



# City of Peterborough

## Media Release

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### **Veterans Memorial Design Approved By Registrar**

The City received a letter today from William MacLarkey, the Legal Council for the Registrar of Cemeteries, Michael D'Mello approving the design of a veterans memorial in Confederation Square. The Registrar has indicated that the form and location of the memorial as presented to him will not disturb or require the disinterment of existing burials.

The Registrar has set two conditions that must be met for him to grant final approval. The City is to provide scaled drawings of final design of the memorial showing the location of the stones and the cobble paving around them as well as a scaled cross sectional drawing of one stone on the mound confirming its dimensions and the depth to which it is recessed. The City will also provide an engineer's opinion that the stones, while set into the raised mound will remain above the original grade of the park.

While Mr. D'Mello has allowed the City to construct a semi-circular sidewalk around the west side of the mound to make the memorial accessible to persons with disabilities, he also makes clear in the letter that he will allow only as much excavation into the mound as necessary to set the stones and lay the proposed pavers in between. He has also stipulated that a licensed archaeologist must be present during all excavations and that all work will stop if any remains are encountered.

The Registrar also states that he supports the City's initiative to create a maintenance protocol that allows for maintenance and upgrades to the Square in a way that is consistent with the Cemeteries Act.

Commenting on the Registrar's decision, Deputy Mayor Henry Clarke said, "A century and a half ago, our forbearers chose what is now Confederation Square to be hallowed ground. Now the Registrar has approved what our hard work, consultation, and compromise has created for that site. This Wall of Honour will be our record for all time of the selfless sacrifice of thousands of the citizens of Peterborough city and county. And it will do so while respecting and marking the final resting place of our early pioneers. Let us harness that same spirit and determination that brought us to this point and complete the Wall with all possible dispatch so that as many of our remaining Veterans as possible may yet see it".

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at [www.peterborough.ca](http://www.peterborough.ca)

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