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# Many happy returns for bottles

Halton Hills councillors cheered this week when Queen's Park announced plans to charge a deposit on alcohol containers bought at the LCBO, beginning February 1.

Town Council championed the move, and convinced 83 other Ontario municipalities to endorse its call for action.

While pleased with the move, Acton and Regional Councillor Clark Somerville said now they need to look at expanding the deposit system for pop and water bottles.

"The LCBO and the province should be taken to task because they collect \$50-million a year in environmental tax

on everything spent at the LCBO – only \$5-million of that goes back to the recycling program," Somerville said, adding the statistic that 80-million LCBO bottles end up in landfills is "staggering."

Somerville said he was not concerned

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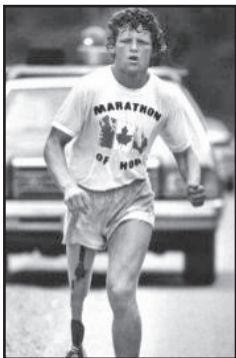
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Inside**

## Former councillor contends Acton needs 'different approach' in Plan



Twenty years ago Tuesday Acton's largest employer, the Beardmore tannery closed for good. The New Tanner has an 8-page pull-out section inside that takes a look back and at the future of the land the huge complex occupied.



This Sunday, September 17 Terry Fox Runs in both Acton and Rockwood carry on Terry's dream. See Pages 12 and 28.



Acton and area women were among the many who participated in the Weekend to End Breast Cancer. See Page 7.



**CONSTRUCTION BEGINS:** Acton Sports Action Park chair Deb Fendley and Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette shared a shovel at the groundbreaking ceremonies on Monday for the Acton skatepark facility beside the arena. On hand were members of the skatepark committee, donors, politicians and Town staff. – Frances Niblock photo

## Ground breaking for skateboard park

The people who gave their time, talent and money to make the Acton skateboard park project happen clapped and cheered on Monday afternoon as the first shovel of dirt was dug at the north end of the Acton

arena for the \$204,000 3 Musketeers Skatepark.

As they shared a ceremonial shovel, Deb Fendley, chair of the Acton Sports Action Park (ASAP) quietly quipped to Mayor Rick Bonnette that she

wished the shovel were a back hoe and the mayor repeated her comments to the crowd, acknowledging that the project has taken five long years.

Bonnette, an ASAP committee

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## Constraints put town into old impasse

*By Frances Niblock*

Acton should be looked at "slightly differently" when it comes to long-term planning according to a former local councillor.

A draft version of the updated Official Plan – the blueprint for future growth – is currently before Town Council for debate and approval, and after a staff briefing to Council last Tuesday, former Acton Councillor Norm Elliott made a plea for special consideration for Acton.

Elliott said he was speaking as a citizen of Acton, but acknowledged he has provided "comment and constructive" advice to a group that wants more land in Acton East included in the developable area of the Official Plan.

"I'm not on anyone's payroll," Elliott said, adding he is worried about the very constrictive influence of the recently approved Greenbelt legislation, designed to preserve agricultural land

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