

Our MPP Reports by Ted Arnott

MPP Wellington - Halton Hills



of the Royal Canadian Legion, who do such great work in our communities, and for ensuring that we will never forget.

With the municipal elections in Ontario now over, I want to congratulate and thank all the candidates who sought public office on our local Councils.

Our riding of Wellington-Halton Hills includes the Towns of Halton Hills and Erin, and the Townships of Puslinch, Guelph/Eramosa, and Centre Wellington. The upper tier governments are the County of Wellington and the Region of Halton.

As I've said time and again, I believe that one of the most important partnerships in government is the one that exists between the Province of Ontario and our local municipalities.

I look forward to working together with our new Councils and school boards, on behalf of our mutual constituents.

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott welcomes your comments. He can be reached at 1-800-265-2366. His website address is www.tedarnottmpp.com

Vincent of the Canadian Forces was deliberately run over by a radicalized jihadist lunatic in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu. That same week, in our nation's capital, the National War Memorial and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was insulted in the worst possible way by a cowardly attack on Corporal Nathan Cirillo, who was proudly posted there, in ceremonial and silent tribute. All across Canada, our thoughts and prayers are with the Vincent and Cirillo families, and all of our Forces personnel.

We reflected, we wore the poppy and we remembered. It was the least we could do.

So fortunate to live in Canada, the best country in the world, we owe our liberties, freedoms and democratic rights to those who were and are today prepared to fight and sacrifice all to defend these cherished values, which we too often take for granted.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the members

Last week our nation came together, united in observance of Remembrance Day. In Wellington-Halton Hills, I was able to attend cenotaph services and Legion events in Acton, Georgetown, Erin, Glen Williams, Aboyne, Salem, and Fergus, along with many of my colleagues in elected public service.

The crowds were larger than usual, and the emotions we all feel in November were especially poignant.

This year is significant for many reasons: it is the 200th anniversary of the end of the War of 1812, the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, the 70th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, and the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the end of the Cold War. It is also the year when our mission in Afghanistan has concluded, but our mission against the extremists of the Islamic State (ISIS) has just begun.

And in recent days, Warrant Officer Patrice

Every day is now prescription drug drop-off day in Halton

The abuse of prescription drugs has increased significantly in Canada since 2004.

Every home has half empty prescription pill bottles tucked away in a cabinet, never to be used again, but never discarded. Medication of any type can be harmful for children and adults alike, especially when in the wrong hands and used for the wrong reasons. In Ontario, 72 percent of youths who used prescriptions drugs unlawfully obtained them from their household.

The Halton Regional Police Service has participated in the National Prescription Drug Drop-Off Day (PDOD) for the past two years, seizing over 65 kilograms

of unused and unwanted prescription drugs. The PDOD only occurs once a year, so members of the public stockpile medications in anticipation of disposal day.

In addition, local pharmacies often stockpile returned narcotics until the PDOD, leaving them prone to internal theft and possible robberies.

The Halton Regional Police have now installed a "Prescription Drug Drop Box" in the front lobby of five police stations to accommodate the safe and anonymous disposal of unused and unwanted prescription medicine. Get them out of sight and have peace of mind.

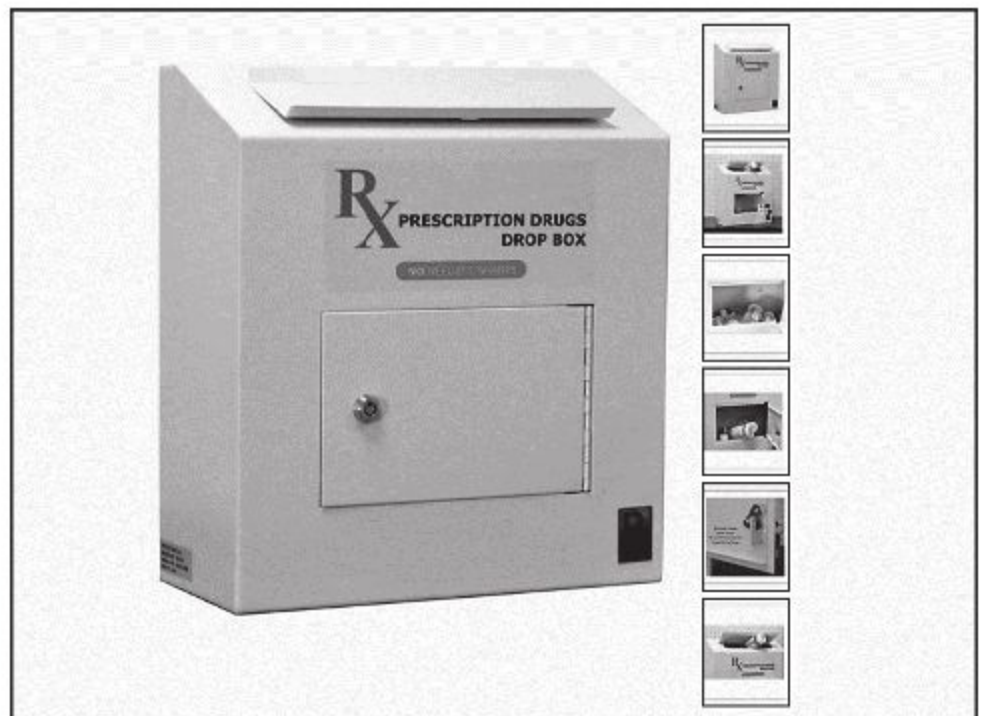
We encourage everyone to clean out their cabinets and dispose of all unused

prescription drugs and to make a habit of purging medicine cabinets throughout the year. By doing so, we will all contribute to a safer home and community.

Local pharmacies are also encouraged to participate as it can decrease the risk of theft and robbery.

Anyone can drop off unused prescription medication at the following police stations in the Region of Halton:

- Headquarters 1151 Bronte Rd, Oakville
- 11 Division 217 Guelph Street, Georgetown
- 12 Division 490 Childs Drive, Milton
- 20 Division 95 Oak Walk Drive, Oakville
- 30 Division 3800 Constable Henshaw Blvd, Burlington



DRUG DROP OFF: Halton Regions Police Services have installed new prescription drug drop-off boxes at five locations across Halton to safely dispose of unused, unwanted prescription medications. - Submitted photo



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Information Evening for Parents of Grade 8 Students

Parents of students who will attend Acton or Georgetown District high schools in September 2015 are invited to learn about Halton District School Board's Grade 9 programs, services for students, and diploma requirements. Parents should attend the Parents' Information Night at their home school. Both students and parents are welcome to attend.

Acton High School
Thurs., Nov. 27 at 7:00 p.m.
519-853-2920

Georgetown District High School
Wed., Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m.
905-877-6966

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