

Town to identify cost of growth

The Town will spend \$40,000 to hire a consultant to identify the cost of growth. It wants to know what services and infrastructure—like bridges, roads, and parks—will be needed to accommodate growth until 2031, and how much it will cost.

Town councillors want a long-range financial model based on various levels of residential

and industrial/commercial development over the next 25 years.

The consultant will develop a number of growth scenarios showing different levels of growth, determine assessment projections, assess capital costs and revenue recoveries, project operating cost impacts and service levels and develop an overall model that analyses

the fiscal impacts of different growth scenarios on the town

Mayor Rick Bonnette acknowledged it's a lot of money to spend, but said it's important for the Town to know what the various scenarios and growth factors are and to have a cost analysis for what happens with no growth or

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Spools of copper wire are stolen

Eight spools of heavyduty coated copper wire valued at \$16,000 were stolen from a rural Acton property between April 13 and 17.

Police said the spools, each containing 1,000-feet of wire, were stolen from a property on Highway 25, south of 25 Side Road. The owner uses the wire in the entertainment industry.

Police said the suspects drove onto the property, loaded up the heavy spools and drove away.



GOOD ROLE MODELS: Acton's Grant and Mary Allen – who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary – posed for photos with their newly married granddaughter Kelly Sheehan and husbamd Ky Dip, in Prospect Park on Saturday. – Frances Niblock photo

Local volunteers are honoured

Volunteering has allowed Helen Dubeau to make new friends, meet a lot of interesting people and learn new skills – benefits she hadn't counted on when she began helping with the Meals-On-Wheels program in Acton 30 years ago.

Dubeau, and another 30-year Meals-on-Wheels volunteer, Rena Arbic, were among the volunteers honored by Links2Care (formerly Halton Hills Community Support and Information) at a luncheon/ reception/tea on Friday at the Ballinafad Community Centre

Described as "caring connections" to others who need help, the volunteers were thanked for donating their time and talents to the community through various programs and services offered by the social

services agency.

Links2Care has approximately 170 active volunteers and Marlene Beitz, the volunteer coordinator, said in many ways the volunteers make life better for their clients.

"These people deliver meals, they visit, they work with teens in the youth centre – they offer that special care and contact that people really need," Beitz said, adding the Meals-on-Wheels volunteers provide much more than a daily meal.

Beitz said if there is a common trait among the volunteers, it is that they "go the extra mile."

"They like to do things for other people – that's their motivation and that's what they are best at – they do so much more than their

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Slated to be completed by May 31, 2007

By Frances Niblock

On budget and almost on schedule – the new Acton Agricultural Society/indoor soccer facility in Prospect Park is so close to being a reality that organizers are trying to decide whether to hold a grand opening now, or wait until September's fair.

The artificial turf is slated for installation on May 15, and the building is to be completed May 31, leading project manager David Dautovich to answer "June 1" when asked when the \$1.9-million facility will open.

Cold windy weather prevented crews from putting up the siding on the Knox Avenue side of the building when expected, but on Friday, Dautovich said they were closing in the building, installing the main overhead doors and finishing the brickwork.

"They are installing windows next week and they are drywalling and once they finish that, they'll put in the floor finishes and then

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