



**RNAO HALTON CHAPTER EVENTS**

RNAO's Halton Chapter proudly participated in:

Milton's Remembrance Day Parade on Nov. 10, 2024

RNAO's Assembly of Leaders meeting on Nov. 16, 2024

The first Canadian Pressure Injury Advisory Panel Summit held at the University Health Network in Toronto on Nov. 18, 2024

The Halton Community Health Meeting in Oakville on Nov. 21, 2024



Tabbiola Peters (left), Halton Chapter workplace liaison executive network officer (ENO) and Penelope Vilella, Halton Chapter president met on Oct. 10, 2024



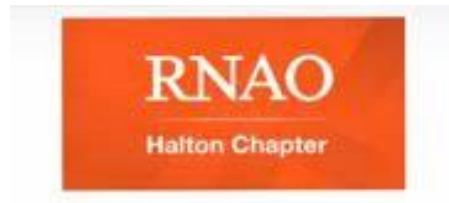
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*Speaking out for nursing. Speaking out for health.*

**HALTON CHAPTER: WELCOME TO EXCITING NEW BEGINNINGS!**

The Halton Chapter Executive extends our best wishes for 2025! After a period of dormancy, we're thrilled to announce that the chapter is alive, revitalized and stronger than ever. This year, we're not only celebrating the rebirth of the Halton Chapter, but also gearing up for RNAO's monumental 100-year anniversary!



**2024-2025 HALTON executive**



President  
**Penelope Vilella**  
RN, BScN, MN



Workplace Liaison ENO  
**Tabbiola Peters**  
RN



Policy and Political Action ENO  
**Margarita Machura**  
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With new initiatives on the horizon, we're excited to strengthen our presence and amplify our impact within Halton.

Together, we aim to create a united voice to support nursing and health care across our community.

To learn more about vacant positions within the Halton Chapter and gain insight into the expectations of each role, as well as how these roles contribute to strengthening our chapter, please reach out to Leanne at [lmccartney@RNAO.ca](mailto:lmccartney@RNAO.ca).

Let's make this term a time of collaboration, growth, and progress as we work together to elevate our chapter's impact and foster meaningful change in our nursing community. Your contributions can help shape the future of the Halton Chapter.

*"With a century of advocacy, compassion and excellence in nursing, RNAO is turning 100 years of progress into an enduring legacy."*



Caption: Margarita Machura (left), Halton Chapter PPAN; Penelope Vilella (centre), Halton Chapter President and Tabbiola Peters, Halton Chapter Workplace Liaison ENO attend Milton's Wreath-Laying Ceremony.

## MILTON'S WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Milton historical society website has sourced information regarding Milton nurses during the Great War of 1914 - 1919 (First World War). The information on these nurses was published in a book called: *Milton Remembers WWI and Men and Women We Never Knew*.



Milton's Nursing Sisters  
Great War of 1914-1919



(PICTURE AND INFORMATION SOURCED: [WWW.MILTONHISTORICALSOCIETY.CA](http://WWW.MILTONHISTORICALSOCIETY.CA)) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE MORE, PLEASE GO TO THE WEBSITE TO FIND OUT FURTHER INFORMATION.



The Halton Chapter gathered to participate in the Milton Remembrance Day Parade and wreath-laying ceremony. We were honoured to gather with other members of the surrounding community to pay tribute to those who so courageously served our country and continue to today. It was an opportunity to also reflect and remember those nurses that worked courageously caring for those at war. As a collective group, those who participated in the ceremony gathered together at the Legion to both honour the veterans present and share a sense of community. The chapter engaged in meaningful conversations with those in attendance, which included Milton's Mayor Gordon A Krantz, whose brother served as a peacekeeper during the war, as well as Adam van Koeverden (MP).

## RNAO ASSEMBLY MEETING



RNAO held the Assembly of Leaders meeting on Nov. 16, 2024. The meeting brought together chapter presidents, interest group chairs, and membership ENOs. The agenda engaged members in hearing the president's and CEO's reports, review of members' voices as well as sessions about membership culture, and RNAO's collaborative corners.





## CANADIAN PRESSURE INJURY ADVISORY PANEL SUMMIT



On Nov. 18, 2024, a gathering of 300 participants, including members of Nurses Specialized in Wound, Ostomy and Continence Canada (NSWOCC), provincial and federal leaders, health-care administrators, and interprofessional experts, to address the pressing issue of pressure injury (PI) prevention and management. The event featured insightful presentations and facilitated meaningful discussions aimed at identifying current challenges in PI care and exploring solutions aligned with the Canadian Pressure Injury Advisory Panel's (CPIAP) strategic plan. Margarita Machura, an active member of the CPIAP and the Halton Chapter PPAN, join NSWOCC, CEO Cathy Harley, CPIAP, President Kaylem Boileau, and CPIAP President-Elect Joshua Moralejo, representing her commitment to advancing best practice in PI prevention and care. Attendees also had the opportunity to delve into the *Canadian Best Practice Guidelines for Pressure Injuries*, available on the RAO website, which includes the most up-to-date recommendations.

## HALTON COMMUNITY HEALTH MEETING



The Halton Chapter recently attended a presentation by Halton Healthcare on Nov. 21, 2024, showcasing their plans to expand services and enhance care to meet the growing needs of the Halton Community. It was a pleasure to meet and engage in meaningful conversation with Halton Healthcare President and CEO, Melissa Farrell.



The Halton Chapter Executive recently conducted a survey to gather valuable input from our members on planning engaging meetings, educational topics, and activities for the upcoming year. As we strive to create meaningful opportunities for learning, connection, and fun, we are excited to share the results of your feedback.

### Educational topics of interest:

1. Complementary Therapies in Practice
2. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion & Highly Unique Roles in Nursing
3. Self-Care

### Preferred communication methods:

1. Email
2. Chapter Newsletter
3. Facebook and Instagram

### Fun activities members would like to see:

1. Dinner Gatherings
2. Comedy Nights
3. Paint Nights or Boat Tours

### Preferred presentation formats:

1. In-Person Sessions
2. Zoom Webinars

Thank you for helping us shape the chapter's events and offerings for 2025! Your feedback ensures that our initiatives are tailored to your preferences and enhance your overall experience with the Halton Chapter.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead and hope to see you at our upcoming events!