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Poppies for sale, services planned Poppy sales are well underway and Milton's

Remembrance Day services are just around the corner.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 136 kicked off its poppy campaign this past weekend. It continues until November 11, with the little red symbol of remembrance being sold at various locations around town. Proceeds go to helping veterans and their families, as well as army cadets.

This Sunday, local Remembrance Day services will begin with a parade to the Haltonville Cenotaph at No. 15 Sideroad and Guelph Line. Starting at 1:45 p.m., veterans will gather at Amos Drive and march toward the cenotaph. A ceremony will follow.

On Sunday, Nov. 10 there will be a parade at 1:30 p.m. from the Legion at 21 Charles St. to Victoria Park (beside Town Hall on Brown Street), where a ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the Legion afterward. Then on Remembrance Day (Monday, Nov. 11) veterans will take a short march through Evergreen Cemetery before the 11 a.m. service. A luncheon will follow.



In the Halloween spirit

Milton Mall held its annual Malloween Spooktacular Saturday, featuring pumpkin carving, crafts and a magic show. Here, Laura Keen poses with her pumpkin. Eric Riehl / Canadian Champion (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog)

Hospital president announces retirement

Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) President and CEO John Oliver will retire in April 2014.

HHS board Chair Judy Wilson made the announcement shortly before the Champion's press time yesterday.

"John has been with the hospitals of HHS since 1990 and has provided exceptional leadership throughout his career with us," said Wilson. "While this will be a tremendous loss for HHS we are thrilled for John as he embarks on the next chapter in his life." Oliver said it has been a privilege to serve the hospitals of HHS for the past 23 years. "Much has been accomplished through this time and yet even greater opportunities for HHS lie on the horizon."

Monday, Oliver appeared before Milton council, which voted in favour of the Town providing \$35 million for the Milton District Hospital expansion. Oliver's career with HHS hospitals began in 1990 when he was executive director of Georgetown Hospital. In 1995 he became president and CEO of Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. In 1998 he was appointed president and CEO of what's now HHS — the result of the amalgamation of Milton and Oakville hospitals. In 2006 Oliver was instrumental in Georgetown Hospital's transfer to HHS. The HHS board has established a CEO search committee to oversee the recruitment process.

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