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Mayor George Harvie and Members of Delta Council
City of Delta

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Dear Mayor George Harvie and Members of Council,

This year, the Royal Canadian Legion celebrates its 100 Year Anniversary. Special activities and events in Ottawa and across the nation commencing on July 17 will take place to celebrate and honour a century of service to veterans, their families, and communities.

One of the Royal Canadian Legion's nationwide initiatives is focused on community-oriented projects, including advocacy and community outreach. Delta is fortunate to have two branches, Branch 289 serving Tsawwassen and Branch 61 serving the remainder of Delta. Locally, our branches goals include increasing community awareness of the important work the Legion does in Delta, strengthening partnerships with community organizations, and encouraging new membership to continue and expand our service for future generations.

A joint event is being considered by both Branches to be held at the Doug Husband Discovery Centre during Legion week in September.

The Tsawwassen Legion Branch 289 is planning a series of pop-up booths at different events throughout the year. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 289, is also very involved in the community. They are known for supporting veterans, military members and their families while serving a community hub for special events. Some of their key highlights include hosting weekly meat draws, live music and pub style events. They have the largest live music stage in South Delta. They provide opportunities for talented artists and bands while offering great performances for their membership. They are great supporters of local charities and community groups and organizations. They are part of the Remembrance Day, host of the Canada Day reception, and Poppy Campaign. They will be recognizing the Centennial with some pop-up events and the possibility of a joint event with us in September. Even though we are 3 communities, we are "One Delta". It is very important to ensure that the Tsawwassen Branch 289 be included and involved in the Commemorative Cross-walk program.

Royal Canadian Legion Delta Branch 61 is planning a special community celebration to recognize this major milestone and the importance of the Legion's work and contributions within the City of Delta.

We have already received positive responses from members of the community who wish to be involved and participate in this significant event. Branch 61 would like to invite the City of Delta to partner with us as a major sponsor for this 100-Year Celebration in three different areas:

1. Provide In-Kind Support:

As the show stage is not available, we respectfully ask that Delta rent a raised platform. Rove Events have raised platforms that they deliver, set up, and take down. Cost is dependent on the size needed — we will require enough room for Delta Council and other dignitaries.

- Outdoor sound system and Delta podium
- Three 10' x 20' tents, two 10' x 10' tents, and bases
- Barricades for road closures
- Tables and chairs for the barbecue area
- Garbage cans and recycling bins
- City staff support for set-up and take-down of the tents and sound system
- Balloon poles and bases

2. Commemorative Crosswalks:

Consideration for sponsorship of the commemorative crosswalks in all three communities of Delta — Ladner, Tsawwassen, and North Delta. Attached is information about the crosswalks and various cost options.

3. Event Promotion:

Assistance with promotion of the event, including Delta social media and press releases, and a public announcement from Delta declaring the 100th Anniversary of Service to Veterans, with celebrations commencing across Canada July 17th.

This request is very similar to the in-kind request that we have had for our annual Remembrance Day ceremony.

Another goal is to recruit new members to continue our good work. Currently, our membership is approximately 1,100.

The celebration will take place on Saturday, July 18th, on Delta Street from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A permit application has been submitted to the City of Delta for road closure approval. We will notify local stores and restaurants of the temporary closure, and the public will continue to have pedestrian access to businesses throughout the event.

The vision for the July 18th celebration is to host a vibrant, inclusive community event that reflects the spirit and service of the Delta Branch. The day will feature a community barbecue, live entertainment, and engaging children's activities, creating an atmosphere that welcomes families and residents of all ages. A formal program will include remarks from representatives of all three levels of government and our Legion. We also plan to showcase displays from community groups and organizations that the Delta Branch has supported or partnered with over the years. We have already received an enthusiastic and positive response from these groups, demonstrating strong community interest and support for the event.

We are meeting with the Honourable Jill McKnight, Member of Parliament – Delta, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, and with Ian Paton, MLA Delta South, to determine what type of involvement they can provide to support this very important event. If all levels of government could provide support, it would be wonderful. We live in a great community and we are very proud to be part of it. We will further be inviting a representative from Branch 289 to join us at this meeting if they are wanting to attend.

We are also aware that the City is hosting a FIFA World Cup event on Chisholm Street on July 17th and would welcome working together with the City to ensure both events are successful. We will work with the City to ensure that both events are successful. We would also work with Delta Police and Delta Fire to have a Risk Management Plan in place for public safety.

One of the Royal Canadian Legion's nationwide initiatives is focusing on blended projects including advocacy and community outreach. Our Branch also has goals that include providing greater community involvement and increasing awareness about the important work that our Legion does in the community. For many years, our branch has raised funds for the community. In 2025, we raised \$69,000. Examples include \$275,000 since 1993 for Delta Hospital, 30 years of a \$5,000 donation to Variety Club, and youth bursaries four times annually. We have also supported local organizations, sport groups, the Legion Foundation, Honour House, and Heron's Hospice, just to name a few.

Other examples of Branch 61s community involvement include:

- Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Support to local veterans and families
- Youth education and scholarship initiatives
- Community barbecues and outreach events
- Partnerships with local organizations
- Poppy campaign for Ladner and North Delta
- Working with Delta Assist on Christmas Hampers
- Support to Air Cadet Squadrons 819 and 1867 Seaforth Cadets

We would greatly appreciate the City of Delta's support and would ensure that our community knows about Delta's involvement and support.

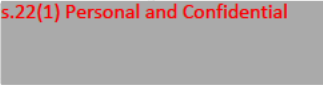
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Kind Regards,

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61

Olwen Demidoff
President, RCL Branch 61

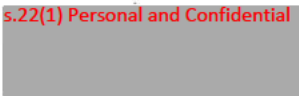
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February 20th 2026

Mayor and Council
City Hall,
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Dear Mayor Harvie and Council,

The Royal Canadian Legion is celebrating 100 years of service in 2026. Currently RCL Delt Branch 61 and Tsawwassen Branch #289 are planning celebrations honour the founding of the Legion.

Many cities and municipalities across the country have installed commemorative crosswalks to honour and remember veterans.



These crosswalks are an expression of a community's gratitude to those who have served and stand as a powerful reminder of those who have given their lives and those who have served with unwavering courage, sacrifice and dedication to secure our freedom and peace.

Following discussions with Mayor Harvie we would like to ask the City to consider installing three of these crosswalks in the City of Delta, proposed locations are:

- Veterans Way at Delta Street in Ladner
- 84th Ave at 114th St, adjacent to the North Delta Recreation centre
- 56th street at Southpoint Academy

The pattern that is preferred is as shown in the above picture and is one that has been used in many cities, eg. Airdrie Alberta

The cost of these projects vary according to the preparation work, location of crosswalk, type of paint used etc. Attached please find a document that lists some of the typical cost scenarios.

Kind regards,



Barbra Dyck

Chair, Branch #61, 100-year committee

Cc Tanya MacNeill, President RCL Branch #289

Olwen Demidoff, President RCL Branch #61

Judy Stene

Heather Bowling Branch #61 Office Manager

Legion Commemorative Crosswalks

Typical Cost Scenarios

- **Low Cost/Simple Paint (\$500 - \$1,500):** Adding simple red and white stripes to existing crosswalks, or utilizing basic paint for smaller, low-traffic areas.
- **Moderate Cost (\$6,000 - \$15,000):** Standard, durable, specially designed, or thermoplastically marked crosswalks, such as those in Langford (\$6,000–\$8,000) or Airdrie (\$12,000–\$14,000).
- **High Cost (\$20,000 - \$75,000+):** High-traffic, complex, or high-durability projects, such as the \$20,000 Richmond project or the \$75,000, two-crosswalk project in Niagara Falls.

Cost Factors

- **Materials:** Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) paint and thermoplastically applied designs are more expensive but last longer than standard traffic paint.
- **Maintenance:** Annual maintenance to repaint or touch up faded, high-traffic areas is required, with estimated annual operating budgets for maintenance around \$3,200 for busy locations.
- **Site Preparation:** Costs may increase if the site requires removal of old paint, asphalt repairs, or in the case of a Salmon Arm project, repairing damaged concrete/subsurface soils (\$145,000 total upgrade).

Crosswalk in Airdrie Alberta.

This is the pattern preferred by branch #61



The City is used traffic paint for the crosswalks, citing lower initial cost and easier maintenance compared to thermoplastics. Estimated cost per crosswalk is \$12,000 to \$14,000.

Crosswalk in Richmond BC

From City of Richmond Review to the Richmond Public Works and Transportation Committee (full report available)

"The cost to implement the commemorative crosswalk on No. 3 Road and Anderson Road is \$20,000. The scope of work includes removal of the existing crosswalk paint, asphalt repairs, and Methyl Methacrylate (MAA) paint for the crosswalk design. The costs can be accommodated by the approved 2025 Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Program. An Annual Operating Budget Impact (OBI) of \$3,200 starting in 2026 is anticipated. The maintenance cost reflects the heavier wear at this location due to the high traffic volumes on No. 3 Road, including frequent buses."