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London Remembrance Day Planning Committee 2012

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On behalf of the Remembrance Day Planning Committee 2012, I have been asked to address an issue that may seem a little unusual. The committee is asking if the five trees; that are planted around the inside area of the Cenotaph, could be transplanted around the Dutch Monument in remembrance of those who fell in Holland? Transplanting the trees would then open the immediate area surrounding the Cenotaph, thus allowing room to get more of the Vet's and Troop's off the street.

The trees do beautify the corner however they become obstacles when it comes to planning the layout for the Vet's. In the past some of the Vet's have not been able to watch the service from the immediate area of the Cenotaph because of limited room to accommodate the many Veteran Associations. There has been no room to accommodate those who cannot march or those in wheelchairs. This year we are setting new, what will become, standard procedures for Zone A6 of the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Parade.

The reason for the request to move the trees over to the Dutch Monument, will honour those who fought and made the supreme sacrifice for the liberation of Holland during WWII. The trees could be placed around the seating area to provide more shade.

Each year, The Remembrance Day Parade gets a little smaller as we that grow older find it a little harder to march and stand for two hours. This year we have reduced the length of the parade and the parade will dismiss at the Cenotaph. Transplanting the trees and filling the holes around the Cenotaph with cement would allow for more seating room for some of the older Vet's and the Physically Challenged.

We, the Remembrance Day Planning Committee, ask you to look at the need to make more room around the Cenotaph.

Please respond to the above address:

Regards

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cc: Ross Seip, Mayor, MP, MMP, MLA



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