

# CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

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## Locking up home security

*Open meeting on Oct. 14 features  
Q and A with community police constable*

A neighbourhood meeting has been organized to help make Champlain Park a safer place to live.

It will be held on Thursday, Oct. 14 at the fieldhouse and is to begin at 7 p.m.

The information night has been organized by Michael Cheng and Neil Robertson, co-ordinators of our Neighbourhood Watch program and by Patrick Mates, a volunteer at the Wellington Community Police Centre.

The agenda will include:

1) A video presentation entitled Safe at Home: How to Lock Out Crime;

2) A discussion of the types, benefits and cost of "security window film" by a representative of ACE Security

Laminates Inc.;

3) A question and answer period with a Neighbourhood Watch Panel feature Constable Tim Senack of the Ottawa Police Service and head of the Wellington Community Police Centre.

Please take this opportunity to attend an interesting and informative exchange of information that will help you guard your home against intruders. It will also help to keep our community a safe and peaceful place to live, plan and raise families.

We look forward to seeing you there.

—————*The organizers.*



### *Free inspection, engraver*

The Home Security Inspection Program is a free service offered by the Wellington Community Police Centre. The centre has trained and screened volunteers who can examine your home and recommend ways to upgrade security.

#### **Operation Identification**

About 80 per cent of stolen property recovered by police cannot be identified and returned to owners and, as a result, must be sold at public auction. Join this program designed to discourage theft of valuables. Thieves are reluctant to handle marked property as these articles are difficult to sell and easily traced. You may borrow an engraver free of charge for three to five days to engrave your valuables, using your Ontario drivers licence number.

For an appointment or to borrow an engraver, call 236-1222, ext. 5870 or 5871.

## War and peace: toward a fresh vision in new museum

*By Carroll Holland*

Warmth was in the April air as I waited at a bus station about 9 a.m. with Romeo Dallaire's book, *Shake Hands with the Devil, The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda*, in my hands.

When I smiled at another woman on the platform, she smiled back, walked over, pointed at Mr. Dallaire's book and said: "My son has just finished reading that book."

I told her I bought the book the day before because of its challenging, concluding sentences: "No matter how idealistic the aim sounds, this new century must become the Century of Humanity,

when we as human beings rise above race, creed, colour, religion and national self-interest and put the good of humanity above the good of our own tribe. For the sake of the children, and of our future. *Peux ce que veux. Allons-y.*"

I went on to describe how a fledgling, community-based group is assisting Physicians for Global Survival to resume dialogue with the curator of the new Canadian War Museum. The goal: to seek an expanded mandate for the museum, scheduled to open in May 2005, to include examples of the increasing number of efforts to resolve conflict without weapons.

Our non-sectarian, non-political,

multi-faith and -ethnicity initiative is inspired, I explained, by the desire that when children visit the new Museum, they will be able to leave it with hope for the future, made aware of how we, as people, are making sincere and realistic efforts to bridge differences and strengthen understanding. We want them to leave it with hope that humankind may one day be united in the shared belief in the preciousness of all life and in our responsibility to foster and protect it.

"That's a great idea," she said, and expressed interest in finding out more about the project.

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## Community Association

**Chair:** Jonathan Chaplan (728-7670)

**Vice-chair:** Mark Cianfaglione (722-5674)

**Treasurer:** potter (728-4980)

**Secretary:** Lynne Bankier (729-0955)

**Planning:** Amy Kempster (722-6039)

**Membership:** Amy Kempster (722-6039)

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**Fieldhouse co-ordinator:** Laurie Fagan (728-1945)

**Rink co-ordinator:** Greg Doswell (722-7705)

**Adopt-a-Riverbank co-ordinator:** Don Monet (728-1750)

## TEENS AT WORK

Jessica ( <b>babysitting</b> )	728-8413
Morgan ( <b>yard chores</b> )	728-6530
Kym ( <b>babysitting</b> )	729-5439
Paul ( <b>yard chores</b> )	728-2583
Rory ( <b>yard chores</b> )	798-0036
Karl ( <b>yard chores</b> )	728-7589
Miriam ( <b>babysitting</b> )	728-7589
Nick ( <b>computer help</b> )	798-7652
Daniel ( <b>yard chores</b> )	722-6134
Joey ( <b>babysitting</b> )	728-5792
Katrina ( <b>babysitting</b> )	725-5423
Geneviève ( <b>babysitting</b> )	722-0454

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## HUSH-HUSH

### 1 YOGA

**Serenity Yoga** resumes **Monday Sept. 27**, from 5 to 6.30 PM. Series of 12 or drop-in. Come join us for meditative intermediate yoga, including visualization, pranayam, inspiring quotes and a variety of meditation styles. Students leave feeling relaxed, expanded and revitalized. Laura K. Golden, teaching for over 30 years. Website: laurakgolden.ca. To register, phone **724-9888**.



advice. The emphasis is on enjoying the social atmosphere while playing as well as we can.

### 4 FOUND

A Grey Supercycle bicycle, 27 x 1.25, on August 8th on Clearview Avenue near Northwestern. Appears to be in good condition and seems to have been abandoned. To recover bicycle, owner can call **722-4120** and identify some of the features and equipment on the bicycle, and preferably its serial number(s). If the owner is not heard from, the bicycle will be turned over to the Wellington Police Centre where it will be disposed of at a public auction.

### 2 AEROBICS

Low-impact **aerobics classes** will resume in the fieldhouse on Sept. 20, and run until Dec. 20, Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Most of the long-time participants are returning, but there is room for one or two new members. For further information or to register (first-come, first-served) call **Val at 728-4980**.

### 5 BABYSITTER

Looking for someone to occasionally **babysit** my six-year-old son at our home in the Carleton-Scott area. Usually from 7 p.m. to midnight. Some weekends 3 p.m. to midnight. Please call **Brenda 798-2918**.

### 3 BRIDGE

There is a **social bridge club** on **Wednesday** afternoons from 2:00 to 4:30 in the Champlain Park Fieldhouse. There is no fee for members of the community association but members contribute tea or coffee and cookies on an informal basis as needed. We have one or two more expert players who occasionally give us duffers friendly

### 6 ED LAWRENCE

Join the Champlain Park Garden Club for its first meeting of the season on **Thursday, Sept. 23**. CBC Radio gardening expert **Ed Lawrence** will answer questions and demonstrate how to divide peonies. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the fieldhouse. New members always welcome. Yearly membership \$27. Call Laurie for more info: **728-1945**.

## Association in good financial shape

Here is a summary of the financial status of the Champlain Park Community Association, for the year ending on April 30.

The association ended the year with a total of \$11,311 in its accounts. This was made up of \$3,859 in a chequing account and \$7,449 in a money-market account. The latter earned slightly less than \$150 during the year.

About \$2,000 was collected in the form of annual memberships and dues. Among the major expenses was a new refrigerator, which cost \$784.

The largest budgetary item was the running of the ice rinks. This cost \$5,875, an expense that was covered by the city of Ottawa.

Many thanks to potter for his ongoing work as treasurer.

# On resolving conflict without war

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Later in the day, I dropped off at her home copies of the initial 2002 correspondence between Debbie Grisdale, executive director of Physicians for Global Survival, and Joe Geurts, curator of the War Museum.

That evening, I joined a gathering at the Centennial Flame on Parliament Hill to remember the victims of the Rwandan genocide 10 years earlier.

I went, Mr. Dallaire's book still in hand, for myself (to support those in attendance who survived the massacre) and for my friend France (a Quebecer who'd been evacuated from her NGO work in Rwanda and who'd grieved the deaths of her Rwandan friends with us in Canada). I also went hoping to find a Rwandan to join our museum initiative.

I did.

The heart-to-heart connections which are at the core of this initiative ignited spontaneously at the Feb. 23, 2004 dialogue on *An Inclusive Vision of Peace* organized in Ottawa by the local chapter of the World Council on Religion and Peace and held at the Bronson Centre. About 100 people attended.

In her presentation, Debbie Grisdale noted that she had had cordial correspondence with the curator of the museum and that she felt it would be worthwhile to engage in dialogue with the museum about expanding its mandate to include conflict resolution efforts.

Inspired by the message of a hope-

ful future such an addition would bring to the museum's primary mission to remember, preserve and educate about Canada's military history, a couple of us called Debbie.

The first meeting of the Committee for an Expanded Mandate for the Canadian War Museum was held on March 12, 2004 at the office of Physicians for Global Survival.

Following the meeting, Debbie resumed correspondence with the curator. She noted:

"Some of the specific questions raised in our recent discussion and to which we would be grateful for a reply include:

How will the role of civil society and non-government organizations in war-prevention and peace-making be reflected in the Museum's exhibits?

Will permanent exhibit space be devoted to understanding war from a conflict-prevention point of view?

How will the CWM strengthen visiting school childrens' understanding of the role they can play in building peace?

How will the CWM deal with the issue of disarmament now and in the future?

How will Canada's role in peace-keeping be profiled?

How will multilateralism, the United Nations and Canada's participation at the UN be depicted in efforts to achieve international peace and security?"

Our community-based process parallels and, I hope, complements, the significant Friends of the Museum, Pass

the Torch, fund-raising campaign which raised \$15 million for the War Museum. This is a major achievement which attests to many people's profound commitment to honour and remember fellow Canadians who served in the military, especially those who lost their lives.

Our initiative stems from a similar, deep commitment to a belief that an important way to honour military personnel and civilians who died in war is to work together to create a global human environment in which war is not an option.

The website [www.warmuseum.ca](http://www.warmuseum.ca) has a comprehensive description of the background and plans for the new museum.

Museum planners outline, in the Introduction to the New Exhibitions, that they would like visitors to the new museum to leave knowing that:

War has affected Canada and all Canadians;

War has affected my life in Canada today;

War is a devastating human experience for people like me;

I must remember.

I hope the museum will add a fifth point:

I will do my part to eliminate violence, so that our collective efforts will achieve global peace, non-violently.

It is my hope that this initiative will be a respectful, dialogue-based process that, in itself, demonstrates the type of human interaction that spawns peace, that will spawn the Century of Humanity envisaged by Romeo Dallaire.

## Committee seeks feedback on expanded mandate

A new Canadian War Museum is being constructed in Ottawa at an initial cost of \$136 million, covering a space larger than a city block. It is designed "to show how war has shaped Canada, and to present the personal, national and international dimensions of our military history. Its mission will be to Remember, Preserve and Educate."

A growing number of Canadians are questioning whether this new Museum will remember, preserve and educate,

not only about Canada's military history, but also the major role Canadians have played, and continue to play, in war prevention, disarmament, and the peaceful resolution of violent conflicts. Would you favour the expansion of the mandate of the new Canadian War Museum in this way?

( ) YES ( ) NO

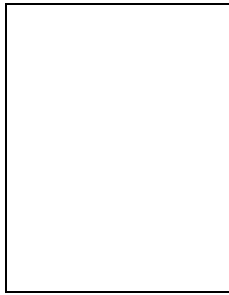
Name & Address (incl. email):  
We welcome any comments you wish to make about this question:  
Please send replies to the  
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## Amy's Corner



by Amy Kempster  
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## Coolican plan highrise hot-spot

Councillor Shawn Little has scheduled a further meeting regarding the Coolican development by Canderel for **Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Churchill Centre.

The Coolican building is the former city-owned edifice on Richmond Road now slated for major changes.

Traffic and environmental impact studies will have been completed, it is hoped, by that time. The Friends of the Maplelawn Garden and the National Capital Commission (owner of Maplelawn) were opposed to the original plan which has been changed somewhat. The Highland Park Ratepayers are also opposed to the original plans.

While the NCC open space to the west and north of Maplelawn was designated as Major Open Space in the new Official Plan, that designation has been appealed by the NCC, which suggests to me that the future of this site should be co-ordinated with that of these nearby NCC lands. The appeal suggests that the NCC may wish to develop these lands.

### Old Ketchum site

Councillor Little has also arranged for a public meeting at the Churchill Centre on Monday, **Sept. 20 at 7:00 p.m.** regarding 396 Berkeley Ave. (Ketchum property). This is where Domicile is proposing a nine-storey mixed-use building on the Richmond Road frontage of the property with 78

apartment units above retail/commercial space.

Fourteen three-storey townhouses are proposed for Berkley Avenue and Tay Street.

### Q'way-Island Park fix

The current Queensway studies include a review of the intersection of the Queensway and Island Park Drive.

What is being suggested is moving the exit from the Queensway to the west side and making a round-about where it meets Island Park Drive.

This will mean the loss of about five per cent of the trees in Hampton Park, according to the consultant. (He was at the public meeting regarding the replacement of the overpass bridges and answered my questions about the consequences to Hampton Park).



He also indicated that they had not had much objection to this alternative. If you are interested in the future of Hampton Park (apparently the NCC was not opposing this proposal), visit the web site [www.info.gov.ca/english/engineering/417ea](http://www.info.gov.ca/english/engineering/417ea) and then write to:

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### Mosque parking

The land from Tunney's Pasture has now been transferred from the city to the mosque association. They are applying to have the land rezoned as institutional and to allow commercial parking on the land. My view is that commercial parking is not an appropriate land use in a residential community as it brings traffic into the neighbourhood.

### OMB under scrutiny

The province has provided three papers regarding planning reform. The first talks about Planning Act reform and implementation tools; the second asks for comments on draft policies which would become the new provincial Policy Statement. The proposed changes would require the municipality to "be consistent with" the Policy Statement in exercising any authority that affects a planning matter or when providing comments, submissions or advice that affect a planning matter. The third document discusses Ontario Municipal Board Reform. Comments on these can be submitted online at [www.planningreform.ontario.ca](http://www.planningreform.ontario.ca)

The second of these documents, the draft provincial policies, is indicative of the thrust of these changes.

It speaks about managing growth through encouraging intensification, redevelopment and infill prior to expanding onto greenfields; revitalizing brownfields, promoting transit-supportive land-use patterns; ensuring an adequate supply of lands for industrial, commercial and other employment uses to meet long-term needs; focusing travel intensive uses on transit corridors; requiring municipalities to set minimum targets for affordable housing; preserving greenspace, using watersheds as basis for planning and protection for prime agricultural areas and specialty crop lands.

The paper on the OMB asks whether there should be some appeal mechanism for land-use planning decisions and whether the courts should be the appeal body.

In spite of some problems with the OMB, it seems to me it does serve a useful function in allowing appeals from municipal decisions. This is your chance to air your views.



