

Veteran Remembrance Banner Program

Research is well underway on the City's banner program to honour local veterans who gave their lives in World War I and World War II. We now need help from the public to find images and information about some of the veterans.

Earlier this year, Council approved the City banner program intended to honour the veterans whose names are listed on the Parksville Cenotaph. Banners will be placed on the lamp standards along the Island Highway from early October until after Remembrance Day. As well, a section will be added to the City's website with photos and where possible, information and stories about the veterans. There are sixty names on the Cenotaph and we currently have been able to find images of varying quality for thirty veterans.

Project research has been challenging with images coming from archives in England and Ireland, the Parksville Museum, UBC archives, Times Colonist, personal collections and other places. The National Archives in Ottawa has been closed and will reopen gradually with a backlog of requests. Many of the local young men who enlisted, especially in World War 1, had recently arrived from places as far away as the UK and even Australia. Many were too young to have started families, adding to the challenge of finding photographs.

By reaching out to the public for help, we hope to find connections to these veterans that we have not been able to access through our research. The City and the Parksville Museum and Archives are seeking photographs to use in the banner program and also learn about the veterans to be able to add to their stories. Once we have completely exhausted our research and as a last resort, we would create a banner for a veteran but without a photograph or image and expect this project to continue through 2021.

The City's [website](#) lists those veterans we are still seeking photographs as well as the complete list of veterans names shown on the Cenotaph.

For more information about the banner project or if you have photographs to share, please contact Deb Tardiff, Manager of Communications, at 250 954-3073 or dtardiff@parksville.ca.

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