

## Without stories, the acts are wasted

It's that time of the year, when the days are shorter, the weather damper, and the skies have that iron grey colour about them.

And with Remembrance Day services being held across the country this weekend, it's once again time to remember.

The older I get the more I find I'm aggressively pursuing those stories about ordinary people doing extraordinary things during the war.

Perhaps it's my age, and I'm just becoming more and more aware of how significant the efforts of veterans were 60-odd years ago.

Or maybe I just want to be reassured we have all learned from those events.

As I looked through my collection of Remembrance Day stories and columns accrued over the years, I find myself concerned.

I'm concerned that some of the stories that should be told, won't be told.

I'm concerned that reluctant heroes of more than six decades ago won't share their stories, and in doing so, make sure today's population is aware of the costs of a country going to war, not only from an economic point of view, but a psychological one as well.

I'm concerned our veterans will be long gone, and the stories will go with them—untold.

Over the years, I've found myself privileged to be allowed to relate some of those very poignant stories.

And many of those storytellers are no longer with us. Some passed away this past year, and many were good friends of mine, simply through my association with the two local branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, and the fact I was allowed to tell their stories.

But their stories live on, and in doing so, continue to remind, and perhaps more importantly educate, those of us who are left behind, that what they did may seem horrible, bordering on inhuman, but still had to be done, to preserve what we have today, a country with unprece-

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dented precious freedom and opportunity.

A few weeks ago, Holocaust survivor Eva Ollson spoke at a local school.

Quite honestly, her story was horrible.

But it served a purpose.

All those who listened were reminded of what happens if the forces of evil and greed are left unchecked, and not challenged.

Like they were in 1939.

Or earlier, in 1914.

I know of several veterans who have a story to tell, yet are not comfortable telling it.

And I respect that—they shouldn't tell it if they can't look at themselves in the mirror because of it.

Some tell me their contributions were too trivial, while others are ashamed of what they had to do to fellow human beings.

And others simply want the stories to remain buried in their subconscious, safety tucked away to be buried with them when they are no longer of this earth.

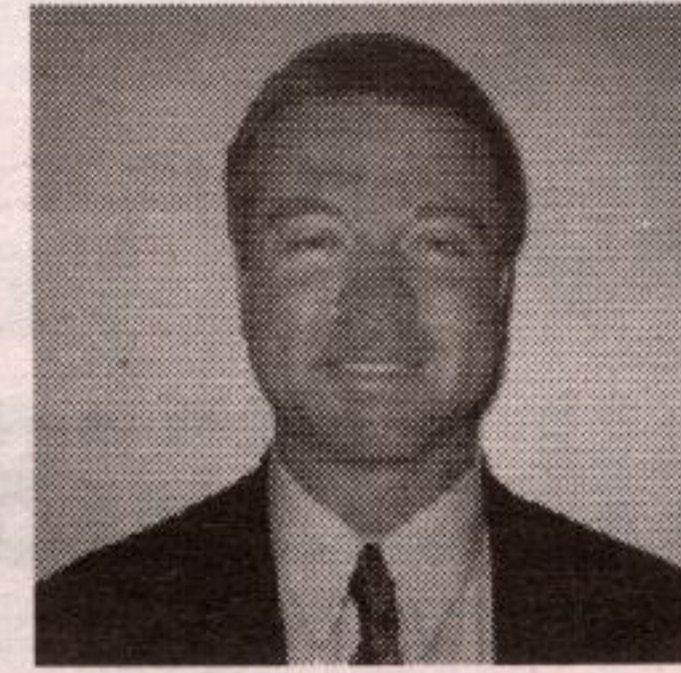
But if their stories remain untold, the point of them going to war to protect freedom is wasted.

Today's youth—hell, even my own generation—can't understand the value of the freedom they enjoy if they have no inkling of the risks and sacrifices our veterans took to preserve it.

The stories must be told.

The rest of us must listen.

And together, we must never forget.



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## Who should be the next Mayor of Halton Hills? An open letter from John Day.

Dear Resident of Halton Hills,

There are times in our lives when we are compelled to take stock of where we are and the direction we want to go.

In my own life, I have chosen, with the support of family and friends, to keep my eye on a future that is full of hope.

In this Mayoralty Election, you too can choose your future, either to address the urgency of NOW or drift into the future at the mercy of change around us.

Halton Hills has reached that fork in the road. You can see it in the condition of our roads, our playing fields and the rush hour gridlock as you drive out of town, strained resources to meet the ever increasing pressure of growth and the gradual erosion of our physical environment and our own comfort level.

*That is why I have developed an 8-Point Platform which is my navigation map for the next 3 years. I am the only candidate to state that my campaign takes no money from the development industry or corporate interests. I am accountable only to you. This is a must if I am to be The People's Mayor.*

We will hold regular Town Hall meetings in your community on issues that matter to you.

We will work to grow our industrial base in the 401 corridor and nourish our existing business and industrial community.

We will focus on Intelligent Growth to protect the environmental needs of our citizens, our heritage and our physical landscape.

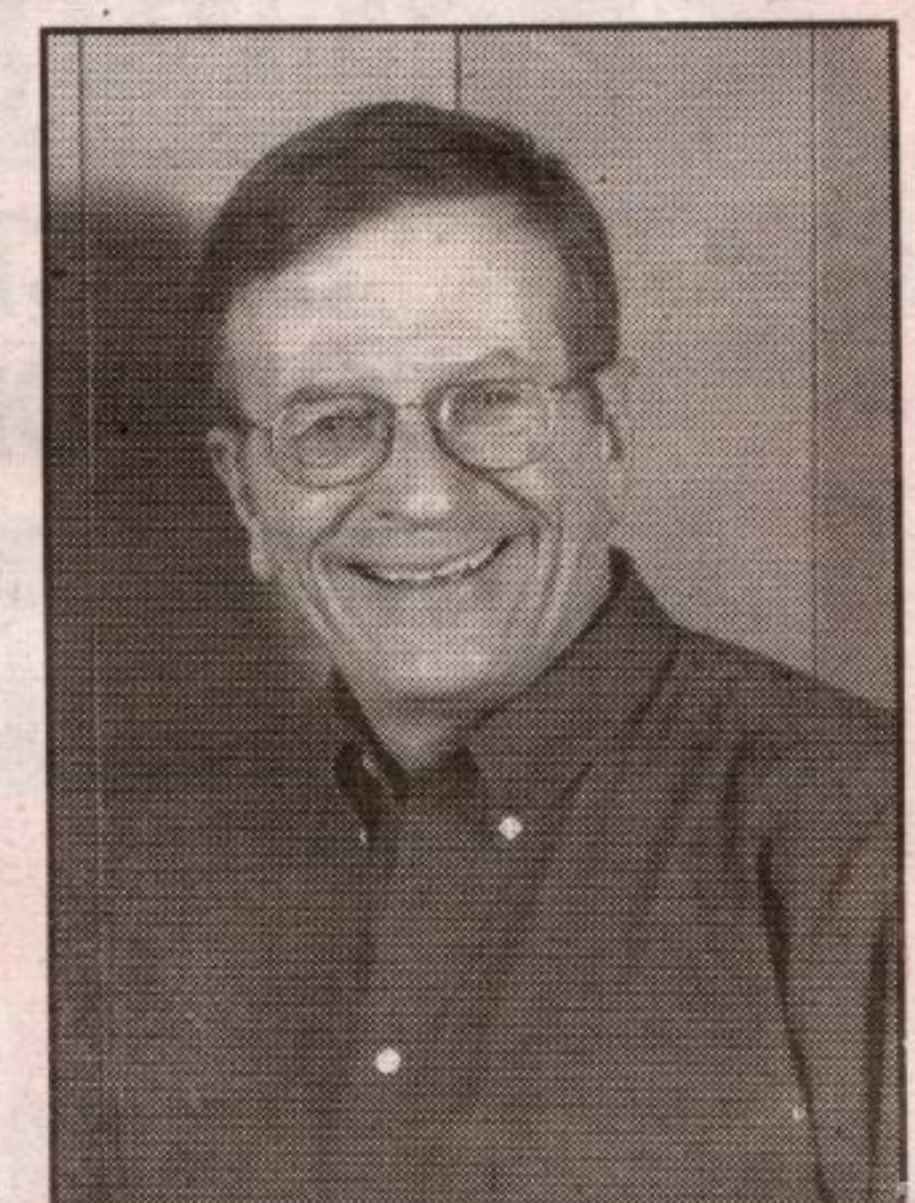
I believe that our urban and rural areas and hamlets should be treated as equal partners, with the same vision for our common future.

Am I ready to serve as your Mayor? The answer is clearly yes. Those who know me will attest to this. I am ready to meet the challenge. The campaign, however, is not about me.

It's about the future of Halton Hills and I ask you for your support on November 10.

Thank you,

*John Day*



**JOHN DAY**  
The People's Major

P.S. To know more about my 8-Point Plan for Halton Hills, please review my website at [www.johnday2003.ca](http://www.johnday2003.ca) or [www.johndayca2.ca](http://www.johndayca2.ca). Or ask for a copy by calling 905 877 7083 and we'll deliver to your home before Election Day.

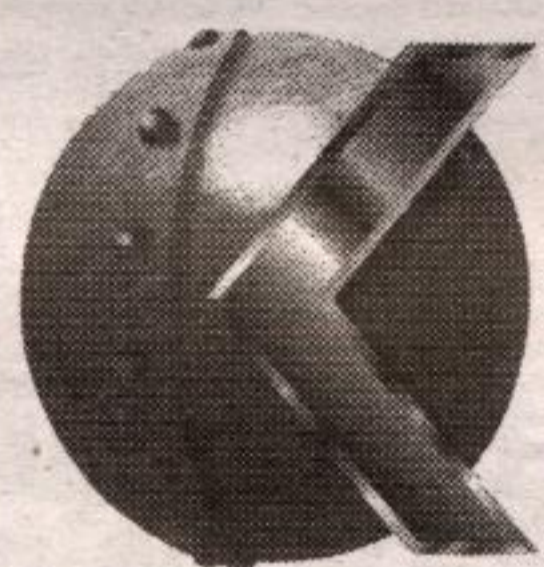
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