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Major Richard Gratton, C.D.,
Chair, Oversight, Heroes Committee,
Community War Memorial Project,
Beaconsfield, Quebec.

RE: Community Support of the Beaconsfield War Memorial

Dear Richard:

I am writing on behalf of the executive and members of the Beaurepaire-Beaconsfield Historical Society to express our very strong support for the construction, physical maintenance and event planning centred on a Community War Memorial Cenotaph, to be located in Shore Park, one of our city's most prominent and beautiful green spaces.

As President of the Societe-historique Beaurepaire-Beaconsfield Historical Society I can assure you that the citizens of Beaconsfield have been involved in, and continuously committed to the military operations of Canada's soldiers, dating back to the years before Canada was officially an independent country.

As indicated by Mayor David Pollock in his letters of support for this project, the Historical Society is committed to recognition of the public service of our community's first responders in some of the War Memorial's formal pathways, benches and gardens. The 'park of heroes' concept will accentuate the value of public service to the general Beaconsfield community and contribute to citizens' future engagement in such selfless service. The Society will work hard in productive partnership with our younger (Beaconsfield High School) and older citizens' communities (Royal Canadian Legion) to advance these concepts of service and sacrifice. In particular, The Society will work with both these entities around the development and performance of the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies.

In addition, the Society will extend our historical research projects / contests, such as the Roberta Angell Prize, to include our community's participation in military operations. We anticipate that these activities, directed toward community students in both elementary and high schools, as well as adults, will contribute directly to the meaningful and ongoing understanding and engagement of our citizens in the value of public service. Such commitment, particularly from our young with their energy,

innovation and creativity, will go a long way to ensuring that remembrance activities centred on the Community War Memorial will be continuing.

If the Society can be of any specific additional assistance in realizing the project's goals, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In summary, the Societe historique Beaufort-Beaconsfield Historical Society affirms its continuing support for the planning, construction and knowledge of a Community War Memorial to recognize the service and sacrifice of Canadians who have fought in our wars and protected our community.

Most sincerely,



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President

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P.S. Incidentally, this is not a new concept to me personally; as a young girl in the south of England during World War II, I remember exceedingly positive comments about the Canadian soldiers.