

"Raise the Roof" Campaign a Success

The Norwich Royal Canadian Legion celebrated the end of their "Raise the Roof" campaign Friday.

With the help of an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant of \$25,000 and the hard work and dedication of its members the legion was able to have the roof replaced earlier in the month.

During a ceremony Ernie Hardeman, MPP for Oxford joined Ontario Trillium Foundation representative Dixie Westcar in congratulating the Legion and its members on their accomplishment.

"I know that the Norwich Legion is a centre of the community -both as a place to meet and through their support of minor sports and local schools," said Hardeman. "I think it is important that our government continue to support this excellent organization and our veterans that have given so much to our country."

The OTF grant was used to replace the roof and maintain structural

integrity of the Norwich Legion building, which is well used by members, local organizations and the community at large. Hall rentals are the main source of income and this improvement will make the building safer, comfortable and enjoyable to all members and organizations in Norwich and the surrounding area.

"The Norwich Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is grateful for the assistance of Ontario Trillium Foundation with our roof project," said Legion secretary Doug DeMontmornecy. "Like most

small community organizations, we are finding it increasingly difficult to raise funds. This OTF grant enables this branch to continue its work."

Money continues to be raised for improvements to the facility.

The Royal Canadian Legion's mandate is to serve veterans, new and old, and their dependants, to promote Remembrance and to act in service of Canada and its communities.



During a ceremony marking the completion of the new roof at the Royal Canadian Legion in Norwich a plaque was given to Branch 190 acknowledging the grant received by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Left to right, Dixie Westcar, Ontario Trillium Foundation representative, Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP, Geoff Dougherty President of Branch 190.