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Weeds really aren't that big of a problem

By Ziggy Kleinau, Binbrook Letters

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(In response to "Weeds taking over, says councillors", May 31)

It sure seems to bug some councillors if parks and public lawn areas aren't neatly trimmed and weeded. It must be a life-endangering issue to be dealt with without delay.

If there is some strong vegetation growth along the Red Hill Valley Expressway it might even be a good thing so as to save some stretches from the frequent flooding by absorbing the excess rainwater.

Dandelions must be a terrible infestation in parks and public lawn areas, so bring out the 2-4D and the Glyphosate to get rid of those golden flowers that are the first seasonal source of honey-nectar for our bees. Within three weeks those 'weeds' have died back on their own and are hard to find in a lawn that is kept at a moderate height of about one and a half inches high!

Having worked in landscaping, I have never seen ragweed growing even in neglected lawns; this weed doesn't like well-fertilized ground and prefers poor soil.

So to attack this terrible weed problem, let's ignore the warnings of the Canadian Cancer Society and the Ontario College of Family Physicians and bring out Ted Chudleigh's battery of weed killers and forget about the harm they do to our toddlers and pets, not to mention our bees and birds?!

I personally intend to stay away from any produce, fruit or other products that come from Chudleigh's farms.

I would suggest to all the councillors to promptly attack a more pressing problem that is taking over our street corners and public utility poles: the forest of private ad signs from subdivision developers, real estate businesses, sports clubs and people who advertise their houses for sale.

This is not only aggravating visual pollution, but can be obstructing drivers' views and, when blown around by gusty winds, can be very dangerous to pedestrians and traffic.

It is high time for council to get their priorities straight!

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