

# Downtown protest draws attention to CAS



**SIGN POWER:** Bill Gabourie of Guelph (left), Lisa Porter of Huntsville, Attila Vinczer of Toronto and his son Steven, 10, joined about 25 people from across the province that converged at Center and Main streets Monday in Huntsville to rally for oversight of Ontario children's aid societies. Supporters also distributed flyers at 15 locations across town.

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**SIBLING SUPPORT:** Brothers Josh, 8, and Jaiden Bozek, 6, rallied with their mother and about 25 others at the corner of Center and Main streets. The group of about 25 people called for accountability and regulation of Ontario children's aid societies, which, organizers say often have more authority than the police

# Business owners seeking compensation from SMO

By Pamela Steel

Local businesses and non-profit organizations have until September 27 to file for ex gratia payments to compensate them for business loss during the G8 summit.

of the Summits Management Office, the group responsible for processing the payments, said there are currently only two applications filed from the Muskoka region. Robin Brushey, general manager of the Downtown Huntsville Business Improve-

ment on here. "It depended on the business," she said, adding that while there weren't many tourists on the streets and local people stayed home in droves some merchants enjoyed a benefit from the tremendous security presence on here.

site what the turnaround might be. Chowdhury says they will process the payments "as soon as possible."

"They had people going around and actually advising (us) to prepare for a substantial increase in business," she said.