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MEDIA RELEASE

Town of Cobourg Commences LAV III Monument Site Preparation

Citizens invited to attend formal unveiling on November 8th at 3:30 p.m.

Cobourg, ON (October 1, 2019) – The Town of Cobourg is pleased to announce that site preparation for the Light Armoured Vehicle III (LAV) Monument has begun at 700 D’Arcy Street, Cobourg, once the site of the No. 26 Ordnance Depot of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps from 1954 – 1970 (Canadian Forces Station Cobourg).

Administered by [Canada Company](#), the LAV III Monument Program was established to commemorate Canada’s mission to Afghanistan. Successful communities receive full-size decommissioned replica LAV III vehicles, provided by the Government of Canada, to be used as centerpieces for local monuments. The LAV III’s are the iconic vehicles used during Canada’s mission in Afghanistan.

In 2018 the Town of Cobourg was awarded the LAV III Monument and will be one of over 30 communities across Canada to install a monument commemorating fallen military members and their families. The Town of Cobourg, in partnership with Canada Company, will be hosting an event to formally unveil the LAV III monument on Friday, November 8th starting at 3:30 p.m. at 700 D’Arcy Street. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

“The LAV III Monument is a symbol of support for the Canadian Armed Forces and all the sacrifices our men and women have made for our country, “We are honoured to become the home of one of these national monuments,” said Mayor John Henderson, Town of Cobourg. “I would like to officially welcome all citizens to attend our unveiling event as we reveal the permanent home of one of these national monuments.”

The monument will be located at 700 D’Arcy Street, Cobourg, once the site of the No. 26 Ordnance Depot of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps from 1954 – 1970 and will include a large relocated plaque with the original coat of arms of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps badge. The No.26 Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps was commanded by Major Angus Read who later became Mayor of the Town of Cobourg in 1985. The monument will be a tribute both to the men and women who served on-site but also to those residents who served our country in the many military engagements throughout the Town’s long history.

The Town of Cobourg would like to recognize and thank all those sponsors who have contributed to the project, including: Behan Construction, Blake Construction, Castleridge Concrete, Chadwick’s Towing & Repair Inc., CIMA +, Ex-II Welding, Finlay Construction, Just In Time Sanitation, Kelly’s Excavating & Utilities, Lakeland Multi-Trade, Mayhew Graphics, Proelectric and Rent All Centre Cobourg.

About the LAV III Monument Program

The Town of Cobourg is seeking additional donations from the community. For more information on the LAV III Monument Program please visit www.cobourg.ca/lav.

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About The Town of Cobourg

The Town of Cobourg is a lakeside community (population 19,440) located on the north shore of Lake Ontario halfway between Toronto and Kingston and has been recognized multiple times by MoneySense Magazine as “One of Canada’s Best Places to Live” in populations under 25,000.

Founded in 1798, Cobourg is rich in heritage offering a vibrant downtown, sophisticated small town atmosphere and renowned waterfront that serves as a popular getaway destination. As the largest town in Northumberland County, Cobourg is personified by historic Victoria Hall, hosts a 27.4 million community centre, an educated and skilled labour force, flourishing commercial sector and supportive municipal government. Cobourg has received the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Award, accolades from the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance, and multiple heritage, environmental, and event awards.



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