



Workers dig deep under Main St. to install sewers, watermains.

Reconstruction on Main St...

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businesses and residents. Concerns were mentioned regarding the Acton Fall Fair Parade on Saturday, September 15. Mike Russell and Paul McCarthy both assured the Board that Mill and Main Street would be clear of construction material, temporary asphalt put down and fully opened by end of day Friday, September 14 in time for the parade.

Paul McCarthy fielded questions concerning the length of construction and unforeseen problems they have encountered. Construction to date is approximately two weeks behind schedule. Some of the problems construction crews have encountered are broken water mains, trenches caving in due to unstable soil and hooking up temporary water services.

McCarthy says "We have never encountered the problems we have been facing on Main Street. There have been daily surprises causing lengthy delays and setbacks. Construction crews are working an average of 13.5 hour days to make up for lost time."

Construction will also include replacement of storm sewers on Vimy Street, 1000 metres of curb replacement and some sidewalk repairs. Once the construction is

complete paving should take approximately four to five days. Construction completion is targeted for the end of October barring any rain delays and unforeseen problems.

Concerns were raised regarding road closures on Church and Mill Street. The closures have been necessary for traffic safety reasons. Road closures at these two areas should be minimal from now on.

Acton BIA Chairman John McNabb says "We realize that this is going to be a difficult job to complete. We were satisfied with explanations that were given to us by the

Region and King Construction and we look forward to a completed job that will enhance our downtown. Everyone must be patient and understanding that this is a major reconstruction job that will benefit everyone in the long run."

Construction site meetings are being held every two weeks and updates will be available on the Acton BIA website at www.downtownacton.ca. Anyone with concerns may contact the Acton BIA office at 519-853-9555 and every effort will be made to address them, said BIA coordinator Josey Bonnette.

Catholic Board expecting growth

When classes resume on Tuesday, September 4 at Halton Catholic schools, the Board of Education anticipates an overall growth in enrolment of about 875 students.

Projected enrolment figures indicated that 28,597 students (19,22 elementary and 9,375 secondary) will be attending the Board's 39 elementary and seven secondary schools compared to 27,630 last years.

Fifty-six new teachers have been hired (43 elementary and 13 secondary) to date. The Catholic board employs a staff of 3,141.

Among special events the Board will celebrate this year is the 30th anniversary of St. Joseph School in Acton. The first Acton Catholic school started in what was called the "old stone school," once a high school and part of Robert Little School.

The old stone school, once

the private residence of Sidney Smith and family who built it around 1850. It was a showplace. "The lawns, gardens, terraces orchard, rockery, lily pond and groves of evergreens and other trees covered over four acres," Acton's Early Days related.

Scottish stone masons cut the stone, for the spacious home called Fairview Place. Fire made the home uninhabitable in the early 1900s and it was acquired by the Acton School Board and turned it into a Continuation School which taught the first four years of high school.

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