

# MPP REPORT

By: **Ted Arnott** ~ MPP Wellington - Halton Hills



Wellington-Halton Hills is a large riding, but our Remembrance services and events take place over the course of a number of days.

This year, I was honoured to attend observances in Aboyne, Elora, Erin, Fergus, Georgetown, Glen Williams, Rockwood, and Salem. And, my wife Lisa represented me at the Cenotaph in Belwood. All of these events served to remind me that a two minute silence, once a year, is simply not enough.

The two minute silence is the most sacrosanct and central element in Remembrance. But if that's all we do, to remember those who served, who fought, who sacrificed, and who never came home, then we do not give them their due.

Thank God for the Royal Canadian Legion. The Legion ensures Canadians will never, ever forget.

We will never forget Lieutenant William Turner of the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves, or "Bill" as his friends called him.

He grew up in Erin. He returned to Erin, to

be interred, having lost his life along with three of his Canadian Forces comrades, when a roadside bomb blew up their G-Wagon light armoured vehicle near Gumbad in Afghanistan on April 22, 2006.

Bill Turner was one of 158 Canadian soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Afghan mission.

And even though we look back a hundred years, we will never forget Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae of the medical corps of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, "Doc McCrae" as no doubt many called him.

He grew up in Guelph, and lost his life as so many did in World War One, taken not by gas or gun, but by infectious disease on January 28, 1918.

But his famous poem "In Flanders Fields" ignited the torch of remembrance that inspires us to this day.

We will never forget them, nor the hundreds of thousands like them who were prepared to give all to defend their com-

munities and to defend Canada: her freedom, her liberties, and her democracy.

We will never forget them, from the "War to End All Wars" through the decades of the 20th century, to Afghanistan in the 21st century.

And we must always remember in our prayers those who serve in a Canadian Forces uniform today, and their families, as they train and prepare to restore order in trouble spots around the world.

The Legion's mission is a noble one, and it helps to ensure its place as one of the pre-eminent service organizations in the country. We thank them for seeking to ensure Remembrance is observed not just on November 11, but every other day as well, all year long.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

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Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott welcomes your comments. He can be reached at 1-800-265-2366. His website address is [www.tedarnottmpp.com](http://www.tedarnottmpp.com)



**BREAKFAST BUDDIES:** Nathan and Danielle Reinders enjoyed their breakfast with Jeff, Gracie and Lily Gauthier at Bethel's Men's Breakfast on Saturday. - Ted Tyler photo

## Source Water Protection update

By: **Dawn Brown**

Town staff presented a status update report regarding the Source Water Protection Implementation to council at the Town of Halton Hills council meeting this past Monday, November 16. Having received approvals from Credit Valley, Toronto and Region and Central Lake Ontario (CTC) and Halton-Hamilton back in August, an effective date for the Source Protection Plan has been set for December 31, 2015.

The Town of Halton Hills falls within three source protection regions; CTC, Halton-Hamilton and Lake Erie. All three have been

working to develop Source Protection Plans under the Clean Water Act, 2006.

The plan is designed to protect the quality and quantity of municipal drinking water systems by putting a stop to any drinking water threats and preventing future threats. Impacts to land owners and framers will be dependent on where their properties are located in a Wellhead Protection Area and the activities happening or propose for on said land. The implementation of the plan ranges from immediately to up to eight years. There will be transition policies that will allow for current activities or development applications presently

under review.

According to the presentation, most landowners will not be obligated to meet any new requirements. However, some may receive educational materials, while other may have to negotiate a risk management permit with Halton Region.

For farmers within 100 metres of the wells, they may be looking at prohibition on activities such as manure application, pesticides and pasture of livestock. In areas where manure, fertilizer and pesticides haven't been used in the past 10 years the use of these items will not be permitted in the future.

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