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**MEMORIES:** Daina Hull (at left), who attended E.W. Foster Public School in the '80s from Grades 1 to 5, looks for her hand print on the clay mural created during the elementary school's opening with the help of niece Caitlyn Jeffery, 7. The two attended the school's 25th anniversary open house Saturday. Above, Linda Finn (left), who taught Kindergarten to Grade 3 at the school from 1990 to 2004, and Wendy Murphy, who taught French Immersion from 1986 to 2004, look at some old class photos.

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## Medical marijuana use laws gone to pot?

Turner pushing for reform of law surrounding use in public

By Tim Whitnell  
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

Halton's Member of Parliament has convinced Canada's health minister to re-examine the use of medical marijuana in public places following recent news reports of a Burlington bar owner being taken to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario by a former patron.

Garth Turner, Liberal MP for the riding of Halton, which includes parts of north Burlington and Oakville, told the *Champion's* sister newspaper, the *Burlington Post*, he recently received a response to a February 11 letter he sent to federal health minister Tony Clement.

"Under the current regulations there are no limits on where the medical practitioner can

utilize the prescribed (marijuana) medication, an oversight which has led to unfortunate consequences in my riding and, I am sure, in other jurisdictions of Canada," Turner wrote in his letter to Clement.

"This is a matter that must be addressed, as it affects the health of Canadians who have no wish to be exposed to marijuana, or second-hand smoke.

"Numerous jurisdictions around the world have legalized medical marijuana and many of them have also regulated where it can be used. It is time for Canada to follow their example and implement crystal clear and enforceable restrictions on the use of medical marijuana in public spaces," Turner's letter concluded.

The MP said he's siding with Ted Kindos, the longtime owner of Gator Ted's restau-

rant/bar on Guelph Line. Kindos is awaiting a Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario hearing in May following failed Ontario Human Rights Commission mediation talks in the wake of claims of discrimination by former longtime customer Steve Gibson.

Gibson, 42, a local resident who has a federal licence to smoke medical marijuana for a job-related neck injury in 1989, believes he was unfairly treated by Kindos three years ago when he was first asked to stay further away from the bar's entrance than regular cigarette smokers and later told by Kindos not to smoke his legal pot anywhere near the Gator Ted's property.

Kindos, 42, counters that bar patrons had complained about the marijuana smoke.

Gibson contends that he should have been able to light up his legal weed and stand in the

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