

Name OMHA trophy after Ron McKnight

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association has announced it is naming a trophy after Acton's Ron McKnight, always a popular figure in Acton.

In future, the winner of the OMHA Atom 'E' championship will receive The Ronald McKnight Trophy.

Ron was presented with the OMHA Honour Award for his outstanding contributions to minor hockey in 1984. Then in 1998, he was named winner of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award.

He worked as a time-

keeper for the Acton Minor Hockey Association in the 1970s and later became secretary of the Tri-County Minor Hockey League for five years.

Among his many contributions to Georgetown's Hockey Heritage, Ron has served as timekeeper for the Georgetown International Bantam Tournament for 12 years. Ron was the timekeeper for the Georgetown Midget Tournament and also volunteered as timekeeper for the Georgetown Intermedi-

ate "A" Raiders and assisted with fundraising for the Junior Golf Tournaments.

Ron became the Secretary-Treasurer of the Georgetown Referees Association in 1977, and has been their President since 1984.

In 1983, Ron was awarded a "Life Membership" in the Georgetown Referees Association.

Ron is a resident of Acton. While he lived in Georgetown during the early 1990's, he has since returned to his roots in his home town.

All levels of government pay for Stewarttown bridge

A joint announcement from MP Michael Chong, MPP Ted Arnott and Mayor Rick Bonnette on Friday, Feb. 13 confirmed that replacement of the Stewarttown Rd. Bridge will be one of the first projects to benefit from funding for all three levels of government and reduce the amount of red tape to get shovels in the ground sooner on the project.

The federal and provincial governments will each invest up to \$276,500 in the project while Halton Hills will contribute the balance of the total eligible project cost of up to \$89,500.

Emphasizing the importance of partnership to accomplish significant change, MP Michael Chong says, "Because we know our communities have immediate needs our government is accelerating the funding process to ensure that money flows faster and more efficiently," words

substantiated by MPP Ted Arnott.

"We need to work together and continue to make substantial investments in new infrastructure, which will strengthen our economic competitiveness and protect our environment over the long term," Arnott said.

Mayor Rick Bonnette welcomed the new level

of cooperation, noting the investment will allow the Town to improve its infrastructure and increase safety and mobility in Stewarttown.

The project is one of 289 across the province that are slated to soon break ground thanks to the federal-provincial-municipal investment of more than \$1 billion

Discuss culture...

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-clude arts, culture and heritage – everything from natural heritage like the Bruce Trail to events like the Acton Fall Fair and places like the library and cultural gallery.

In studying cultural planning in other countries and communities, Sharkey said they found that it is usually done in a partnership involving individuals, businesses and the municipality.

"The other piece that we

found very interesting was some communities are emphasizing very much the economic benefits of cultural planning... other communities are focusing on social well-being, so they are talking about sense of place, cultural fabric, a great place to grown up and live..." Sharkey said, adding that cultural planning can help make a community recession-proof.

She said that one of the cultural planning tenets is that attracting creative workers to live within a community makes it more recession proof.

"...People within these occupations often have a higher level of education, are self-employed, are more independent...choosing to live somewhere that they can feel that cultural connection to and having them within your community is going to have ripple effects..." Sharkey said.

While Halton Hills does not have a one-stop "round table" focus on culture, the town does have many of the activities that other communities want to build, like the artists' colony in the Williams Mill in Glen Williams, arts tours and promotion of the Bruce Trail she said.

Sharkey said they came to

a number of important conclusions at the symposium including the fact that Halton Hills is very well situated for attracting creative workers, both geographically and for what is already here.

The Town has more visual arts groups compared to performing arts and more significant natural heritage sites, although compared to similarly sized communities, Halton Hills has fewer designated heritage sites, and the three sectors – arts, cultural and heritage, are not well known to the community or connected to one another, something that leads to missed opportunities and overlapped events.

Sharkey said the committee's draft goals are to look at a round table model, develop a marketing strategy and work with Town Council to develop a more integrated way to look at arts, culture and heritage.

She said they will prepare a final report for Council, ensure they have consulted with everyone, reach out to the community with presentations and start to look for funds.



OMHA letter

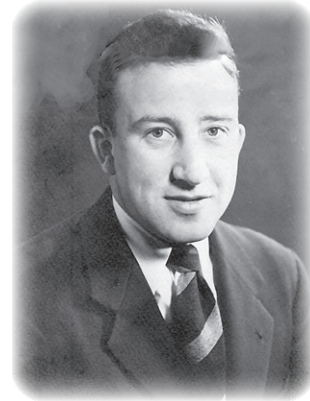
Dear Ronald,

On behalf of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, it is my pleasure to advise you that the OMHA Board of Directors has elected to name a trophy in your honour, in recognition of your contributions to the OMHA and Minor Hockey.

Once again, please accept the sincere appreciation of both the OMHA Board and Membership in the hopes that this will, in some small way, serve as a lasting reminder in acknowledgement of your contributions to the OMHA.

Sincerely,
Richard Ropchan,
Executive Director

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