



**PANTO REHEARSAL:** The cast of the pantomime "Mother Goose" try out their costumes during a rehearsal for the November 18 - 27 performances at the Century Church Theatre in Hillsburgh. The cast includes, from left: Rhonda Hewitson, Katrina Maxted, Bronte Smith, Lorraine Hickling, Erica Vandereende, Martyn Worsnop, Gabriella Unger, Danielle Singleton, and Sharon Ching. Front row: Anna Toll, Jamey Robertson, Sarah Ching, Maddy Board, and Brett English. - Submitted photo

**BRANCH No. 197** **LEGION NEWS**  
By Sharon Graham P.R.O.

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

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

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.

Friday evening was very good right from the start with a delicious spaghetti dinner. Thank you to all of the cooks. There were many compliments and everyone enjoyed their dinner. Then the entertainment was great. Everyone was singing and dancing all evening. There were some new faces who came out for the evening and really enjoyed themselves.

On Saturday, the Air Cadet's adult Halloween dance was a great success. This dance was to raise funds for the Air Cadets. All of the costumes looked amazing. A good time was had by all. The band *Cosmic Warehouse* supplied the entertainment for the evening. It was nice to see all of the members support for this event.

Our Remembrance Day parade is on November 5. We step off at 10:45 a.m. The Sergeant at Arms would like the members there by 10:15. 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 who laid down their lives, we would not have the freedom we have today. Remember there is a lunch served after the service at the Branch for \$5. Tickets are available at the bar.

The Remembrance Day service will be held on November 11 at 11 a.m. We will march off the colours from behind Trinity United Church to the Cenotaph. We hope you will come out for the service and take part.

*Thank You Soldier  
Have you stopped to thank a veteran today?  
For the price of freedom they had to pay?  
Did you gaze into those distant eyes?  
Did you see the ghosts he can't deny?  
Did you think a soldier's heart was made of steel?  
Because he was trained to kill, he couldn't feel?  
Did you see the guilt written on his face,  
For the loss of life he can't replace?  
Did you know he*

*mourns the lives he couldn't save,  
And walks with comrades in their grave?  
Did you remember the boy with innocence lost?  
Do you really know war's ultimate cost?  
Have you felt the blast of artillery fire?  
Do you have the courage it would require?  
Have you stood in trenches consumed with fear?  
Felt the enemies breath so very near?  
Have you walked with God on a battleground?  
Seen your brothers dead or dying all around?  
Have you stopped to thank a vet today,  
Or did you just turn and walk away?  
From the pain he'll carry for the rest of his life,  
Did you consider his family, his children, his wife?  
That watch him suffer in*

*silence each and every day,  
As he's haunted by memories that don't go away?  
Did you care that the soldier is still pulling guard?  
That his heart, mind, and soul will forever be scarred?  
Do you know how he suffers from PTSD?  
Or that our precious freedom is never free?  
Do you care that he still hears the blood curdling screams?  
Or that he returns to the war each night in his dreams?  
Have you felt the sorrow of a combat vet?  
Or would you rather just forget?  
That war has pierced his hardened heart,  
And torn this soldier all apart?  
Would you rather our heroes just fade away?  
Or will you stop to thank a vet today?*

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# Acton is a buyers' housing market

Rising variable interest rates and cooler weather helped turn the Acton housing market from a balanced one, where buyers and sellers are equal, back to a buyers' market.

While the September/October sales numbers are not yet available for the Acton area, Steve Tancoo, an Acton Re-Max real estate broker said the latest figures show the market has slowed down, as it does in the fall. "A little bit (of the market change) is seasonal - it's weather dependent - as soon as it gets cold we don't get as many buyers, and they (Bank of Canada) started raising interest rates as well, so that's probably the biggest factor," Tancoo said on Friday.

In August, there were 32 residential listings in Acton through the Toronto MLS system, and 15 of them sold for an average of 98 per cent of asking price. The average price in August was \$328,000, and the average house was on the market for 33 days. Compared to the first seven months of 2011, listings were up 25 per cent and the average selling price jumped by six per cent year-over-year.

Tancoo said there are

more houses priced under \$300,000 on the market at this time, but they're not selling because the market has slowed down. He said houses in Acton East, north and south of Highway 7, are selling because they are less than 10 years old and don't need major repairs. "The houses listed between \$400,000 and \$500,000 do sell, but they are taking a little longer to sell...the ones listed at \$350,000 to \$360,000 sell pretty quick."

Tancoo said Acton housing sales are being driven by low mortgage rates - five-year mortgages are available at 3.5 per cent - and that will keep prices stable over the winter until the markets heats up in the spring. He said it is normal to have approximately 25 properties on the market, but there were 32 in August.

"The sales to listing ratio in August was 47.2 per cent, but a lot of the listings coming on aren't selling, so the sales to listing ratio will be below 40 per cent this month...so we're shifting to a buyers' market," Tancoo said, adding that instead of sellers getting 98 per cent of their asking price, 97 per cent is more likely.

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