

Lest we forget



Placing a wreath representing the Silver Cross Mothers, May Lawr (centre) of Branch 120 of the Royal Canadian Legion was among the many Legion members who took time to reflect on their fallen colleagues at Sunday's Remembrance Day services. Services were held in Acton, Glen Williams and Georgetown as Legion members (clockwise, from top right) Joan Ford of Branch 197, Acton, Jack Harrison, of Branch 120 Georgetown, Frank Spielvogel, Branch 197 Acton and Bill Collier, Branch 120, celebrated an act of Remembrance.

Photos by Ted Brown

Council endorses Legion plan to have two minutes of silence

Halton Hills council has endorsed a Royal Canadian Legion plan to create a wave of silence across the nation tomorrow (Thursday).

The legion campaign asks all Canadians to pause for two minutes of silence on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. The silence will begin in Newfoundland and sweep across the country like a wave as 11 a.m. strikes in each time zone.

According to the Royal Canadian Legion, until the 1950s the two minute silence on Remembrance Day was commonplace. Its origin is traced to the Capetown, South Africa in 1918 towards

the end of the first world war. Weary of the war and the toll it was taking, the mayor appealed to residents to be silent for two minutes after the noon canon sounded. That practice contin-

ued daily until the Armistice was signed at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918. That action quickly spread around the world, and two minutes became the accepted mode of remembrance.

Town of Halton Hills employees will participate in the two minute wave of silence, and residents, schools and businesses are requested to participate as well, where safety permits.



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