

**GENEROUS DONATION:** With former members of the recently disbanded Acton Golden Age Club Ruth Burke (left) and Dot Redekop (right) looking on, Club president Chistena Robertson presents Acton Agricultural Society member Doug Fread with a cheque for \$3,000 to help pay for a new fair building in Prospect Park. - Frances Niblock photo

## Bonnette wants weed cleanup urges \$250 fine on taxes

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The New Tanner

Owners of weed infested property in urban Acton should be slapped with a \$250 Town cleanup charge says Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette who wants the Town to beef up its property standards bylaw.

Bonnette wants tougher standards to control all weeds, not just noxious weeds now covered by the provincial Weeds Act and the Town's property standards bylaw, complaining recently the weeds on several prominent vacant properties are "absolutely disgusting."

owner or agent asking them to cut the weeds might be an easier way to handle the problem, but Bonnette said they need some teeth, a "hammer" in a bylaw to force compliance.

The Town's property standards bylaw includes a section to deal with weeds in yards, parking lots and vacant property that says grass, plantings and hedges shall be maintained and be kept free of noxious weeds as defined by the Weeds Act. For residential property, the bylaw says no overgrown vegetation or noxious weeds are permitted.

"The problem with enforcing this is to make a de-

termination what is 'overgrown'," said Town bylaw enforcement officer, and municipal weed inspector, Ron Stein.

Under the property standards bylaw, the Town can issue an order for a property owner to cut overgrown weeds, but that order can be appealed and then the issue must go to a property standards committee for a decision. If the owner doesn't comply they can be charged and/or the Town can cut the weeds and bill the property owner.

Stein said the hot dry summer has curbed some weed growth and in urban

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## Worden view lots at OMB

The Region's ban on new rural estate subdivisions was the focus of an Ontario Municipal Board hearing this week into a proposed six lot development at the south-east corner of Highway 7 and Fifth Line on Worden View.

Planners, agricultural and market specialists for the landowner, Canadian Tire Corporation Limited, testified in support of the plan which would require amendments to both the Region's and Town's official plans. The applicant argued that the property, with lots fronting on the existing Worden View, is unique and would complete the subdivision and is infilling, not a new subdivision.

Before Tuesday's hearing, Town planner Arvin Prasad said the applicant referred the proposal to the OMB, knowing that Halton has taken a strong stand against development in the rural area, directing growth to rural clusters and hamlets. While the Town's official plan, currently doesn't ban rural estate subdivisions, that plan is under review and

must conform to the stricter Regional plan.

Ten years ago at another OMB hearing the Worden View subdivision was reduced in size to 16 lots, excluding Canadian Tire's lots, based in part on opposition from Halton and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

(OMAFRA) which said the development would have a significant impact on agricultural lands.

The hearing was scheduled to wrap up tomorrow (Friday).

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**Willow Lane Natural Foods** carries a selection of natural products to combat stress and anxiety. Owner Annie Kerkhof suggests B Complex Vitamins, Valarian & Hops or the popular St. John's Wort as natural calming remedies. The store, which is located at 125 Willow St. S., is open Monday to Saturday.

Back to school shopping is always an exciting item, especially for little ones. **Foverver Youngsters** carries a wide selection of clothing for the younger set, including OSH-KOSH and one-of-a-kind dresses, jumpers and overalls by a local designer.

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