

MPP REPORT

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



Last week was Remembrance Week in Ontario. We gathered with veterans and members of the Royal Canadian Legion to pray and acknowledge the sacrifice of Canadians, who have courageously and valiantly defended our country.

I was able to join large crowds at Remembrance observances in Acton, Erin, Georgetown, Glen Williams, Aboyne, Salem, Fergus and Elora. There were also events in Belwood and Rockwood, which unfortunately, I was unable to attend. I want to express sincere thanks to everyone who helped to organize the cenotaph services and dinners, as well as everyone who participated.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, one of the costliest battles of The Great War. Lasting almost five months, Allied casualties were more than 600,000 in number and over 24,000 Canadians perished. After this brutal battle of attrition was over, the Allies had only advanced about 13 km along a 35 km front. The tragic futility of war was never so clear.

The following was the message I wrote and presented at a number of the Remembrance observances I attended this year:

I feel very honoured to join you, as we gather again to observe and remember.

First of all, I want to express my appreciation to you, the Members of the Royal Canadian Legion, for your community service year round, but especially in the weeks leading up to November the 11.

You have our heartfelt thanks for all that you do for our veterans, and to ensure that Canadians never forget the sacrifices that they made to purchase our liberties and freedoms, democracy and justice, which together are the pillars of our beloved Canada.

My wife Lisa and I joined the Legion 22 years ago as Associate Members, and we feel privileged to be part of your fellowship. Our membership honours Lisa's Dad, the late Ted McCabe, who volunteered with the Royal Canadian Navy in June of 1944, at the age of 17. In the photos we've seen, he's wear-

ing his Navy uniform, and he looks just like a kid.

Our youngest son, Dean, is 17 this year: the same age his grandfather was when he joined the Navy during World War II.

When we think of that, it really hits home, and we can understand better how young so many of our soldiers, sailors and airmen really were.

We pay solemn tribute to all of them: those who made the supreme sacrifice, as well as those who came home.

We honour all the men and women in a Canadian uniform, whether they served a century ago in the Great War, the Second World War, the Korean War, the Cold War, in one of our United Nations' peacekeeping missions, or in the dangerous missions of recent years in the Balkans, Afghanistan and the Middle East.

*Lest we forget.

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott welcomes your comments. He can be reached at 1-800-265-2366. His website is www.tedar-nottmpp.com or check him out on Facebook.

"Vortex" tests emergency response

On November 9, Halton Region and the Town of Milton staged a joint emergency exercise to evaluate their respective emergency response plans. The exercise included response and recovery activities related to a fictional tornado that damaged homes, businesses and community infrastructure in Milton.

"Testing our emergency preparedness strategies helps ensure that we are ready to respond," said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. "We work with local partners to minimize the risks, coordinate response efforts and reduce the impact of emergency situations."

The exercise engaged Town and Regional staff, as well as representatives from the Halton Regional Police Service, Halton Paramedic Services, Burlington Fire Department and Milton Fire Department. This collaboration provided a realistic image of how community agencies would work together in the event of a real emergency.

Exercise "Vortex" activated a wide range of resources and procedures established by the Region and Town to address emergency situations. Participants coordinated search and rescue, evacuation, temporary shelter and service restoration, directing simulated

response workers to support residents affected by the tornado. Staff from all agencies identified strengths, challenges and areas for improvement immediately following the simulation.

Halton's annual exercises simulate severe weather events and significant crises that could occur based on the community's environmental features and hazards. Emergencies can happen anytime, and emergency preparedness is a joint responsibility—the Region reminds residents to plan today so they are protected tomorrow. To learn more personal emergency preparedness, visit halton.ca/beprepared.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Princess Anne Well Field Upgrades, Ward 3
Town of Halton Hills
PR-2658A

Halton Region is planning upgrades for the Princess Anne Well Field that include construction of a new Well House, access road and expansion to the existing Well House in the Town of Halton Hills, Dr. Claude V. Williams Woodlot.

A Public Information Centre will be held for residents who want to learn more about the construction project. Please drop in at any time. Project staff will be available to answer your questions.

Date:	Tuesday, November 29, 2016
Time:	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Place:	Halton Hills Cultural Centre 9 Church St., Halton Hills (Georgetown)

If you would like to learn more about the project and are unable to attend the Public Information Centre, please contact:

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Please contact us, as soon as possible, if you have any accessibility needs at Halton Region events or meetings.

Rotary Club of Acton
 Serving Acton, Rockwood and surrounding areas
 is inviting you to its 18th annual
WINE & CHEESE
 Only \$45 per person

Get yourself a good deal at our silent auction!
 Relax to the music of Pianist Jennifer Smele

WINE AND CHEESE
 (INCLUDED IN THE PRICE)

*Special added feature this year:
 Vintage Wine Tasting
 at nominal extra cost*

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25th, 2016
6:30 until 11:00 P.M.
 AT THE
ACTON TOWN HALL CENTRE
19 WILLOW STREET NORTH

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Acton Optical

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