



CENOTAPH WORK: Safety and aesthetics prompted the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 197, to make some improvements at the Acton Cenotaph on Mill Street. The uneven ground will be replaced by a cement pad, and new landscaping will be done. — Frances Niblock photo

BRANCH
No. 197

LEGION NEWS

By Sharon Graham
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Comrades,
Thanksgiving weekend was just beautiful - the weather sure did hold out to be perfect. On Friday evening we were entertained by *Tim Hicks*. There was lots of great songs and dancing. All of the members would like to thank Eileen Quackenbush and helpers for a delicious buffet that was offered on Friday evening and on Saturday for the meat draw.

The membership chair is accepting your dues. Why not be an early bird? You can pay at the bar. Remember if you have changed your address or your phone number please go to the bar and sign the new address form. You can also email the membership at this address rc1br197membership@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar for the next general meeting on October 17, at 8 p.m.

On October 21, *Idle Frets* will play at the Branch. There will be a spaghetti dinner served on this evening.

On October 22, the Air Cadets are holding a Hallowe'en dance, including raffles, silent auction, prizes and more. There will be a band *Cosmic Warehouse* and buffet at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person, and it is adults only as alcohol will be served. We plan

to entertain you with a frightfully good time.

Our Poppy Chair is looking for members for our Poppy blitz to canvas the streets. Please if you can help out there is a signup sheet at the bar.

On October 29, the Sergeant of Arms is holding a drill for all of the Colour Party. If you are interested this drill is at the branch and starts at 11 a.m.

Our Remembrance Day parade is on November 5. This is a very special day for everyone to take time to remember our fallen especially if you cannot make it to the Remembrance Day Service on November 11. We need to always thank a vet. If it were not for our soldiers that laid down their lives we would not have the freedom we have today.

The signup sheet is at the Branch for the Children's Christmas Party. If you are a paid up member and, have children nine years and younger please, sign them up.

Congratulations to Michelle at Supercuts on her move to her own building. Thanks for your many years of support with our Remembrance Day Display. I would like everyone to watch for the new display in

Pete's Barber Shop in late October.

Ladies Auxiliary Notes Branch 197

The October meeting was held with 24 members present. Joyce Buchanan was the winner of the door prize. The Food Preparation Course, which was held Saturday, had 30 LA members and Branch members attend hopefully, we all pass. Thanks to everyone for taking the time to attend this informative meeting. Zone darts is in Bramalea, on October 29. Let Norma know if you are going. On Sunday, October 16, we had seven ladies attend the Zone Convention, which was held in Port Credit. Thank you to Annamarie, Joyce, Helen F., Helen V., Lucy and Marg B. for representing our LA. These meetings are very informative for the LA member. Dues are to be paid to the secretary by December 31, 2011. Attend a meeting and pay your dues of \$12 in order to be a member in good standing. Our Zone Commander will be visiting us on Thursday, November 3.

Yours in Comradeship
Peggy Harris
President to Branch
197 Ladies Auxiliary

Town Digest

Welcome back

Moya Johnson, the defeated Liberal candidate for Wellington-Halton Hills, was warmly welcomed back into the municipal fray last week at the first Town Council meeting following the October 6 provincial election, won handily by incumbent MPP Ted Amott.

Mayor Rick Bonnette praised Johnson, who has sat on Town council for 17 years, for her dignity, poise and courage in her uphill battle for the riding.

Signs stolen

Organizers of the sign campaign to protest plans for a freeway across the bottom on Halton Hills are angry that some of their protest signs have disappeared since their campaign began several months ago.

Protest organizer Wendy Bruchal said it appears the signs are the "target of vandals" who remove them at night, mainly along Five Side Road. She would like the signs returned because "it would be sad" if they had to file a police report.

At last week's council meeting, Mayor Rick Bonnette suggested that with the impending cold weather and snow, people should take

their signs in-doors for the winter. "This is not the end of the fight by any means - all we're saying is put them (the signs) in until spring, and if there is no resolution to the 4-3 Highway with the MTO, then we'll be encouraging everybody to put them back up," Bonnette said, adding that over 9,500 protest postcards have been sent to Queen's Park.

Development manual

The Town will spend \$50,000 to prepare a comprehensive development manual, designed to clearly demonstrate its requirements to developers, consultants and landowners. Staff is confident this will lead to more complete development submissions which will reduce staff review time, allowing construction to occur in a "timely manner."

At a recent Council meeting, Regional/Ward Two Councillor Jane Fogal asked staff to tell the public why they are spending "a lot of money" to improve the development process for the Town and developers. Chris Mills, the Town's Director of Infrastructure Services and Town Engineer, said the theory is to create a consolidated document that explains the planning

processes and technical standards.

Mills said applicants would get a very clear understanding what the Town's expectations are, along with a clear roadmap of how they can meet those expectations. "So, we're expecting that it will very much improve processing, very much improve the ability for applicants to meet the standards that are required by the Town," Mills said, adding consultants working for applicants will have a clear and concise understanding of what their submissions should be in a streamlined model.

Councillor Fogal said the development manual is a result of complaints approximately seven years ago from developers - particularly small developers - about difficulties they had working through the Town's development process.

The Town will spend \$20,000 to hire a project manager to create the development manual, and \$30,000 for engineering and landscape design work needed to complete the manual.

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