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Irene Mathysen

Member of Parliament for London-Fanshawe
Critic for Veterans Affairs

March 29th, 2016

Dear Mayor Brown and Members of Council,

It is my pleasure to write to you as the Member of Parliament for London-Fanshawe, the NDP Critic for Veterans Affairs, and as a member of the Veterans Affairs Parliamentary committee, to express my sincere support for the installation of the LAV III Monument at Wolseley Barracks.

This addition to the Royal Canadian Regiment Museum will be a fitting addition, given London's manufacturing ties to the vehicle and the community's contribution to the Canadian Forces Afghanistan deployment.

I have known Trooper Mark Wilson's parents, Carl and Carolyn, for many years now and regularly attend the annual "Trooper Wilson Memorial Ride" organized in Mark's memory to help worthy causes in our community. I have also spoken to veterans at three different Legion branches in our community about this proposal and I know that the installation of this LAV III is important to area veterans.

It was my privilege to support the City of London's "Canada 150" funding request to help restore the cenotaph at Victoria Park and add recognition of Afghanistan veterans to the memorial. It is important as we honour our veterans that we remember a veteran is a veteran, regardless of when and where they served. It is important our modern veterans are recognized and honoured and this is a fitting way to do so.

I understand that the Community and Protective Services Committee will be dealing with this item on its agenda on March 30th, 2016. I hope that you will support this item.

Sincerely,

Irene Mathysen,
MP London-Fanshawe
NDP Critic for Veterans Affairs
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cc: Col Kevin Bertoia, 31 Canadian Brigade Headquarters
Brian Harris, District Command, Royal Canadian Legion