



LIFETIME AWARD: Acton Legion Branch 197 past-president Wes Kutasienski is now a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion. He was inducted during a ceremony on Sunday. – Submitted photo



NEW MEMBERS: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197 welcomed 10 new members on Sunday at the Branch's initiation and awards ceremony. They include, back, from left: James DeRabbie, Jerome Lane, Trevor John Andrews, Darren Lane, Nicholas Dodd and Lewis Andrews. Front: Karen Hughes, Jennifer Gies, Johanne Thibault, Krista Glass and Cindy Sketcher. – Submitted photo

Town Digest

Station talks continue
GO Transit/Metrolinx is "still in discussions" with the Town to acquire the necessary property rights to permit the use of Town land for parking and other GO station needs in Acton. Until a station/ticket kiosk is built, the GO Trains now running through Town from Toronto to Kitchener can't stop in Acton.

"We expect these discussions with the Town of Halton Hills to continue over the next several months," said Metrolinx media relations and issues specialist Drew Davidson in an e-mail on Friday, adding GO Transit is looking forward to providing Acton area commuters with an "enjoyable and comfortable travel experience."

Two trucks tender
Highway Sterling Western Star Inc. will supply two tandem snowplough trucks to the Town at a cost of \$475,359, almost \$32,000 under budget. General committee members approved staff's recommendation that the firm, which was the low bidder, receive the contract

because the bid meets or exceed the Town's specifications, including an automatic transmission, an automatic greasing system and a rear view camera.

Acton Councillor Mike O'Leary questioned what happens to the equipment that these new trucks replace, and was told they will be sold at public auction and the money from the sale will go into an equipment reserve fund.

Region hosts Ag Forum

Halton Region hosts its first Agricultural Forum at Country Heritage Park in Milton next Thursday afternoon in an effort to support an active and vibrant farming industry. The forum will allow members of the farming community to network with peers and learn from industry experts, and hear three keynote presentations and meet Halton's new Agricultural Liaison Officer, Dan Breckon.

The meeting is free. For details visit www.halton.ca/farm, or dial 1-866-442-5866.

BRANCH No. 197 LEGION NEWS

By Sharon Graham P.R.O.

Comrades,
On Friday evening at the Branch we were entertained by *Ronnie and the Corvairs*. It was a nice evening. Saturday was a busy day at the Branch. The weather cleared and the sun came out and the patio was just full. Members said how nice it to have time to sit by the lake. Even the horseshoe pits were full of players. This is the first time ever that I can remember the weather to be so nice for March. On Sunday was our initiation and awards. It was so nice to see we had 10 new members join plus some very special awards. A very special thank you went to Karen Hughes, our membership chair, from all of the executives. The day was filled with lots of special guests.

Our new members are James DeRabbie, Krista Glass, Nicholas Dodd, Trevor John Andrews, Darren Michael Lane, Lewis R. Andrews, Jerome Lane, Cindy Sketcher, Jennifer Gles and Johanne Thibault. Welcome to the Branch. Other commemorative awards were also presented. The Legion has produced a new pin recognizing that women have served in the military for 70 years. Two pins were given to deceased veterans who were members of our Branch, Gloria Dunn and Renee Watson. The pins were received by Gloria's daughters Gail McDowell and Pat Drexler, and Renee Watson's was received by her daughter Mary Watson. Dell Hickling received

four wreaths with ribbons as he will be traveling to Vimy Ridge to lay family wreaths and a wreath on behalf of our Branch. A cheque was also presented to help him with expenses. Have a safe trip.

A very special award of life membership went to (Wes) John W. L. Kuta-

sienski. The award was given by the President George DeRabbie with the help of Ontario Command Vice President Sharon McKeown, District B Commander Dave Smith and Zone B7 Commander Jack Porter. I can tell you he was more than surprised and very grateful for this award.



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20 LB BOX OF CALIFORNIA Seedless Navel Oranges or Ruby Red Grapefruit **\$25.00 PER BOX**

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Citizen of the Year Nominations

The Acton Rotary Club is seeking nominations for **Acton's Citizen of the Year**

Nominations with supporting explanation to be mailed to:
Citizen of the Year, c/o Acton Rotary Club
Box 22, Acton, L7J 2M2
or Email bobmackinnon@sympatico.ca

Deadline: March 31, 2012