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Fresh air announcement from province

By David Lea
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The Ontario Minister of the Environment implemented a key recommendation from the South West GTA Air Quality Task Force, Wednesday, which is intended to help Oakville residents breathe easier.

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John Wilkinson
Ontario Minister of the Environment

Flanked by Oakville's municipal and provincial representatives against the serene backdrop of Gairloch Gardens, Minister John Wilkinson announced the implementation of a new pilot project within the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed that will see regional organizations, local businesses, industry and the community work together on a plan to improve air quality.

The next steps in the project will include finalizing the Terms of Reference, which will reflect the needs of all the project's partners; increased mobile air monitoring by the Province, the continuation of the monitoring of emissions sources, and the use of this data to assess progress.

"Today, we are taking the next step as we continue to clean up the air we breathe. I am confident that a community-based approach to air management will help improve air quality," said Wilkinson.

"Thanks to the leadership of (Oakville MPP) Kevin Flynn, (Mississauga South MPP) Charles Sousa, municipal and community leaders we have chosen

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TIE A YELLOW RIBBON: Oakville Legion Branch 114 member Joe Thompson ties a yellow ribbon outside the branch's building to welcome soldiers returning home from Afghanistan. The Oakville and Bronte Legion branches are asking residents to join the campaign by tying ribbons outside on their properties.

Welcome back the troops with yellow ribbon

By Nathan Howes
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Canadian soldiers will get a bright homecoming in Oakville this weekend when they make their way back from Afghanistan.

To mark their return, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 114 Oakville and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 486 Bronte, Gen.

Chris Vokes Branch will be tying yellow ribbons across town as part of a nationwide Legion initiative, Welcome Home and Thank You to the Troops Campaign.

The two branches kicked off their efforts Tuesday with adornments of the Bronte Cenotaph on Lakeshore and the Legion properties.

On Thursday, Aug. 25, Mayor Rob Burton will be on hand at Oakville Town Hall as the

Oakville Legion will be tying a "huge yellow ribbon" on a tree adjacent to the front door, said Bill Walker, second vice president and treasurer of the Oakville branch.

"This campaign is going to be underway during the week of the 20th and we would welcome (people) to purchase yellow ribbons and put them on trees in their own yard," said Walker.

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