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Special Event: 100th Anniversary of the Opening of the Battlefield Monument

Hamilton, ON – May 2013 – The City of Hamilton invites members of the public to help mark the 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the Battlefield Monument. The 100-foot tall monument was opened in June 1913 on the centennial of the Battle of Stoney Creek, one of the most important events in Canada's history. The monument was erected to commemorate the pivotal battle in the War of 1812 where the British victory was crucial in preventing the Americans from seizing Upper Canada.

The monument was unveiled on June 6th 1913 by Queen Mary in London by transatlantic cable in front of 15,000 attendees including local military forces. It has since become one of Stoney Creek's most recognizable landmarks and a powerful symbol of peace and commemoration.

Event Details:

What: 100th Anniversary of the Opening of the Battlefield Monument
Location: Battlefield House Museum & Park
Date: Friday, May 31, 2013
Time: 12:30 p.m. (see below for more detailed schedule of events)
Cost: \$0.25 per person. 1913 prices!
Contact: 905-662-8458
battlefield@hamilton.ca
www.battlefieldhouse.ca

Schedule of Events:

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| • Procession through Battlefield Park to Monument | 12:30 p.m. |
| • 100 th Anniversary of the Battlefield Monument Commemoration | 1:00 p.m. |
| • Performance by the Stewart Memorial Church Choir | 2:00 p.m. |
| • Tribal Vision: Native dance and Culture Presentation | 2:15 p.m. |
| • Performance: Corps of Drums of the Royal Anglican Regiment | 2:30 p.m. |
| • Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee commemorative Tree Planting | 2:45 p.m. |
| • Westfield Heritage Village Fashion Show | 3:00 p.m. |
| • Memorial Parade and Service at Smith's Knoll | 7:00 p.m. |

In addition to the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Battlefield Monument, 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 and 2

- **Canadian International Military Tattoo** - June 8 and 9
- **TALL SHIPS® Hamilton** - June 28 to 30
- **Hamilton & Scourge Memorial** - September 4 and 21

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.

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