

# OPINION

## Lest we forget

Remembrance Day isn't until next Wednesday, but it's certainly not too early to once again think about the sacrifices our veterans made to give us the freedom we enjoy today.

In fact these days their bravery and selflessness should mean even more, as we sadly watch many of today's soldiers pay the ultimate price overseas.

And while it has been six-plus decades since our local veterans — and thousands more — fought for our freedom, their efforts should never be forgotten.

Our appreciation can be shown in a tangible way over the next week, as Remembrance Day services are held this Sunday at the Victoria Park cenotaph

and next Wednesday at Milton Evergreen Cemetery.

And as always, buying a poppy does more than just brighten up your coat or jacket.

Donations for that little symbol of bravery and freedom go toward a variety of different programs, including bursaries for children and grandchildren of ex-service personnel, drop-in centres for the elderly and transportation services for veterans.

Keeping in mind just how much these men and women gave to us, a small contribution and a show of gratitude that comes with wearing a poppy is the least we can do.



## ReadersWrite

E-mail letters to editorial@miltoncanadianchampion.com. Letters, which may be edited, must include the writer's name, address and phone number.

### Letting your cat roam free is just plain inconsiderate

DEAR EDITOR:

I recently read Tina Harvey's letter regarding outdoor cats, which I found to be quite honest and accurate.

I thought, finally there was someone with enough courage to publicly address this touchy subject.

However, after reading the response from Kayla Corkum I realize that there are some people who are truly just plain inconsiderate.

Regardless of the circumstances, it's inconsiderate to not only your neighbours, but to your small children and the cat as well to let the family pet run free to roam the neighbourhood.

Let's look at this logically and with open minds.

First, let's remember that as a cat owner, it's your legal responsibility to ensure that the cat stays on your own property. Secondly, it's also illegal to let your cat crap on someone else's property, and if they do you're responsible for picking it up.

Thirdly, how do you explain to a small child that their beloved kitty is not coming home because you were inconsiderate and the cat was squashed by a car on the street right in front of

your house? And lastly, it's your responsibility to keep your cat on a leash when off of your own property.

All of the above also applies to dog owners.

If you really want to let your cat outdoors because it's unhappy or depressed, buy a harness and leash and tie it up in your own backyard.

Could you imagine a world where people with pit bulls, rottweilers, dobermans, German shepherds, labs snakes, tarantulas or any other kind of pet just let them run free? The cat owners would be the first ones to complain.

I understand people wanting to let their pets run free to keep them happy and healthy, as I have a chocolate lab and when we walk him we let him run free at the fairgrounds if no other dogs are around and we always pick up his crap no matter where he is when he goes.

We respect others' property where our dog is concerned and would expect the same from others. There's no seeing this as black or white, only as right or wrong.

KEITH TIMBERS  
MILTON

### More to the SST issue

DEAR EDITOR:

In the October 14 editorial, 'HST on heating a lot of hot air,' about the proposed single sales tax (SST), your paper asked, "but then what?" after referring to the payout of \$300 for singles and \$1,000 to families to help offset the effects of the SST.

I'm pleased to offer additional information on permanent solutions that Ontario's tax reform package will create to permanently help Ontarians in need.

First, your editorial fails to mention that 93 per cent of Ontarians will receive a permanent income tax cut in addition to the one-time payout, by way of cutting the low tax bracket rate by 17 per cent. The low tax bracket rate will be the lowest in Canada. With this change, 90,000 Ontarians will no longer pay Ontario income tax.

Second, there will be a permanent \$260 sales tax credit for every low- and moderate-income adult and child.

Third, to help those in need, our government has permanently increased the minimum wage (and will continue to do so the next two years), created the Ontario Child Benefit so that over a million low-income children receive financial help, and introduced a new permanent property tax grant to help seniors stay in their homes.

Our premier and our government aren't moving forward with the SST to be popular. They're doing this because it's the right thing to do.

At the end of the day, our government can refuse to fix what's broken and be less competitive. Or they can do what's right by moving forward and embracing change.

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