



BEACONSFIELD

October 31st, 2012

Major Richard Gratton, CD
Chair, Organizing Committee
Community War Memorial Project
Beaconsfield, QC

RE: Beaconsfield Community Support of the War Memorial Project

Dear Richard:

In follow-up to the formal resolution of Council (attached), I wish to personally commend you on the efforts of you and your Committee to establish a War Memorial in the City of Beaconsfield, in remembrance of all Canadians who have served and sacrificed in our country's military operations – from the Northwest Rebellion to Afghanistan. It is especially fitting to commemorate these selfless citizens on the eve of the centenary of World War I, which contributed so integrally to the maturation of Canada as a sovereign nation.

As indicated in Council's resolution, the City of Beaconsfield will contribute an existing green park site for the community war memorial and support the maintaining of the memorial cenotaph, in perpetuity. Beyond our physical contributions-in-kind to the cenotaph, the City supports the Organizing Committee's inclusionary concept of extending recognition of Beaconsfield citizens' public service as first responders, police and fire fighters. via development of named complementary pathways and/or benches in a Heroes Park.

On behalf of the elected officials, staff and citizens of Beaconsfield, I also wish to recognize, and express strong support, for the meaningful involvement of Beaconsfield High School students, the Beaufort-Beaconsfield Historical Society and the Royal Canadian Legion as key players in future remembrance activities that will be centred on the memorial cenotaph. It strikes me that the motivations and experiences associated with such remembrance activities, by the young in particular, will likely encourage other civic-minded endeavours that might, otherwise, not happen.



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The City of Beaconsfield is committed in our support for the planning, construction and knowledge translation associated with the development of a community memorial to recognize the service and sacrifice of citizens who have fought in our wars and acted as protectors of our community.

If I, or the City of Beaconsfield, can be of any further assistance in realizing this very worthwhile project, please let us know.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Pollock'.

David Pollock
Mayor of Beaconsfield