

More yard pick-ups

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The Acton Tanner

In order to divert more grass clippings and yard waste from regular garbage and make the public happy, the Town will almost quadruple the number of yard and garden waste collections to 15 next year, a move opposed by Ward 2 (including rural Acton) Councillor Kevin Kuiack who complained that the Town was "spoon feeding" urban residents at the expense of rural residents.

When Halton Region took over waste management, the number of yard waste pickups dropped to eight from 14 and staff and some councillors had a "dramatic" increase in the number of calls from residents who missed the new pick-up days.

Staff's suggestion was to go to a bi-weekly yard waste collection system running from April to the end of November at a cost of \$119,000, \$40,000 more than this year. After debate councillors decided that yard waste pick-up every two weeks during July and August is not neces-

sary, but did support the bi-weekly schedule for the remainder of the period.

Kuiack said that he couldn't support spending the additional \$40,000 and that it "irks" him that there is so much inequity between urban and rural people when it comes to garbage collection and disposal.

"The rural people have had to be creative when it comes to getting rid of their garbage, but what we're doing with the urban people is we are spoon feeding them," Kuiack said, suggesting that if urban people don't want to use their grass clippings as natural fertilizer then they should be responsible for getting rid of it themselves.

Staff noted that the tonnage of yard waste improperly being disposed of at the landfill site would be greatly reduced and the subsequent reduction in the tipping fee charged to the Town should more than offset the costs required to expand the yard and garden waste collection program.

Ladies plan a busy fall

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BY MAY HOARE

Now that fall is here a busy time is in store for us and help is always appreciated. Zone bowling was held in Acton this year on Oct. 5.

Members of the Auxiliary who attended a five-day conference in Kingston found it very informative.

On Nov. 3, a day of entertainment is planned to mark the anniversary of the end of

World War II. Festivities get underway at 1 pm at the Legion with a play, *An Old Lady Shows Her Medals*. Refreshments will be served at intermission, and following the play will be a sing song - Ken Tocher will accompany the chorus. All are welcome and admission is free.

Don't forget the Nov. 10 Armistice Day Parade, to be followed by dinner at 2:15 pm at the Legion. Tickets are available at the bar for \$5.



TOP STUDENTS: From left, Meredith Kenzie (Grade 10), Michael Morrow (Grade 11) and Stephanie Faseruk (Grade 12) received top student awards at Acton High's Academic Awards Night last Wednesday. (Jennifer Flesch photo)

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The people who make up the Acton Consultation Committee are from all walks of life. They are people who have knowledge of the community and want to help provide direction for community policing.

The number of citizens on the committee fluctuates, and at the present time there is a need for new members. Meetings are held about once every 2 months and are very informal. If you are interested in joining this committee please call Constable Riddle at 853-2050.

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