

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK**

DATE: **September 27, 2020**

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WHEREAS the Cenotaph on Queen St. in the Old Town was unveiled June 3rd, 1922, and it was built as a memorial to the town residents who were killed in action during the First World War.

WHEREAS it is a unique structure, designed by Charles M. Wilmott, a noted Toronto architect, and its creation came after it received a favourable vote by all the townspeople,

AND WHEREAS it is the only Cenotaph in Canada located in the center of a street, is the second most photographed Cenotaph in Ontario, albeit by people who see it only as a clock tower and not as a memorial to fallen soldiers, and this iconic structure is used by the Town as part of its branding:

- Polish Sunday and the Annual Boy Scouts march past this magnificent structure each year, and it is the focal point for Remembrance Day services in the Town;
- After 100 years, there are repairs that may be required, such as repointing, parging, lighting upgrades, and some landscaping changes, to better reflect its significance as a war memorial;
- The Legion, Branch 124 is responsible for maintaining the Cenotaph, and has done so, with the assistance of Town staff for many years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- the Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, and the Town Staff, work with the Legion Committee to help commemorate 100 years of our Cenotaph;
- while there is no formal request for financial assistance, the event be held on June 3rd, 2022, and be forwarded to the Audit and Finance Committee for their consideration;
- Parks & Recreation Staff work with the Legion Committee to incorporate the plans for 2022 for planting around the Cenotaph; and
- the Town participate in a service on June 3rd, 2022, to mark the anniversary of the Cenotaph, and to remember its reason for being.