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As Council considers their new joint project on Hastings Street, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my support for the North Burnaby branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, and the good work they do in our community.

As you know, the Legion has partnered with a developer to support the building of their new facility on Hastings Street, which will include public community meeting and event space.

Their new building will allow the North Burnaby branch of the Legion both a modest revenue stream and a central base of operations for their work in our community, including the Remembrance Day ceremony in Confederation Park, luncheons for veterans, and their annual drive for the Poppy Fund, which supports a number of local veterans' care facilities and contributes a substantial amount to the Burnaby Hospital Fund each year.

I first heard of Branch #148's difficulties in early 2015. At the time, Legion members told me that, in the absence of their own facility, they were relying on local organizations to store their supplies and equipment, and had to work out of borrowed space to run the poppy drive, and put on the annual ceremony at the cenotaph.

I have been following their situation for several years, so I am pleased to be able to share my support for them here, as they embark on a new chapter in their long history of good work in our community.

Sincerely,

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