

# Less litter in Acton

A dishwasher, vacuum cleaner, bottles and household garbage were among the bags of litter that Acton resident Keith Porty cleared out from the ditches along 25 Side Road on Thursday, in advance of Saturday's Town-wide cleanup.

Because of his work shift, Porty began his annual cleanup early, so he could tackle the Glen Lawson Road area on Friday and Saturday.

The stretch of road between Highway 25 and Dublin Line is dear to Porty, who played in the area when his grandfather owned the farm at the corner. His dad still lives in the area.

With under 10 bags of garbage collected, Porty said the amount of litter is half what it was last year, with very few bottles,

which, in tough times, he suspects people are collecting and cashing in.

"I've been doing this stretch for five years, and finally we are making headway with less garbage. I've seen worse stuff – tires, tin cans, fast food litter, and the worst thing is the water bottles," Porty said last Thursday.

Asked why he volunteers his time to cleanup the roadsides, he said it give him a "sense of accomplishment."

"If people drive by and see me cleaning it up, maybe they will think twice about throwing litter out of their (car) window," Porty said, adding maybe the shame will stop someone from littering.

Despite the bad weekend weather, the Town collected tons of waste during its annual Town-

wide cleanup, and expected to find a lot more during yesterday's (Wednesday) annual 22-minute makeover of businesses and schools.

The Town's Litter Task Force chair, Regional/Ward two Councillor Jane Fogal, thanked the "hearty souls" who braved the rain on Saturday, and those who re-scheduled to Sunday and "did their clean up in a blizzard, instead of torrential rains."

Fogal said many groups, including HARP – the Hornby Area Ratepayers – postponed their cleanups until this Saturday. "I am just very, very grateful to the civic-minded citizens who feel so strongly (about fighting litter) that they'll go out, despite the weather," Fogal said on Monday.



**TOWN BOOSTERS:** David Ford (left), Halton Hills Fire Department Captain of Public Education, Danielle Edwards, Town Executive Assistant and Doug Penrice, Economic Development Officer, were on hand at the Town of Halton Hills booth on Friday at the Chamber of Commerce Home and Leisure Show at the Acton arena. – Kelly Kennedy Photo

# Second Mill order

A second Provincial Officer order has been issued to Parrish & Heimbecker – the owners of the Acton flour mill – in an effort to force it to reduce noise levels that exceed provincial standards.

A first order was issued March 4, and the second last Thursday, making it mandatory for the mill to implement all of the

noise control measures it promised, by July 15.

"The first order issued to P&H required them to identify noise mitigation measures and a schedule for implementation," said Ministry of Environment Halton-Peel district manager Tina Dufresne said On Monday.

She said once they got that information from the mill, they issued the

second order to ensure the mill begins installation of the noise mitigation measures as soon as possible.

The mill has proposed installing acoustical lagging and enclosures and silencers to lessen the noise. Normally, the Environment Protection Act requires companies to get approval from the Director for any noise abatement plans, but MOE officials said in light of the large number of reports of adverse effects from mill neighbours, "it is necessary for the proposed alternations to take place as soon as possible..."

In an April 12 letter to the Ministry, the mill identified 14 noise sources that its acoustical experts will deal with, with a promised completion date of mid-July.



**ROAR:** Leo the Lion and Steven Katwaroo with RBC Royal Bank were among the vendors at the Home and Leisure Show at the Acton arena on the weekend. – Kelly Kennedy Photo



**BARREL OF TREATS:** Lucas (left) and Logan Denning stopped by for a treat from Betty Far at the Leathertown Lumber booth at the Home and Leisure Show. – Kelly Kennedy Photo

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