

## Retired General Rick Hillier headlines 2011 Wm. A. Stewart Lecture

**Guelph, ON [October 26, 2010]** – Canada’s most charismatic and influential soldier, General Rick Hillier, is the featured speaker at the 2011 Wm. A. Stewart Lecture & Reception on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the London Convention Centre in London, Ontario.

As former Chief of the Defence Staff, Canada’s highest ranking position in the Canadian Forces, Hillier oversaw Canada’s most important mission in Afghanistan. His 35-year military career saw him command Canadian troops from the platoon to multi-national formation level within Canada, Europe, Asia and the United States.

His passion, leadership and outspoken nature has captured the hearts and minds of Canadians across the country. General Rick Hillier challenges convention and inspires leadership with his trademark Newfoundland charm and humour, and will present “**Leadership Traits and Leader Responsibilities**” at the 2011 Stewart Lecture.

“General Hillier is a truly outstanding leader, and is widely sought after to share his insights and experiences from an impressive military career,” says Craig Bremner, Vice President Agriculture Services, TD Canada Trust, presenting sponsor of 2011 Stewart Lecture. “We’re very pleased Ontario’s agriculture community will have an opportunity to learn from General Hillier and we look forward to welcoming him on March 31, 2011 in London.”

A wine and cheese reception will follow the lecture, providing an opportunity to meet with General Rick Hillier and network with Ontario’s agri-food leaders and other community leaders.

The Wm. A. Stewart Lecture & Reception is held every other year. The event is partially funded by the Wm. A. Stewart Endowment, with presenting sponsor TD Canada Trust, along with additional sponsor support from: Monsanto Canada Inc., AdFarm, Gay Lea Foods Co-operative Ltd., Miller Thomson LLP, Ontario Mutuals and Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited. Proceeds from the event help support the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP). Now in its 26th year, AALP is an executive development program for men and women who want to broaden their horizons and expand their networks to help shape the future of agriculture and agri-food sector in Ontario. AALP boasts 353 graduates and continues to offer opportunities for Canada’s aspiring agricultural leaders.

Tickets for this public event are \$100 and are available from the Rural Ontario Institute office by calling (519) 826-4204 or order online at [www.aalp.on.ca](http://www.aalp.on.ca)

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