



City of Delta  
COUNCIL REPORT  
Regular Meeting

To: **Council**

From: **Corporate Services  
Department**

Meeting Date: **April 13, 2026**

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**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 Request for Support**

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The following report has been reviewed and endorsed by the City Manager's Office.

▪ **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT financial and in-kind support for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 (Delta) 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on July 25, 2026 as described in this report be approved.
  - B. THAT the City install two commemorative crosswalks in recognition of Delta's veterans in Ladner and North Delta, subject to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 securing partial funding through Veterans Affairs Canada's Commemorative Partnership Program.
  - C. THAT a letter of support be provided from the Mayor, on behalf of Council, for the Royal Canadian Legion's funding application to the Veterans Affairs Canada's Commemorative Partnership Program for the installation of two commemorative crosswalks in Delta.
  - D. THAT staff assist with communications by promoting the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61's July 25, 2026 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration event on City social media and message boards.
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▪ **PURPOSE:**

This report responds to Council's resolution from the Regular Meeting of Council on March 9, 2026 stating:

*THAT the letters from the Royal Canadian Legion dated March 1, 2026, and February 20, 2026, be referred to staff to prepare a report for Council's consideration.*

▪ **BACKGROUND:**

Council received correspondence from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 (the Legion) dated February 20 and March 1, 2026, requesting City support for a commemorative event celebrating the Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Canada, assistance

with communications sharing information on the Legion's event, and the installation of commemorative crosswalks honoring Veterans (Attachment A). Staff have since met with representatives of the Legion to further discuss the requests and potential partnership opportunities.

▪ **DISCUSSION:**

**Royal Canadian Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (July 25, 2026)**

2026 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Royal Canadian Legion. As such, the Legion's Ladner branch has proposed a community celebration to recognize a century of service to veterans and the broader community. Subsequent to receiving the original request for support and assistance, the Legion informed the City that the event is now scheduled to take place on July 25, 2026, with the new date selected to avoid conflicts with City events and accommodate the availability of the local Member of Parliament.

As outlined in their correspondence and discussions with staff, the celebration is anticipated to include ceremonial elements for elected officials, participation from community groups, and family-friendly activities. The event is intended both as a celebration of the Royal Canadian Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Canada, the contribution of veterans, and as an opportunity to highlight the Legion's ongoing role in supporting veterans and other community initiatives within Delta.

The Legion has requested support from the City to assist with the delivery and promotion of this event.

As part of its request, the Legion has identified a number of event-related supports required to successfully deliver the celebration. These include provision of an outdoor sound system and City podium, three 10'x20', and two 10'x10' tents and associated bases, barricades for road closures, tables and chairs for a barbecue area, garbage and recycling bins, balloon poles and bases, and City staff support for set-up and take-down of event infrastructure.

Given the significance of the Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the community-wide nature of the proposed event, staff recommend approval of funding for the event, which is not expected to exceed \$10,000 in cash and in-kind costs, which include staff time, to be funded through the Community Grants Program.

This approach aligns with the intent of the Community Grants Program, which is designed to support initiatives that benefit the broader community and strengthen social and cultural connections within Delta. The proposed event meets these objectives as a milestone celebration recognizing veterans and community service.

**Communications Support For Event**

In addition to financial and operations staff support, it is recommended that the City assist with communications through promoting the event through City social media channels, and on City message boards.

## Commemorative Crosswalks

In addition to the anniversary event, the Legion has proposed the installation of commemorative crosswalks as a legacy initiative intended to provide a visible and lasting recognition of veterans within the community.

The Legion has identified interest in locating these crosswalks within Ladner and North Delta, reflecting the service area of Legion Branch 61. This approach also aligns with discussions indicating that the Tsawwassen Legion will be undertaking its own commemorative activities within Tsawwassen.

The concept is consistent with similar initiatives in other municipalities, where commemorative crosswalks contribute to placemaking and serve as a permanent acknowledgement of Canada's veterans. The following image supplied by the Legion shares an example of Branch 61's preferred crosswalk design. The image depicts a crosswalk installed in the City of Airdrie, Alberta.



The Legion has also advised that it intends to pursue funding through the Veterans Affairs Canada Commemorative Partnership Program, with an anticipated request of approximately \$24,000 to support implementation.

Staff have reviewed the Legions's request for commemorative crosswalks in locations located in Ladner and North Delta (the area of Service for the Branch 61) in comparison to other legion locations Metro Vancouver municipalities, as well as local considerations related to cost, equity, and long-term maintenance. Based on this research from comparable municipalities, each crosswalk is estimated to cost approximately \$20,000, inclusive of design, installation, and initial maintenance.

It is recommended that the City install the two crosswalks as proposed subject to the Legion receiving a grant from Veterans Affairs and provide funding for the balance of the costs. It is also recommended that a formal letter of support from the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be provided to strengthen the Legion's grant application.

**Implications:**

Financial Implications – If Council supports the recommendations in this report, up to \$10,000 will be provided for the Legion’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration through Delta’s Community Grants Program.

The estimated cost to install two commemorative crosswalks is approximately \$40,000. The Legion has applied to Veterans Affairs Canada’s Commemorative Partnership Program for a grant of approximately \$24,000. If grant funding is approved, Delta will fund the remaining installation costs through existing capital budgets and will be responsible for ongoing maintenance costs.

▪ **CONCLUSION:**

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 request provides an opportunity for the City to support a significant milestone for all Legion’s in Canada, while also continuing to recognize the contributions of veterans in Delta. The recommended approach includes financial and in-kind support for a celebratory event on July 25, 2026 and the installation of commemorative crosswalks in North Delta and Ladner recognizing Delta’s veterans.



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This report has been prepared in consultation with the following listed departments.

Concurring Departments		
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▪ **ATTACHMENT:**

A. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 Request Letters