

# Champions WELLAND LEADING THE WAY

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## MORE THAN 30 YEARS AND 100 BEDS OF COMMEMORATION

**Welland ON** – For more than 30 years, staff from City of Welland parks division have organized and planted commemorative floral beds throughout the Rose City. The beds have celebrated various anniversaries and honoured significant events, not only in Welland, but from a regional, provincial, national, and international level.

This year's floral beds will pay tribute to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Cook's Mills, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary from the start of WWI, combined with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary from the start of WWII, and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Foyer Richelieu.

Chris Van Hezewyk, Foreman of Special Events and Cemeteries, designed the commemorative beds from 1991 to 2006. Employees Dave Steven and Frank Reddon then took over the project, and still continue to design and care for the three beds. "The beds make Welland a unique community. They bring colour to the city and make the public aware of significant anniversaries of organizations," said Van Hezewyk.

The three beds — located on Niagara Street and Prince Charles Drive— have celebrated over a hundred significant events and challenged city staff to create outstanding designs over the last three decades. The City of Welland will accept written submission for the 2015 Commemorative Beds until October 31, 2014.

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