

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to express our support for the Bryon Legion Monument in Springbank Park. This project proposal is one that has been many, many years in the making. Both of us have met repeatedly with the steering committee members on many occasions, as the Ward Councillor, as the Deputy Mayor, and as supporters of our Royal Canadian Legion branches.

Much like the restoration of the Holy Roller in Victory Park during the previous term of council, where the project was led and funded by the 1<sup>st</sup> Hussars, the Bryon Legion and the steering committee for this project are not looking for a financial contribution from the city but do need the City's approval in principle to place this proposed monument on city lands in Springbank Park. Until that approval is given, the ability to proceed with fundraising and the detailed design work cannot move forward.

We also feel it is important to draw to Council's attention that the goal of this project ultimately includes educational components, that will allow people to not only read plaques and contemplate the sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces personnel in wartime and peacekeeping deployments, but to be able to scan QR codes to access video and text information to bring the monument space to life in a different way.

With significant commitments of both donations and in-kind donations already lined up, now is the time for the commitment from the city to be made to allow the use of this space to create this monument, which will ultimately be a legacy gift to the city embodying the verse from In Flanders Fields penned so many decades ago by Canadian Lt.Col John McCrae:

***To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.***

It is our hope Council will accept the torch of Remembrance being offered by this proposal to hold high the sacrifices made by those who have served, for generations of Londoners to come.

Sincerely,

Shawn Lewis  
Deputy Mayor  
Ward 2 Councillor

Anna Hopkins  
Ward 9 Councillor