Remember those who died to give you the vote you don?t use

The Caledon municipal election is over.

Did you vote? Was the true will of the community heard? No! Why? The voter turnout was 34.35 per cent. The people who didn't vote probably don't even see the importance of this. You will when it ?bites? you. And it will.

In some countries, if you don't vote, you can't get a passport. Canada is one of the oldest and most powerful democracies in the world. Our Caledon voter turnout rate was an absolute embarrassment.

The higher the voter turnout, the greater the odds you end up with people on council who will do the bidding of the majority of the Caledon people. The math is simple? vote and you have your say? don't vote and the little special interest groups take over. Canadian soldiers fought and died for your right to vote, your right to freedom of expression, your right to enter, remain in or leave

the country.

Recently Warrant Officer Vincent and Cpl. Cirillo lost their lives defending your rights.

Remembrance Day is Nov. 11. Know why that date? The first World War ended Nov. 11, 1918. Seven million men and women from 30 countries died defending your rights. Poppies are being sold as a remembrance of the men and women who fought, died and are still fighting for our cause. Oh, you'll buy a poppy to declare? I remember.?

If you didn't vote, you should also wear a button declaring ?I didn't vote? because I don't care that soldiers are defending my rights. Our Canadian flag does not fly because the wind moves it, it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it. Sharon Lamarche,

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