

REPORT NO. 204 of the
**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE**
of its meeting held February 5, 2014

Present:

Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair
Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Councillor Alan Halberstadt
Councillor Al Maghnieh
Councillor Fulvio Valentinis

That the following recommendation of the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,
THAT Council **BE REQUESTED** to direct Administration to reach out to the Legion for the purpose of discussions on how to possibly incorporate recognition of the peacekeepers on the Cenotaph or an alternate location.
Carried.

Liveline #16942, GM2014

Clerk's Note: The administrative report authored by the Manager of Cultural Affairs dated January 6, 2014 entitled "Response to CQ33-2013 To investigate how other Canadian municipalities are recognizing veterans of war or police actions sanctioned by the United Nations post the Korean War: plaques, monuments?" is **attached** as background information.



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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR
Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee-
Administrative Report

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

"Our City is built on relationships – between citizens and their government, businesses and public institutions, city and region – all interconnected, mutually supportive, and focused on the brightest future we can create together."

LiveLink REPORT #: 16942 GM2014	Report Date: January 6, 2014
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To: Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee

Subject: Response to CQ33-2013 "To investigate how other Canadian Municipalities are recognizing veterans of war or police actions sanctioned by the United Nations post the Korean War (plaques, monuments)?"

P&R 14-01

1. RECOMMENDATION: City Wide: Ward(s): _____

That the Report submitted by the Manager of Cultural Affairs regarding CQ33-2013 "To investigate how other Canadian Municipalities are recognizing veterans of war or police actions sanctioned by the United Nations post the Korean War (plaques, monuments)?" **BE RECEIVED** for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

N/A

2. BACKGROUND:

At the Council meeting on October 21st, 2013, Councillor Jones:

"Asks that Administration investigate how other Canadian Municipalities are recognizing veterans of war or police actions sanctioned by the United Nations post the Korean War (plaques, monuments)."

3. DISCUSSION:

The City of Windsor has a number of war memorials and monuments to specific battles and wars in addition to the cenotaph located downtown. There is a WWI memorial at the gates to Memorial Park, and another WWI memorial at the Old Riverside Arena. In Jackson Park, there

are two planes on exhibit along with a memorial to the Boer War and an additional Army/Navy/Air Force memorial. There is the Lancaster Bomber currently off display and being restored in partnership with the Canadian Historical Aircraft Association. Additionally in Dieppe Gardens there are beautiful memorials and monuments installed commemorating the Korean War, the Dieppe Battle, and the Canadian Army, Navy and Air Force. The City of Windsor has also named streets and parks after significant battles fought by many Windsor soldiers.

The responses from the municipalities across Canada are quite varied in how they recognize fallen soldiers. Of the municipalities that responded, Leamington, Huntsville, Saskatoon, and Surry, do not recognize Veterans at all from a municipal perspective.

There are a couple of municipalities that have a cenotaph recognizing War Veterans specifically from the First and Second War but do not recognize veterans from other wars on the cenotaph. Hamilton in particular was quite firm that it will honour other War Veteran's through interpretive panels and will not be adding reference to the cenotaph. Brampton has a specific cenotaph for WWI, WWII and Korean Veterans and also has a generic cenotaph recognizing all Canadians, who have served and continue to serve and protect our nation and our allies around the world. Red Deer also has a cenotaph in their Veteran's Park which surrounds their WWI cenotaph. They have added eight interpretative panels, one of which commemorates the Korean War and peace-keeping activities. They do not have any formal memorials that are dedicated to the peace-keeping missions their veterans served in.

Oshawa, Ajax, Vaughn, Medicine Hat, and Halifax all have cenotaphs or obelisks which are more generic in nature in that they recognize all who have served and continue to serve and protect without specifying any particular war or battle.

St. Catharines is the only community who responded to the Cultural Affairs query that is adding the names of other wars to their cenotaph.

Peterborough does not have a cenotaph but does keep a Book of Names and a Scroll that is on display in their City Hall foyer. Names are added regularly in response to the community's involvement in military and peacekeeping actions.

Calgary has Peacekeeper Park which is the location of the Peacekeeper wall, which is a tribute to those who served in Canadian peace missions post Korea. Veterans of the Afghan conflict are included in this.

All of the municipalities contacted by the Manager of Cultural Affairs excepting St. Catharines, do not intend to add additional battle or war recognition to their existing cenotaphs. It is viewed that the cenotaphs are significant historical and cultural icons in communities and so should not be altered. Instead of adding to the cenotaph, those same municipalities that do recognize additional battles do so through interpretative panels, additional memorials or the naming of streets and/or parks.

As Saskatoon succinctly stated, additional panels and monuments come forward at the request of the community generally following the municipal public art policy or the memorials and monuments policy of that community. In some instances the municipality funds the development and installation of new commemoration pieces through normal budget processes of the municipality. In most of the municipalities contacted, additional interpretive panels or

monuments are funded through a partnership with local community organizations such as local Legions, Rotary Clubs or other service organizations and the municipality.

4. **RISK ANALYSIS:**

N/A

5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

N/A

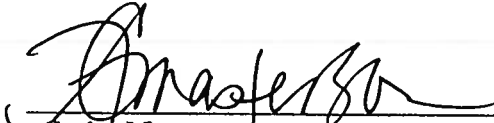
6. **CONSULTATIONS:**

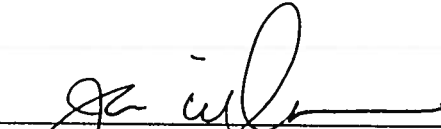
Municipal staff at the following municipalities: Ajax, Brampton, Brantford, Burnaby, Burlington, Calgary, Halifax, Hamilton, Huntsville, Leamington, Medicine Hat, Oshawa, Peterborough, Red Deer, Saskatoon, St. Catharines, and Vaughan.


Manager, Parks Design & Development – Michael Clement, City of Windsor


7. CONCLUSION:


The City of Windsor has recognized and commemorated the significant role of our war veterans have who have served and continue to serve and protect our nation and our allies around the world.


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