

Town to run arena concessions

The concession services at local arenas are officially coming back under Town ownership — at least for the time being.

A two-year pilot project where the municipality will take over the concessions from the private company currently running them was approved by town council Monday night.

A plan prepared by staff for the pilot indicates having Town-operated concessions will allow for more control over operations, improved customer response time and fair revenue targets.

The current third-party concession contract is ending mutually within the next few months.

Following that, the concessions at the Milton Sports Centre, Leisure Centre and Memorial Arena will re-open under Town management in August and at the John Tonelli Sports Centre in October.

After the two-year pilot, staff will evaluate the results and make recommendations on whether the Town should continue running the concessions or once again use a private company.

Town Hall expansion funds granted; project under budget

Work expected to be complete by fall 2008

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The Town dished out \$15.2 million this week to build the much-discussed Town Hall expansion.

Council approved awarding the construction tender at its meeting Monday evening for the project that's going to see a 50,000-square-foot, two-storey addition put onto the historic building.

The old and new buildings will be connected with a glass hallway that has been designated for a 'Walk of Fame' — floor tiles dedicated to Milton's top citizens.

The fact the expansion project came in about \$1.4 million under budget was applauded by Ward 4 Councillor Paul Scherer, who noted the savings is "good news for everybody."

Community Services Director Jennifer Reynolds told the Champion the funds will be left within the project's overall \$24.2-million budget.

"We still have other requirements for the project," she said, such as furniture, office equipment and a security system.

The Town also managed to secure \$510,000 in provincial grant funding for the initiative — money that will be used to ensure the expansion is a 'green' building that complies with LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification standards.

If the Town is successful through the LEED process, it will make the Town Hall expansion the first municipal construction project to obtain the certification.

Ward 2 Councillor Mike Boughton highlighted the

amount of work that's been done over the last three years to reach the project tendering stage.

"I think it was just a tremendous effort on everybody's part," he said.

A report from Reynolds to council explained the next steps in the expansion process, which include a sod-turning event, continuation of public communications and the installation of large plywood boards around the construction site for dust and noise control.

A contest will be held for kids to paint scenes on the plywood that depict Milton's past, which ties in with 2007 being the Town's 150th anniversary.

The expansion is expected to be ready for occupancy by fall 2008.

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"Thank You Milton for 30 Wonderful Years!"



Anthony

For the last 30 years, Anthony of Heady's Haircutting Parlour has proudly served the community of Milton at his hair salon located in Milton Mall.

During this time, he has had the honour and privilege of servicing his loyal clients and would like to take this heart-felt opportunity to thank the people of Milton for their support. In May of 2006, Anthony gave up ownership of the salon but continued to work as a stylist.

Going forward, Anthony is currently working at You'Nique Hair Design of Hopedale Mall in Oakville.

For those of you who would like to continue to visit Anthony, please call 905-825-1977 to book an appointment.

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Sobeys Celebrates its 100th Birthday! Anniversary Celebrations Nationwide

In the pantheon of Canadian history, it's a little known fact that 1907 marks the birth of a Canadian company deeply rooted in Atlantic Canada, and a presence nationwide.

In 1905, J.W. Sobey, his wife Eliza and their young son Frank moved to Stellarton Nova Scotia where in 1907, J.W. started a meat delivery business. With a horse-drawn meat cart, he purchased and collected livestock from local farmers for resale.

At age 16, Frank enrolled in a business college where he learned practical skills such as typing, accounting and the value of percentages that carried him throughout his life as one of Canada's most successful entrepreneurs. In 1924, Frank Sobey persuaded his father to expand the family business from meat and a few local vegetables into a full line of groceries.

The modern Sobeys grocery chain was born.

Members of the Sobey family all contributed in some way to the store in its early days, but it was Frank's ideas and dedication that launched the small family business into the national grocery retailer that it is today.

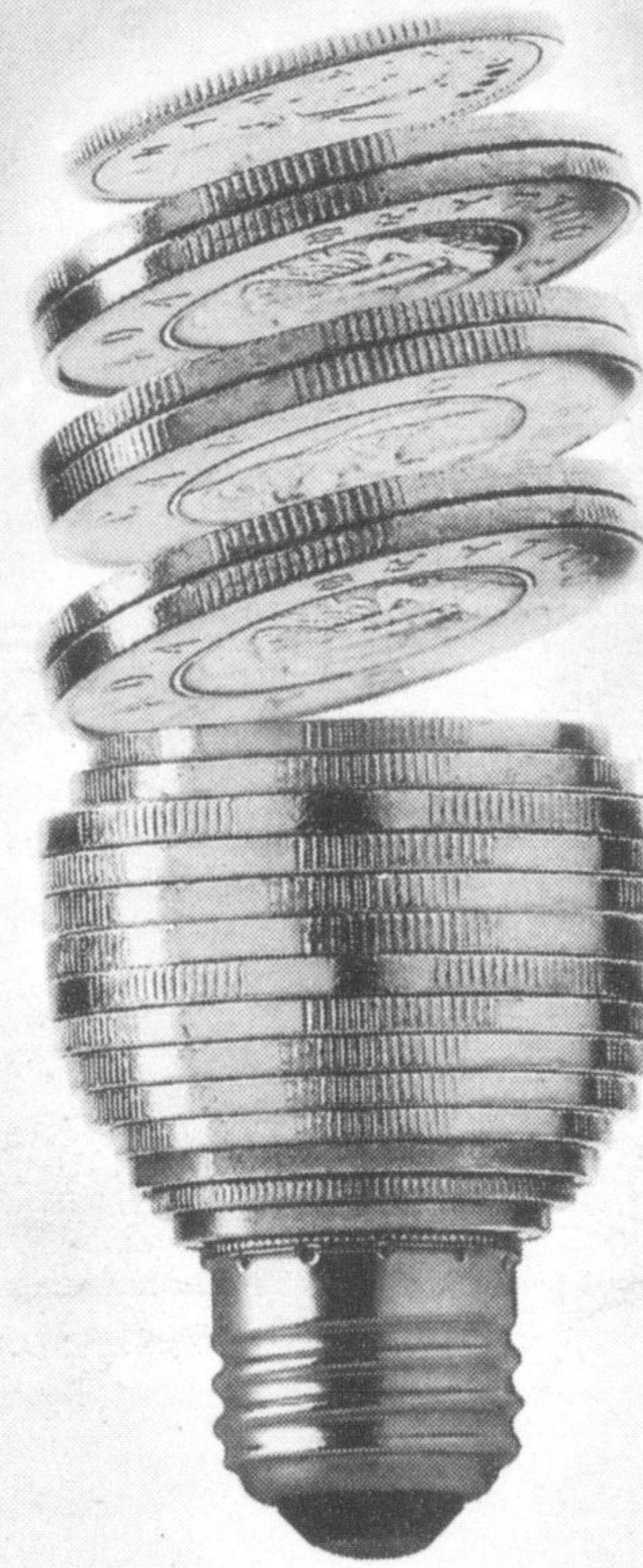
Today, Sobeys is still headquartered in Stellarton, Nova Scotia with operations across the country. The company is well-established as a leading national grocery retailer and food distributor. The

Company owns or franchises more than 1,300 stores, employing more than 75,000 people in all 10 provinces under retail banners that include Sobeys, IGA, Foodland and Price Chopper.

"As Sobeys continues to grow and expand, one thing doesn't change - our time-tested approach to serving our customers," says Craig Gilpin, President Operations for Sobeys Ontario Region. "We are a diversified food distributor committed to growth in all each market we serve by consistently exceeding our customers' expectations through the strength of our dedicated employees. Our success lies in 100 years of superior customer service, excellent product variety and competitive operations."

These basic concepts have been part of the way Sobeys has done business for the past 100 years. And they are threaded through every aspect of Sobeys' business today. From stores to distribution centres to the head office, they filter through every level of the company in an effort to offer its wide customer base a rewarding shopping experience.

"We are incredibly proud to be celebrating 100 years of operation and our success is testament to the dedication of all of the employees who have served our customers over the first century," says Gilpin. "We thank our employees and customers, both past and present, for helping create a Canadian success story and we look forward to our next 100 years in business."

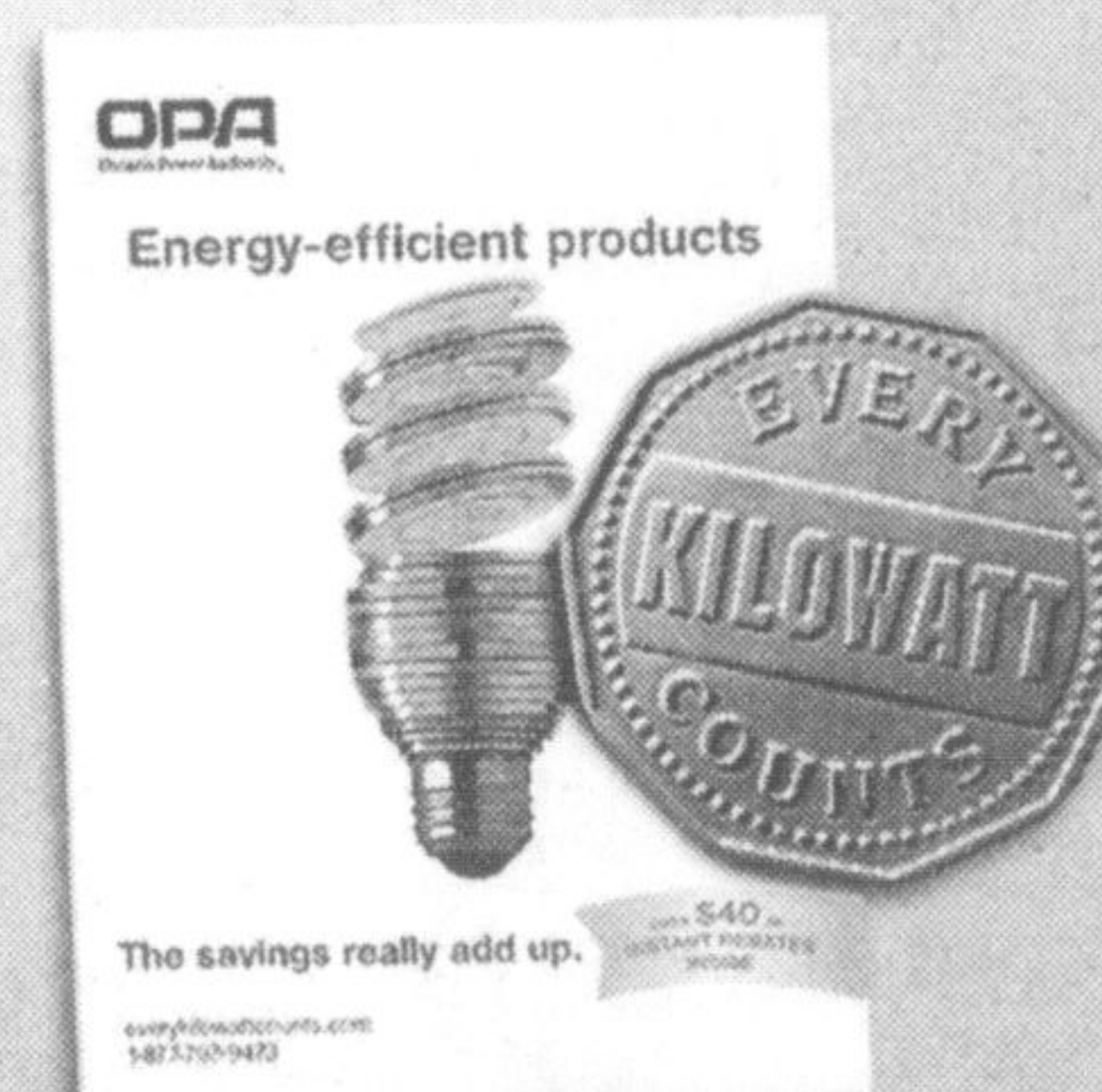


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