

Decades later, Rosalia still grateful to Canadian soldiers

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In a small village of Villa Nova we visited the war cemetery where there are 206 Canadians buried, including local "boy" George Latimer, who was just 18 years old. His brother was Doug Latimer who had a law practice in Georgetown and was later a judge.

We were met by Rosalia Fantoni and others from the village; she always meets the buses who arrive to personally thank the Canadians.

As usual we place our Canadian flags on the graves and then have a brief ser-

vice in front of the Cross of Honour and Rosalia participates. She tells the story of the Canadians coming to her village. She was three years old at the time and her family had suffered the brutality of war.

In November of 1944 a German soldier had been killed by Italian resistance fighters, and the Germans vowed to execute 10 Italians for each German killed. Rosalia's father and uncle, along with eight others from the area, were hanged in the public square, about one month prior to the Canadians arriving.

After the village was liberated, Canadian soldiers provided milk and bread to the family. Rosalia told us her life was saved and she honours all Canadians who gave their lives for her freedom. She keeps the memory alive.

The Canadians installed a Bailey Bridge across the river in December 1944, which remained in active service until 2000. The new bridge is dedicated to the Cape Breton Highlanders and to the three members of the village who were executed. At the cemetery a piece of the original bridge is preserved as a

further reminder of the heroic deeds of the Canadian soldiers.

These trips have given to me a new appreciation of what our Canadian soldiers did for the world. We must cherish our freedom and our peaceful way of life and honour their memory. Every time I pass by Remembrance Park in downtown Georgetown I will think of their sacrifice.

At the Remembrance Day ceremony I will be easy to spot as I will be walking a little taller and prouder again this year.

We will remember them.



OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTION

Uniform Traffic Control By-law No. 84-1 prohibits parking:

**2:00 A.M. – 6:00 A.M. (Daily)
November 15, 2011 to April 15, 2012**

Applies to all streets under the jurisdiction of the Town of Halton Hills, unless authorized signs indicating otherwise are specifically posted. Motorists are reminded that By-law No. 84-1 also prohibits the parking of a vehicle on all Town or Regional Roads for longer than 5 (five) consecutive hours at any single location, unless otherwise specifically posted.

On-street parking hinders snow clearing and other road maintenance operations. Your co-operation is requested. Please comply with the requirements of this By-law.

AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE VEHICLES TICKETED OR TOWED AWAY AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.

Motorists should note that Town By-Law Enforcement Officers will be on patrol through the duration of the parking restriction period and will ticket and/or have the offending vehicle removed.

Snow Removal

The placing or pushing of snow or ice onto roadways or cleared sidewalks will obstruct or encumber vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Do not push snow across roadways because the trail of snow does turn to ice. The Town's **Obstruction, Encumbering or Fouling of Highways By-law No. 90-68 prohibits such action.**

Improper snow and ice clearing can be a serious hazard to motorists and pedestrians. Your co-operation is requested. Please comply with the requirements of this By-law.

The winter season will soon be upon us. Be alert for snow plows and stay back at least 15 meters behind the trucks. Please avoid parking on streets during snowstorms to assist Public Works staff with winter control.

AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE SNOW AND ICE REMOVED AT THE PROPERTY OWNER'S EXPENSE.

Infrastructure Services Department – Public Works Division 905-873-2601 ext 2603

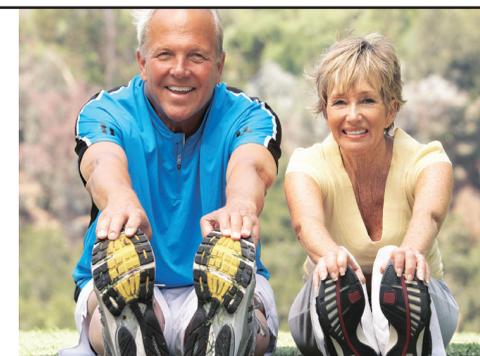
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