

SISTER SERVICE: Pat Kentner, of the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society serves her sister Laurie Ryan-Lewis at the fundraising campaign kick-off dinner at Knox Church hall last Wednesday. The sisters volunteer to canvass Dr. Moore Drive.



CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF: Carl Leybourne, president of the Wellington branch of the Canadian Cancer Society to which the Acton branch is affiliated, discusses details of the fundraising campaign with Ivan Kilby of the Acton branch

Daffy sales swift

Because the daffodil pre-sales to supportive Acton businesses went so well (over 700 bunches out of the total order of 1250), the volunteers who sold the remainder to shoppers outside the Sobeys store were sold out by 1:30 on Saturday.

Acton Cancer Society President Cathy Gerrow was thrilled with the sales stating they "went extremely well. This is the first time we've ever sold out that quickly."

The door-to-door campaign runs the month of April.



Politicians applaud end to pooling

Municipal politicians applaud provincial plans to stop making GTA taxpayers foot the bill for Toronto's social service

Each Halton taxpayer paid \$180 towards the so-called pooling costs last year – Halton's cost was \$41-million – but, the recent provincial budget includes plans to reduce pooling charges by one-sixth of the 2004 levels each year, until they are eliminated in 2013.

In 1998, Ontario became the only province to pay for social assistance and housing programs with property tax dollars.

Because Toronto has 80 per cent of the social assistance clients and 74 per cent of the social housing stock in the GTA, the province decided to pool, or share, these social and housing costs

TOWN DIGEST

among GTA municipalities, including Halton. The move was supposed to be temporary.

Both Halton Hills and Halton Council have argued the pooling costs are unfair, and recently, Acton Councillor Clark Somerville convinced his Regional colleagues to freeze Halton's share at last year's levels in protest.

Office costs

Office supplies and furniture will cost the Town \$800,000 over the next five years under purchasing deals recently approved by Council.

The \$513,000 office supplies contract with Basic Office Products is for three

years, with options for two more.

Council also approved a \$315,000 deal with Basic to provide office furniture

Liquor at West Seven

The new management of Seven West – the former problem-plagued Nashville North and Club 2000 – were applauded by several Town councillors for working closely with the Norval Community Association since taking over and reopening

Seven West received a liquor licence after signing an agreement to comply with Town bylaws covering issues including noise, property and community standards, littering, and to deal with issues quickly, including transportation for patrons at closing

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