

**TO:** MAYOR & COUNCIL  
**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE  
**SUBJECT:** REMEMBRANCE DAY  
**PURPOSE:** To seek Council approval for fee waiver for two Remembrance Day events in North and South Burnaby.

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** a fee waiver of \$6,973.00 be granted to the Royal Canadian Legion No.148 for the costs associated with the Confederation Cenotaph Ceremony;

**THAT** a fee waiver of \$1,345.26 be granted to Legion No.148 for the cost of the Confederation Seniors' Centre Hall and Kitchen for the Remembrance Day Social;

**THAT** a fee waiver of \$5,293.00 be granted to the Royal Canadian Legion No.83 for the costs associated with the Bonsor Cenotaph Ceremony; and

**That** a copy of the report titled "Remembrance Day", dated October 16, 2023, be sent to both Branch 83 and 148 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

### CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS

I concur with the recommendation of the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture.

#### 1.0 POLICY SECTION

The recommendation within this report correspond with the goals and values in the *Corporate Strategic Plan (2017)*, and align with the City of Burnaby's purpose "to create the city that we all want to live in and be in."

#### 2.0 BACKGROUND

The City of Burnaby has received correspondence from the Royal Canadian Legion No. 148 for support with their 2023 Remembrance Day functions. Historically the city has supported the legion in their events at Confederation Park and Confederation Seniors' Centre. The legion facilitates ceremonies in memory of those who served in all wars. These ceremonies are the main Remembrance Day events in Burnaby.

#### 3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Legion No. 148 leads two major events in Burnaby on November 11<sup>th</sup> each year. Legion No. 83 leads a parade to the Cenotaph at Bonsor Park, with a ceremony there on November 11<sup>th</sup> each year.

### **3.1. Confederation Cenotaph Ceremony**

The Confederation Cenotaph Ceremony concludes the parade through the streets near the park, and has the participation of the local air cadets, as well as other dignitaries. The grant would cover the associated allotment fee and associated staffing costs.

### **3.2. Confederation Seniors' Centre Reception**

The Legion has used the Confederation Centre activity hall for a reception since their North Burnaby Legion closed due to construction. They partner with the Burnaby Fire Department to offer a meal and reception to veterans and supporters. The grant would cover the allotment cost and associated staffing costs.

### **3.3. Bonsor Cenotaph Ceremony**

The parade led by Legion No.83 ends at the corner of Jubilee and Imperial. The grant would cover the associated allotment fee and associated staffing costs.

## **4.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The fee waivers can be covered through the existing PRC operating budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Morrison-Clark, General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Correspondence from Royal Canadian Legion No. 148

Attachment 2 – Correspondence from Royal Canadian Legion No. 83

## **REPORT CONTRIBUTORS**

This report was prepared by Ashley James, Supervisor Sports and Outdoors, and reviewed by Eric Bientjes, Director Recreation.