.

A grateful MacDonald family would like to thank their friends who helped volunteer, Father Bob Bulbrook and St. Joseph's parish for their constant support. A special thank you to Mandy Dixon, M&M's Meat Shop, Prosperity One, the Acton Fire Dept., A Taste of Italy Restaurant and Brian's Food Basics.

Without hesitation these boys took off their hair before heading back to school. The youngest, Jonah, though, has decided he wants to have his hair back, please.

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