

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE
SUBJECT: REMEMBRANCE DAY
PURPOSE: To seek Council approval for fee waiver for two Remembrance Day events in North and South Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a fee waiver of \$6,973.00 be granted to the Royal Canadian Legion No.148 for the costs associated with the Confederation Cenotaph Ceremony;

THAT a fee waiver of \$1,345.26 be granted to Legion No.148 for the cost of the Confederation Seniors' Centre Hall and Kitchen for the Remembrance Day Social;

THAT a fee waiver of \$5,293.00 be granted to the Royal Canadian Legion No.83 for the costs associated with the Bonsor Cenotaph Ceremony; and

That a copy of the report titled "Remembrance Day", dated October 16, 2023, be sent to both Branch 83 and 148 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS

I concur with the recommendation of the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

The recommendation within this report correspond with the goals and values in the *Corporate Strategic Plan (2017)*, and align with the City of Burnaby's purpose "to create the city that we all want to live in and be in."

2.0 BACKGROUND

The City of Burnaby has received correspondence from the Royal Canadian Legion No. 148 for support with their 2023 Remembrance Day functions. Historically the city has supported the legion in their events at Confederation Park and Confederation Seniors' Centre. The legion facilitates ceremonies in memory of those who served in all wars. These ceremonies are the main Remembrance Day events in Burnaby.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Legion No. 148 leads two major events in Burnaby on November 11th each year. Legion No. 83 leads a parade to the Cenotaph at Bonsor Park, with a ceremony there on November 11th each year.

3.1. Confederation Cenotaph Ceremony

The Confederation Cenotaph Ceremony concludes the parade through the streets near the park, and has the participation of the local air cadets, as well as other dignitaries. The grant would cover the associated allotment fee and associated staffing costs.

3.2. Confederation Seniors' Centre Reception

The Legion has used the Confederation Centre activity hall for a reception since their North Burnaby Legion closed due to construction. They partner with the Burnaby Fire Department to offer a meal and reception to veterans and supporters. The grant would cover the allotment cost and associated staffing costs.

3.3. Bonsor Cenotaph Ceremony

The parade led by Legion No.83 ends at the corner of Jubilee and Imperial. The grant would cover the associated allotment fee and associated staffing costs.

4.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The fee waivers can be covered through the existing PRC operating budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Morrison-Clark, General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Correspondence from Royal Canadian Legion No. 148

Attachment 2 – Correspondence from Royal Canadian Legion No. 83

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

This report was prepared by Ashley James, Supervisor Sports and Outdoors, and reviewed by Eric Bientjes, Director Recreation.



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September 1, 2023

Attention: Mayor Hurley
Re: Remembrance Day reception

Dear Mayor Hurley,

Once again, Remembrance Day is approaching and the Royal Canadian Legion in North Burnaby is asking for the City's assistance with our functions.

As we have in previous years, we wish to hold our post-Cenotaph Remembrance Day reception in the Hall at Confederation Park Senior's Centre therefore we are asking you to grant us the use of the Hall as our Legion occupancy is restricted, for attendees of the Cenotaph service on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

We appreciate the generosity of the City regarding the use of the Hall for this important occasion and we wish to thank you in advance for your consideration of this very worthy event.

Wilson Gurney
President
Branch 148
North Burnaby

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September 12, 2023

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Remembrance Day – November 11, 2023

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #83 will be conducting this year's Remembrance Day parade and ceremony in South Burnaby.

The parade will form up in front of the Legion at 10:00 am; at 5289 Grimmer Street, and will march west at 10:20 am and turn south on Royal Oak Avenue to Imperial Street where it will turn west and proceed to Jubilee Avenue and turn north toward the entrance of the Cenotaph (just before the basketball court). The ceremony at the Cenotaph will start at 10:55 and end approximately 12:00 noon.

Would you kindly provide the necessary services to accommodate the above activity. The parade route has been confirmed by Faye Chan, Transportation and the RCMP.

If you require any further information please contact me at 778-558-5290.

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Remembrance Day Coordinator
RCL, Branch 83, South Burnaby

