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**CLOCK TOWER TO TOLL 100 TIMES IN MEMORY OF
WORLD WAR I VETERANS
“Bells of Peace” to take place across Canada at sunset November 11**

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE – In memory of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, the Royal Canadian Legion Stouffville Branch 459 in partnership with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, will ring the Clock Tower bell 100 times beginning at sunset November 11.

The tribute is part of the Royal Canadian Legion’s “Bells of Peace – A Remembrance of Those Who Served in the First World War” tribute happening across the country by all Legion branches.

“On November 11, 2018, 100 years will have passed since the end of the Great War,” said Bernie Bourgeois, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 459 Poppy Campaign Chairman. “Ringing the Clock Tower bell will allow residents to stop, if only for a moment, to remember and feel the joy that peace brought after so many years of war.”

The bell will begin to toll at sunset, 4:55 p.m., next Sunday. They will toll five seconds apart. A small ceremony will accompany the tribute at the Clock Tower.

“On November 11, 1918, bells spontaneously erupted all across Britain and the Commonwealth as an outpouring of relief when the war ended,” Bourgeois said. “The Bells of Peace initiative is designed to emulate that moment of remembrance in honour of veterans who served in World War I.”

Some 619,636 Canadians enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the war, and approximately 424,000 served overseas. Close to 61,000 Canadians were killed, and another 172,000 were wounded.

The Bells of Peace initiative is supported by Veterans Affairs Canada, The Canadian Armed Forces, Parks Canada and Canadian Cadets Organizations.

All are welcome to attend.

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