



**SPECIAL READING:** Acton Librarian Many Land welcomed visiting British baron, Lord Johnny Acton, to the River Street branch last Thursday. Lord Acton read from two of his books and signed copies. – Ted Tyler Photos

# Fall lawn care

*Before it snows....*  
Warm-weather days will soon be a thing of the past, and that means prepping the home and landscape for the arrival of winter weather. Even though it may be blanketed first by leaves and snow, lawns need treatment now to be sure they overwinter successfully. In fact, lawn experts say there is significant root growth that takes place during the winter – growth homeowners won't necessarily see. People should continue to

water their lawns throughout the autumn if there isn't significant rain and to aerate it as well. Applying a fertilizer that is high in nitrogen can help foster strong root growth. Also, keep up on removing leaves that have fallen. Not only will they stifle the lawn, but they may cause excessive moisture and mould to grow while inhibiting sunlight from reaching the grass as well. Before winter arrives, take the time to sow some grass seeds into the bald

patches, if any. By late fall the lawn will stop taking up nutrients in preparation for winter.



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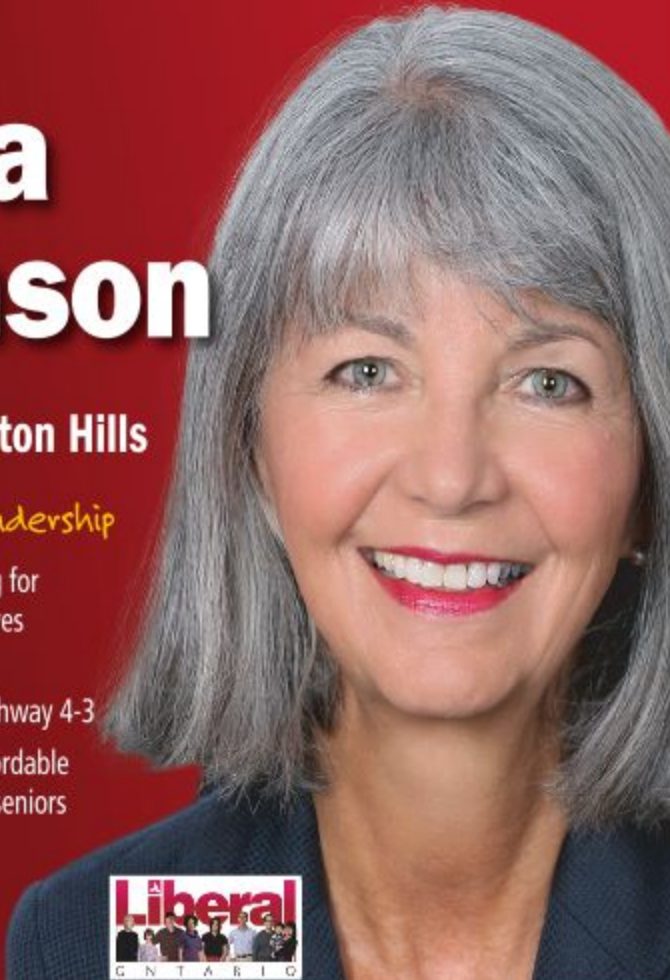
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