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Hair razoring for scholarships

“Shock and awe” were the reactions Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville was expecting when his colleagues got a look at his curly, dyed jet-black hair at Tuesday’s council meeting.

Somerville, who in the past has collected pledges to shave his head for the Canadian Cancer Society, submitted to a recent perm and then the colouring to help raise money for, and awareness of, a scholarship fund offered by the Canadian Federation of Municipalities, (FCM) which is

holding its annual conference in Toronto this weekend.

“The scholarships are for women who are either interested in entering municipal politics or civil administration,” Somerville, a member of the FCM Men of Ontario caucus, said on Monday.

“It’s perfect. People see my hair and ask me why, and then I explain more about the scholarships and have a good laugh,” he said, adding that in the weekend heat he felt like a shaggy “Black Lab.”

Somerville submitted to the ministrations of local stylist Monica Galway on Friday and immediately received the “shock and awe” reactions.

“I’ve had people ask me why I was wearing a wig and I tell them to give it a tug. Others walked by a did a double take,” he said, adding he expects his pledges and donations to top \$2,000 by yesterday (Wednesday.)

Somerville will be shaved bald at FCM by an Ontario mayor, who is also a barber.



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GREEN THUMBS GALORE: Members of the Acton Horticultural Society were ready for their annual plant sale on Saturday at the Hide House parking lot. A long line-up of shoppers waited patiently to get great deals and expert advice. — Frances Niblock photo

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