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Town Planner David VanderBerg said the applications would allow for more uses than currently approved for the site. The site is currently zoned for light industrial use and a change to commercial zoning would be required to allow the two-storey, 16,760-square-foot building with medical and dental offices, a pharmacy, café and doctor's residence.

Dr. Alshakarji's planning consultant, Glenn Wellings told councillors the ap-

plication is "really good news" and will provide the Acton community with an enhanced, full-service medical clinic.

Wellings said his client supports suggestions to locate the building close to Mill Street, and shift it from it so the flank abuts Fellows Street, not Eastern Avenue as shown in the initial plan.

Neighbour Peter Shultz questioned if the parallel parking shown on Fellows Street is required, because it would prevent using the

garage at a house on the corner.

VanderBerg said the plan is still at the conceptual stage and staff would look into the issue for the final site plan.

Carle, president of North Halton Holdings which owns the Georgetown Medical Centre and other medical facilities in the GTA, said his concerns with the proposal include parking, the size and scope of the project and its economic viability.

"I believe that upgrading an older building will serve the community far better and more economically than building a new building," Carle said.

In a letter to Council, Carle said converting industrial lands to commercial use goes against Council's efforts to increase the industrial tax base. He said the new clinic wouldn't attract new physicians to Acton.

As per policy, Council took no action on the application, but will debate its merits after staff prepares a report that summarizes public and agency comments.



ACE ACHIEVERS: The exemplary attitude and effort shown by 28 Acton High Schools students earned them Acton Achiever awards at a ceremony on Friday at the school. — Frances Niblock photo

Acton High School honours its Achievers with awards Friday

By Frances Niblock

Twenty-eight Acton High School students, including the poster boy for perseverance, the troubled girl who wouldn't give up and the students who are a joy to teach were honoured with Acton Achievers awards at a special ceremony before the start of classes on Friday.

As proud parents watched, the recipients — many embarrassed at the fuss and some yawning at the early hour — were honoured for their hard work, willingness to help and good character.

Principal Bert O'Hearn said the awards are special because they are created for students who deserve them and are nominated by their teachers.

Katelyn Roesner, a Grade nine student was praised by her gym teacher, Mrs. Zazzara, for being positive and enthusiastic, competitive and compassionate, attributes that are "invaluable and appreciated."

Grade nine student Charlotte DeSouza, who had a tough time dealing with the changes of high school, was honoured by teacher Don Evoy for the way she's dealt with the frustrations and

challenges she has faced.

"Charlotte has been a classic example of an achiever — not the top student with the highest mark, but somebody that deserves to be recognized for her effort," Evoy said.

Grade nine student Cindy Tyminski was nominated by her English teacher Mrs. Fleming who noted that English is not Cindy's first language — she is fluent in several languages — but that didn't stop her from tackling Shakespeare and his "crazy form" use of English.

"Cindy took on the challenge, and of all of the students, really seemed to understand what it was that Shakespeare was trying to say, and would not give up," Fleming said.

Ryan Brunschwiler was described as the "poster child for perseverance," by his Grade 12 physics teacher Mr. Braun who said Ryan did not give up when the

work was hard.

"He could have easily just decided that he wasn't going to do the work and just give up, but he did not. He made it his mandate that he was going to do the best he could and he came in for help...that work ethic and dedication, especially when you're having trouble, is commendable," Braun said.

Principal O'Hearn made the final awards to Grade nine students Slaome Holland and Tori Paterson, who were nominated by the office staff and top administrators for doing the morning announcements.

"They are enthusiastic. Their energy in the office every morning picks us all up...and so, for their dedication, their initiative, good humour, I want to present you with these awards," O'Hearn said as he gave each a certificate thanking them for their exemplary attitude and effort.



From the January 25, 2006 pages of The New Tanner
One year ago, Rotary Club of Acton members hope the spring thaw will mark construction of their proposed bandshell in Prospect Park. Planned as a project to mark last year's 100th anniversary of Rotary, the project was delayed.

In other news:

•Retiring and veteran Halton Hills firefighters — "the best in the business" — according to their chief, were honoured at a special ceremony. Thirty-two honourees received long-standing service pins from the town and Exemplary Service Award bars.

•Town councillors will spend \$1.1-million to resurface existing roads in Acton this year — including \$500,000 to reconstruct Eastern Avenue, and \$81,000 for gravel, ditching and resurfacing, including the Sixth Line from Highway 7 south to 22 Side Road.

From the January 24, 2002 pages of The New Tanner
Five years ago: Acton nurse Brenda Ramsden, known by colleagues as the "queen of knowledge" who blends kindness with efficiency has been named Employee of the Year by the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.

In other news:

•Hundreds of Acton Christians celebrated at a joint Ecumenical Service to mark the week of Christian Unity the Service for Christian Unity at the Legion.

•45-year-old Acton resident Patrick Kelly is listed in critical condition in a Toronto hospital after stepping in front of a school bus on Mill Street.

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