

We Shall NOT Forget

Vimy Oak Trees Create Lasting Legacy

ACORNS FROM BATTLEFIELD GROW REMEMBRANCE



These acorns collected from trees in Scarborough are descendants of trees destroyed during the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Oak trees with roots reaching back to the Vimy battlefield and now growing in Canada commemorate the lives lost and the sacrifices made by thousands of Canadian soldiers in the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

The Vimy Oaks Legacy project is thanks to the late Lieutenant Leslie H. Miller, a soldier who served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force from 1914 to 1919. He gathered acorns from the war-torn battlefield in France and planted the keepsakes on his family farm in Scarborough, Ontario – now known as the Chinese Baptist

Church of Scarborough. Several mature oaks continue to grow on the property and they provided cuttings that were grafted onto similar European oaks that have allowed the Vimy Oak legacy to grow.

More than a century after Miller planted the acorns, saplings from the trees that they became are growing in various parks, memorial sites, and private land throughout Canada. The project's success was due to the efforts of organizations like the Vimy Foundation, Vimy Oaks Legacy, and NVM Connon Nurseries in Waterdown, Ontario, where the grafted trees were propagated.

A close personal friend of Miller and president of the Vimy Oaks Legacy, Monty McDonald, has taken it upon himself to memorialize those who

fought at Vimy Ridge. As a young man McDonald worked at Miller's family farm and became a close friend, an experience that created a personal and deep connection to the Vimy Oaks initiative.

"I like to think of it as honouring Leslie Miller and his hardships" says McDonald. "I think of the trees as the spirit of those who couldn't fulfill their dreams but instead they helped build modern Canada. In a way, they didn't give up."

McDonald's vision is simply based on planting the oak trees that symbolize his love for Miller, his friend and mentor, and for those Canadian soldiers who fought in the First World War.

Since the start of this project, more than 900 Vimy Oaks have been planted across Canada. Currently, there are several trees left at NVM Connon Nurseries, but they are reserved as replacements for saplings that don't thrive. As a result of the legacy project, hundreds of Vimy Oak trees will serve as memorials to the Battle of Vimy Ridge (April 9 to 12, 1917) and the sacrifice of Canadian soldiers.

For more information visit vimyfoundation.ca and vimyoakslegacy.ca.



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John Hughes stands by one of the five heritage Vimy Oak trees at Springridge Farm. The grandfathers of farm owners John and Laura Hughes both fought in France and survived the war. Photo provided by Springridge Farm.



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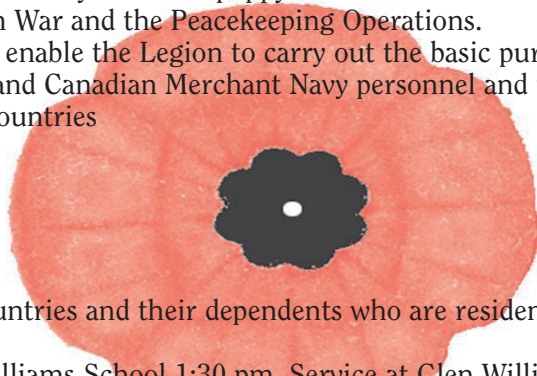
Dear Citizen:

October 26th to November 11th

The time of year when the Royal Canadian Legion asks that you wear a poppy in remembrance of those who gave their lives and those who were grievously injured during the two World Wars, the Korean War and the Peacekeeping Operations.

Your generosity in giving to the Poppy Campaign will enable the Legion to carry out the basic purpose and obligations of the Poppy Trust Fund which are:

- To give assistance to Canadian ex-service personnel and Canadian Merchant Navy personnel and their dependents, who are in need of such assistance.
- Ex-service personnel of Commonwealth and allied Countries who are resident in Canada.
- Purchasing medical equipment and appliances for community health facilities.
- Paying for medical research and training.
- Paying for bursaries for needy students.
- Ex-service personnel of Commonwealth or Allied countries and their dependents who are resident outside of Canada and are in need.



NOV. 4TH: GLEN WILLIAMS - Form up at Glen Williams School 1:30 pm, Service at Glen Williams Cenotaph 2:00 pm.

NOV. 11TH: GEORGETOWN - Form up at Legion 10:30 am, Service Remembrance Park 11:00 am SHARP.

Please plan to attend this event and support the Poppy Campaign; your involvement is very much appreciated.

Ray Clarke, Poppy Chairman

Income from 2017/2018 Campaign

from all sources	\$55,700.90
Expenses:	
Campaign	\$18,209.68
Welfare & Donations	\$25,863.53
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	\$7,508.76

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