

# Threatened strike great for LCBO business in Acton

Long lines, some nearly-bare shelves and tired staff

The prospect of a strike-induced dry May 2-4 weekend resulted in double the usual sales last Thursday at the Acton LCBO, according to manager Barry Nolan who pegged sales at approximately \$36,000.

With the threat of a province-wide strike by almost 7,000 Liquor Control Board of Ontario employees at midnight Thursday no one was taking any chances, resulting in very long lines of customers snaking through the store for most of the day.

By 6 p.m., things had slowed considerably, although there were at least 20 people in the store and the parking lot was almost full. There were gaping holes on many of the shelves, although Nolan said they had not run out of anything, and had received an order during the day.

Rockwood's Amanda Gordon, worried that there might be a strike, came to the Acton LCBO a day early to make sure she had wine for the long weekend. She said she shops in Acton and not Rockwood because of the wider selection. She said she didn't plan to stock up in case of a strike.

Nolan said they usually issue one special event liquor permit a week, but they sped up the process and issued eight in three days last week to people worried they wouldn't be able to get a permit and serve liquor at their event if there was a strike.

Just hours before the midnight deadline, the union and government reached a tentative deal with the help of a mediator, but no details will be released until it has been ratified. There are two full-time and two part-time workers in Acton.



**TAKING NO CHANCES:** The threatened – but eventually averted – LCBO strike at midnight Thursday persuaded Rockwood's Amanda Gordon to shop a day early at the Acton outlet to make sure she had a bottle of wine for the long weekend. – Frances Learment photo

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Saturday, May 11, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ✓	Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, 11620 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown
Saturday, May 25, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Milton GO Station Parking Lot 780 Main Street East (west of Thompson) Milton
Saturday, June 1, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Halton Regional Centre, (off North Service Road) 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville
Saturday, June 8, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Mapleview Mall, (lower parking lot by the Bay) 900 Maple Avenue, Burlington

- Must provide proof of Halton Region residency (e.g. Driver's License)
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