



City of Peterborough

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City Staff 'Encouraged' After Meeting with Registrar

Staff representatives and landscape architect Brian Basterfield met today in Toronto with Registrar of Cemeteries, Michael D'Mello, his staff and Major-General Richard Rohmer to discuss the current design for the Wall of Honour.

Major-General Rohmer began by noting that he felt the City is "very, very close to a solution". Mr. D'Mello paid tribute to the late John Hart saying that Mr. Hart's sense of fairness as City Solicitor had played a large part in bringing both sides together. Mr. Doherty added that the City has unanimous support for the design from Council, the Mayor's Working Group on the Wall of Honour, and those who attended a public meeting held at the Canadian Legion on the 21st of January.

Mr. Basterfield then presented the City's current plan to place 12 monumental stones on the perimeter of the Cenotaph. He referenced the work of Major-General Rohmer, who first proposed placing the Wall of Honour on the Cenotaph mound as a continuation of that development. Mr. Basterfield highlighted critical points for the Registrar including the fact that the memorial is entirely situated on the mound and needs no sub-surface foundations.

Mr. D'Mello and Mr. MacLarkey were pleased to see that the concept presented would have no impact on any burials, describing the design as "creative, thoughtful and respectful." Having received the City's presentation, Mr. D'Mello indicated that his office would respond shortly with a formal written response. In the meantime, staff and Mr. Basterfield will continue to research and refine design details while advancing plans to finalize the list of names for inclusion on the memorial.

When briefed on this morning's meeting Mayor Ayotte said he was 'quietly optimistic'. "We've created a made in Peterborough solution that creatively and artistically does what the registrar said we needed to do. I firmly believe we are starting to write the final chapter".

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