

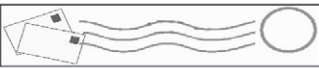
# Flags and Rockwood Cenotaph should be respected –veteran

To the editor:

A few weeks ago I was approached by a member of Guelph/Eramosa Twp. Council who chairs the Heritage committee.

The Heritage committee, along with two or three members of council had decided that they want to use

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the local Cenotaph to show support for our Canadian troops and that it was the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vimy Ridge, etc.

I told him I was in support of what they wanted

to do in principle but I wasn't in support of what they wanted to do at the Cenotaph which, according to Mayor Chris White, was put up four more flag poles at the Cenotaph and fly the "Jack & the army, navy and air force flags."

I informed him that the army, navy and air force were insignias, not flags, and I would be willing to get all the available information I could lay my hands on to help them and that I did not think it appropriate to fly those particular items at the Cenotaph.

The answer I got was that it was their Cenotaph and they could fly what they wanted. Councillor Scott seemed to agree and said he would look into it himself.

I did not give up. I served in the Royal Canadian Navy and have been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for a lot of years. I may be old but I am not about to stand by and let our Cenotaph be used as anything but

for what it was intended.

The standard that we need to know to make those kinds of decisions are laid down by Canadian Heritage. That is where the Legion gets their information.

Anyone can get the information off the website which is on is on page 12 of July/August Legion Magazine. (13 pages).

You can also get the info on the Royal Union Flag. Which was disrespectfully called "The Jack."

That flag is not only the Royal Union Flag but is also the flag of a sovereign country, namely Great Britain and you don't fly another country's flag on a Canadian Cenotaph.

The Canadian flag and the Cenotaph should not be subject to indignities by anyone and that includes politicians at any level be it federal, provincial or in this case municipal.

By the way, I got 13 pages from the Canadian Heritage, which I gave to the Twp. Of Guelph/Eramosa. I had since obtained two pages and a phone call from the same source and a copy of an email from the past chairman of the Dominion Command Ritual and Awards Committee, Royal Canadian Legion.

I believe more strongly that even only the Canadian flag should fly at our Cenotaph. That is the best way to support our Troops.

*Clint Martin  
Citizen of the Twp.  
Of Guelph/Eramosa*

## VOX POP

Would you report someone who was openly defying the Region's mandatory water restrictions?



**Heather Lowe,**  
Rural Acton

"I would just suggest that in order to conserve water that they would do well not to be watering or using up the water supplies. I'd find out if they knew about the ban – but initially I'd be super friendly."



**Lance Morin, Acton**

"I'd probably wouldn't say anything, but just would let it happen. I'm not here often enough to know the difference of when you can water and when you can't and I don't think it's really my place to tell other people what to do."



**Scott Gray, Acton**

"We live out in the country so we're on well water, so it doesn't really apply to us, but it's hard to say. I guess it would depend on how well I knew the person. If they were a friend I might say 'hey, you know there's a ban.'"



**Michelle Leonard, Acton**

"I probably wouldn't say something. In my heart I really wish I could, but neighbours are so important, and what they think of you. It's really hard as a person to take that initiative and saying something to a neighbour who was violating the ban."

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## Acton HEADS 2 tie in Girls U-18 soccer

Acton's Girls Under-18 soccer team was held to a draw by Hillsburgh / Erin 2 last week for only the second time this season.

Lauren Vermeulen opened the scoring for Acton in the first half with her tenth goal of the season before HEADS2 equalized early in the second half on a goal from Jessica Allen.

HEADS2 held the edge in play in the second half but strong goaltending from Tracy Singels helped preserve the 1-1 tie along with an honourable mention to defenders Aly Martineau, Anneloes Kollenhoven and Erica Mills.

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