

Chair and Member of the
Community and Protective Services Committee

Re: Renaming Proposal – Mildred Barons Park to Vimy Ridge Park

The following resolution regarding the above-noted matter was approved by Municipal Council on March 2, 2017:

“That the request to rename Mildred Barons Park, located at 444 Kathleen Avenue, to “Vimy Ridge Park” BE REFERRED to a future meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee when additional information is available related to this matter. (2017-R04) (18/3/CPSC)”

It has recently come to my attention that Royal Canadian Air Force Association 427 (London) Wing, is undertaking an initiative for the establishment of a permanent Vimy Memorial at the London International Airport. Should this Memorial be established, I am fully supportive of this initiative and I would respectfully request that any initiative to name a City of London park or facility “Vimy Ridge Park” not be approved as this would be considered the only Vimy Memorial in the city.

As a result, I wish to withdraw my request to rename Mildred Barons Park to “Vimy Ridge Park”. I understand that as a result of this request, Municipal Council will be required to reconsider its decision of March 2, 2017 as it relates to the above-noted clause 18 of the 3rd Report of the Community and Protective Services Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bill Armstrong
Councillor Ward 2



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April, 13, 2017

The Corporation of the City of
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Re: Permanent Vimy Memorial Site for the City of London.

Dear Sirs,

427 (London) Wing is pleased to put forward our proposal for a permanent site for a Vimy Memorial. We have a Vimy Ridge Commemorative project consisting of 100 trees formed into a "Living Guard of Honour" commemorating the battle of Vimy Ridge. Four types of Canadian Maple trees were selected for this project. In addition we have just placed an order for two Vimy Oaks for our site. The project Commemorates the service and sacrifice of the five squadrons of the Royal Flying Corps and the one squadron of the Royal Navy Air Service that supported the Canadian Corps during the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

We believe this project compliments the cities Urban Forest Strategies and its Industrial Component.

Our site is at the London International Airport. Our building is one of the last British Commonwealth Air Training Plan "Canteens" from the former RCAF Base London. This building is the home of "the Wing". We also have the Spirit of Flight Aviation Museum, the Secrets of Radar Museum, the London Amateur Radio Club all housed at the same location. Just down Crumlin Road is the Jet Aircraft Museum. We are becoming a Tourism London destination for north east London. The addition of the Vimy Memorial will compliment this new London destination. There is ample parking, our facility is completely serviced and we are open year round.

We are currently sourcing a number of companies to create an appropriate monument for this Vimy site. We trust that this offering will be considered a valuable attraction for London. To support tourism to this new site we would be looking for assistance with proper signage to allow tourism traffic to be directed to this new site.

Sincerely,

Rene
McKinnon
President
427 (London) Wing

P.S. we would like to request to be a speaker at the session.

Thursday April 13, 2017

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Please accept this letter of support regarding the request to designate and recognize land at your property to the Battle of Vimy Ridge, specifically "Vimy Ridge Memorial Park".

I believe this would be a very well suited site for the park to be located considering the history of the site - 427 (London) Wing occupies the grounds where wartime personnel could relax and refresh, known at the time as an "Airmen's Canteen"; The Spirit of Flight Aviation Museum is located near-by and easily accessible for residents to explore and learn more of civilian and military aviation history; a Spooner Memorial Garden was established in 2002, which is adjacent to the Wing building, and is notably named after LAC Gerald Kenneth Spooner, who was awarded the George Cross for heroic action on May 14, 1943.

Further, 427 (London) Wing has planted 100 trees to serve as a point of remembrance during the 2017 year as the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge is remembered, and 427 (London) Wing has intentions to fundraise in order to install a monument specific to the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

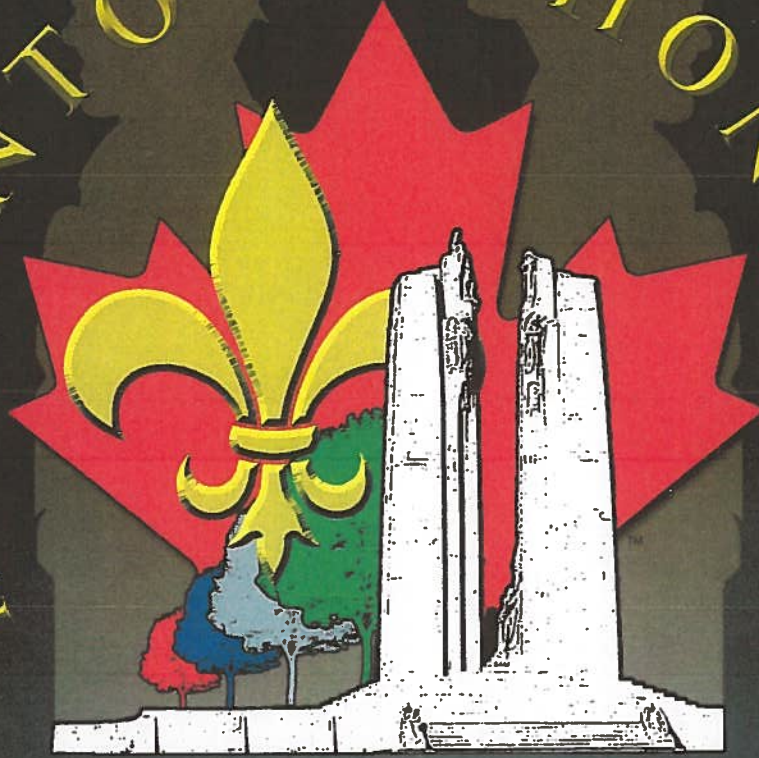
With this letter of support, I am formally withdrawing my request to rename Mildred Barons Park to Vimy Ridge Park, located at 444 Kathleen Ave.

Yours,

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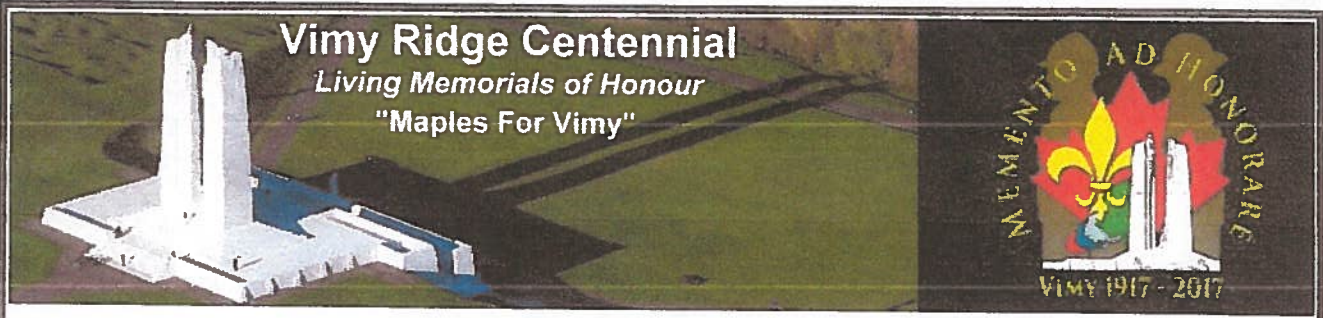
Bill Armstrong
Councillor Ward 2

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427 (London) Wing
 Royal Canadian AirForce Association

All are invited to attend the send off of the Maples for Vimy Group on Wednesday March 29th. at the Wing. Cadets, Scouts, Guides & Veterans are meeting at the Wing in preparation for their flight to France to participate in the April 09th. 2017 Vimy Ridge Centennial events. The Mayor and other Dignitaries are attending wishing the group a safe trip to France and a memorable contribution to this most significant WW1 event. Ceremonies commence at 1100am and the coach departs at 100pm. for the Toronto airport.

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Maples for Vimy



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 "Living Memorials of Honour"

Griffiths, Ashleigh

From: Griffiths, Ashleigh
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 3:53 PM
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Cc: Griffiths, Ashleigh
Subject: RE: CPSC Submission - Vimy Ridge Park

Categories: CPSC

Hi Rene:

I am happy to hear that the confusion has been cleared.

Yes, we will include your letter with Cllr Armstrong's submission. Thank you again.

All the best ☺



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Subject: CPSC Submission - Vimy Ridge Park

Ashleigh,

Your email clarifying for me the matter of private property and property not owned by the Corporation of the City is most appreciated.

We are pleased to hear that Councillor Armstrong's submission to the CPSC is supporting our 427 (London) Wing's initiative.

Please include our letter submitted to Council yesterday as supporting documentation to go along with Cllr Armstrong's submission.

Regards,