

# LEST WE FORGET

IT'S TIME TO REMEMBER THE SACRIFICES OF OUR VETERANS, WRITES TED ARNOTT



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Column

Recently, I attended the funeral of a veteran of the Second World War who landed with Canadian forces on Juno Beach on June 6, 1944.

He survived the war, returned home after it was over and became a dentist, husband, father, grandfather and respected community leader.

He was deeply loved by his family, his patients and his work colleagues.

On his 100th birthday, he was asked about his life. "It's gone by so fast," he answered with a smile. After a long life well lived, he died at the age of 101.

Like so many veterans, he did not talk about his wartime experiences, choosing to spare his family the images he had witnessed first-hand.

Our Second World War veterans will soon be gone. Even though we wish we could forget war, we must remember. As the beneficiaries of the sacrifices made to secure our freedoms, it is our solemn obli-

gation.

This is the mission of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The Legion works to make a positive difference in the lives of veterans and their families, while supporting our communities and ensuring we remember those who were prepared to give their lives for our country.

During the lead up to Remembrance Day, Legion members distribute poppies, which we wear in honour of everyone who has served in a Canadian Forces uniform. This year, the Legion has begun to use poppies and wreaths that are biodegradable. The funds raised by the poppy campaign go to support veterans and their families, and local donations stay local.

Our Royal Canadian Legion branches in Acton and Georgetown are comprised of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers. They too deserve our thanks, ensuring we never forget.

Meanwhile, our municipal elections have concluded, and new councils and school boards have been elected to provide local leadership in our communities.

I want to thank everyone who, with their candidacy, demonstrated their willingness to serve. Each of them articulated their vision of how to make their community better, and gave voters a choice.

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## FINANCIAL PAINS ON THE WAY

CAUTIONARY SPENDING ADVISED OVER MONTHS AHEAD, WRITES PETER WATSON



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Beware, financial storm clouds are closing in.

That was the tone of a recent warning by Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland. Her conclusion was that many households are going to be adversely affected.

Interest rates are being aggressively increased to try to control inflation. That will slow the economy, businesses will suffer and workers will be laid off.

Many households live close to the edge now. In the future, many may not be able to make ends meet.

Higher interest rates are likely to continue because the Canadian infla-

tion rate is just under seven per cent, as reported by Statistics Canada.

Many are predicting a recession in 2023. People will feel the financial pain, but the unfortunate reality is pain is necessary to slow down our economy. That is why the Bank of Canada has been increasing interest rates.

From a financial perspective, it's a case of tough love.

As best as possible, when things get financially difficult, try and reduce and eliminate some forms of spending. That will be difficult, but it will lead to a better outcome than suffering a financial collapse.

Canada has the task of managing its economy. We all have the task of managing our household finances.

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