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## **City of Hamilton Launches War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemorations**

**Hamilton, ON – March 27, 2013** – The City of Hamilton has officially launched Hamilton's War of 1812 Bicentennial commemorations at Battlefield House Museum & Park, site of the pivotal Battle of Stoney Creek and a National Historic Site of Canada.

With the theme of, 'It's Happening Here', The City of Hamilton is marking the historical events that helped shape Canada's identity and the 200 years of peace between Canada and the United States through a series of signature events planned in 2013, including:

- Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek (June 1-2, 2013)
- Canadian International Military Tattoo (June 8-9, 2013)
- TALL SHIPS® Hamilton (June 28-30, 2013) as part of the TALL SHIPS® 1812 Tour
- *Hamilton & Scourge* Memorial (September 4 and 21, 2013)

"We have a long history of legacy work commemorating the War of 1812 in Hamilton", said Mayor Bratina. "The 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 is an opportunity for us all to take pride in our rich history, and experience events and activities that will boost tourism and civic pride."

"The War of 1812 Bicentennial gives us the opportunity to reflect on an important part of our history and gain a better understanding of how it has shaped the Ontario we know and love today," said Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. "These commemorations in Hamilton will enrich the local community while educating visitors from within our borders and beyond about our rich heritage that unites us as a people and as a province."

The City of Hamilton is committed to increase the awareness of this important chapter in history that helped shape Canada's identity, 200 years ago.

For more information including a complete list of events and activities, please visit [www.1812hamilton.com](http://www.1812hamilton.com).

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