

Jones blasts minister on tractor tire disposal fee

By DAN PELTON
Staff Reporter

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones was on the offensive in the provincial legislature last week, challenging Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, to stand up for Ontario farmers insofar as the Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS) program is concerned. The OTS, which came into effect Sept. 1, was initiated by the provincial government with the aim

of diverting 90 per cent of scrap on-road tires and collecting and recycling 50 per cent of all scrap off-road tires within five years. Andrew Horseman, the OTS executive director, disagrees with Ms. Jones' contention that to replace a tractor tire larger than 39 inches will cost a farmer \$250.20 in tire stewardship fees (TSF). By comparison, the TSF on a car tire costs \$5.84. "These are discriminatory new fees being passed

on to the agricultural community by the McGuinty Liberals," said Ms. Jones. "It was expected when this program was developed by the Liberals that the fee would be passed on to the consumer. By levying these fees on farmers, the Liberal government is hurting our agricultural community." Mr. Horseman said the \$250.20 TSF applies only to the giant off-the-road tires, such as those used in the mining sector. The TSF on agricultural tires, he said, is \$15.29.

In an earlier interview, Mr. Horseman said tire distributors who fall under the "steward" category will be required pay the OTS a disposal fee for each tire. Distributors are considered stewards if they are either a brand owner or a direct importer of foreign-made tires. According to a press release issued by Ms. Jones, Ms. Dombrowsky initially refused to answer her question in the legislature, instead referring it to the Minister of the Environment. "On the second round of questioning, (she) said point blank that farmers would not be exempted from the tire stewardship fee."

Ms. Jones' office was alerted to the issue by a farmer who said he had to pay an additional \$250 for a tire and was told the TSF was the responsible for the increase. Mr. Horseman said farmers "are likely not stewards, through they MADD to launch Red Ribbon campaign. This Sunday, November 1st, marks the start of MADD Dufferin County's Project Red Ribbon campaign, designed to combat impaired driving during the winter holidays. Working with area businesses, MADD Dufferin is asking residents of the county to tie a MADD Canada ribbon to their antenna, side mirror, or other visible location on their vehicle and/or key chain. The MADD Canada ribbon is a symbol of a person's commitment to drive safe and sober during the holiday season and throughout the year. The ribbon also serves as a reminder to other motorists to drive sober. MADD Canada ribbons are available at various businesses in Dufferin County.



Photo/DAN PELTON
MAYOR ROB ADAMS, centre, has proclaimed Oct. 30 to Nov. 11 as Poppy Period in the Town of Orangeville. Citizens are urged to support the poppy trust fund for war veterans. The proceeds are used to assist needy veterans and their dependents. With Mayor Adams are Legions branch president Ron Simms, left, and poppy fund chairman Brian Richardson.

Brampton Flying Club donates banner tow to mark arrival of Torch Relay

The Brampton Flying Club is taking an active part in Orangeville's Torch Relay celebration. The club has donated 2.5 hours of banner towing, plus a banner, so Orangeville can welcome the Torch Relay in style. The banner, to read "Orangeville Torch Relay" will fly overhead as the Torch Relay arrives in Orangeville on December 28, 2009. The banner tow will fly back and forth along the route and circle over the celebration site at the Tony Rose

Memorial Sports Centre as the Torch Relay arrives in Town. Brampton Flying Club manager Julie Pomeroy notes that this year is the 100th anniversary of flight in Canada and that the Caledon-based club has strong Canadian roots, having existed since 1946 - both good reasons for the club to participate in Canada's Torch Relay. Flight instructor Julie Marzoli says the club uses the Orangeville area a lot with their business.

"We are the local flying school and the Torch Relay is a great opportunity to do something for the community. It's the perfect opportunity to contribute to such a great event. Now we've got to pray for good weather." Ms. Marzoli will act as the ground relay for the airborne activities at Orangeville's Torch Relay ceremony, as she co-ordinates both the tow plane and the skydivers that will jump at the end of the celebration.

Royal Canadian Legion News

By TINA MORRELL
Branch 233, Orangeville

Youth Education Officer is reminding everyone that the Poster & Poetry Competition is underway. This is normally done through their respective schools, but entries will be accepted at the Legion directly. The deadline for submissions is no later than November 6, 2009. Applications and rules can be found on the Legion website. RoyalCanadianLegion.ca, under "Student Contests". The Dominion winners have an opportunity to lay a wreath on behalf of the

Youth of Canada November 11, 2010 in Ottawa. The Poppy Campaign of 2009 commences on Friday, October 30, 2009 and continues to and including Wednesday November 11, 2009. Legions members are asked to sign up to do their duty as a canvasser. October 30th we will be hosting a Turkey dinner with all the trimmings including Dessert by our Chef Bill Cooke. The price will be \$10.00 All are Welcome. We will be offering Eat in or Take out. Our Banquet hall (Downstairs) will be

setup for anyone that would like to bring their families and enjoy a home cooked Meal. Tickets Available at the Bar. Delivery available for Seniors. On Saturday, October 31st we will be having Halloween dance downstairs with Jill Phillips. Dance from 8:30pm to 1:00am. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased at the Legion club room. The Nov 7 Remembrance dinner tickets for members are available at the branch. *Let Us Forget.*

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