

Acton prepares for Terry Fox Run

Founding member of the Acton Terry Fox Run, Jon Hurst, will help celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope with a series of articles in *The New Tanner* in the coming weeks, leading to the September 19th Run. Here is the first of his reports.

In the early spring of 1980, a determined young man named Terry Fox dipped his artificial leg into the cool harbour waters of St. Johns, Newfoundland, to begin his Marathon of Hope.

Following months of training, he was embarking on a historic attempt to run across Canada, to raise funds for cancer research. He ran the equivalent of a marathon a day for 143 consecutive days, before the return of cancer forced him to stop his quest in Thunder Bay. Following an outpouring of love and support from so many Canadians, who realized that Terry did not want his efforts to end, the annual Terry Fox Run was born. It is hard to believe that since then so much time has passed, and today communities

across Canada are preparing for the 30th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run. During that time, over 500 million dollars has been raised by the Terry Fox Foundation. Acton has been a proud Terry Fox Run community for every one of those thirty years, raising over \$651,000 for the cause.

This year's Acton Terry Fox Run will once again take place at the Acton High School track on Sunday, September 19th. The official opening begins at 8 am, but participants can arrive any time between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to run, walk, jog or wheel part or all of the 25 laps around the track. Pledge sheets are available at all banks, Prosperity One, Acton Home Hardware, Sobeys, Giant Tiger, Leathertown Lumber, Links2Care and at all schools. As in previous years, hamburgers, sausage or

chicken on a bun, pop, coffee, etc. will be available at the food booth, and Terry Fox T-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies will be on sale, with all proceeds added to the run day total. Anyone with any questions, concerns or suggestions can call Jon Hurst at 519-853-2015. You can also visit the Terry Fox website at www.terryfox.org to learn more about Terry and the Foundation, as well as access the Facebook page or follow on Twitter.

When Terry was forced to end his run, he said, "Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me." As we have seen over the past 30 years, participants and supporters here in Acton and across this great nation have answered his call, and continue to pursue his dream of one day finding a cure for cancer.



A single dream, A world of hope
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Habitat gets fee rebate from Town

Following a well-established Town policy, Town councillors agreed to reimburse Habitat for Humanity Halton for almost \$3,000 it paid in Town fees to construct its latest Habitat house on Peel Street, which has been occupied since April.

Habitat for Humanity is an independent, non-profit Christian Housing program dedicated to eliminating poverty housing by building homes in partnership with families in need. Habitat partner families live below the poverty line with a minimum income of \$25,365 and a maximum of \$36,235, but can afford a \$500 to \$800 monthly interest-free mortgage payment.

In support of Habitat's request, Acton Ward one Councillor Jon Hurst noted Council had waived similar development permit fees for all three of the Habitat houses built in Georgetown. He said the Habitat program provides happiness and independence and for those reasons, it should be reimbursed for the paid fees.

Acton/Regional Councillor Clark Somerville agreed that the fees should be paid back, noting that while there are some households in Halton with high incomes, there are also people who can't afford decent housing.

"Habitat for Humanity is one of those organizations that gives them hope – the hope of home ownership and the hope of new life," Somerville said.

OPP step up enforcement for Labour Day weekend

As the hot days of summer draw to a close and people prepare to celebrate the final long weekend of the season, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding motorists and boaters traveling on OPP patrolled roadways, waterways and trails during the Labour Day weekend that they should not be taking any time off from thinking about safety.

OPP officers will be out in full force patrolling Ontario's highways, waterways and trails targeting aggressive drivers and marine operators to ensure everyone's safety.

"We are asking everyone to join our efforts by acting responsibly while out enjoying the roads and waterways this upcoming holiday long-weekend" said OPP Commis-

sioner Chris Lewis. "The OPP will continue to demonstrate our commitment to safe communities by being out in full force and targeting those who put others safety at risk."

Numerous lives have been lost on our roadways and waterways this summer. So far this year, 205 people have died in traffic related fatalities in Ontario on OPP patrolled roadways as compared to 199 in 2009.

Marine fatalities are down in 2010 to 17 to date compared to 27 in 2009. Despite this trend, the OPP continues to respond almost daily to calls from people in distress on our waterways.

"The increase in the number of fatalities from last year causes

the OPP great concern" said Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey, Provincial Commander responsible for OPP Traffic Safety Programs. "This is not acceptable and our stepped up patrols across the province will be addressing this issue by targeting the aggressive driving and boating behaviours that put the lives and safety of innocent people at risk."

The OPP is calling on all motorists and boaters to keep safety as a priority this long weekend. Slow down and be respectful of others. Leave some extra time to get to your destination and keep extra space between you and other vehicles or vessels. Let's work together to make this final weekend of summer a safe one.

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