

## MEDIA RELEASE

# Tuesday, November 5, 2019

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# City's Remembrance Day events include tulip planting, vigil, parade and commemorative flags

(Barrie, ON) The City of Barrie will be holding three events this year in honour of Remembrance Day.

The first, taking place on November 10, is in recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. The Canadian Tulip Festival, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the National Capital Commission are honouring this anniversary with the planting of the <u>Liberation75 Tulip</u>. The goal is to cover Canada in 1.1 million Liberation75 Tulips in honour of the 1.1 million Canadians who served during the Second World War. Barrie has invited <u>local Royal Canadian Legion</u> members to take part in helping to plant some of the 2,000 bright orange Liberation75 tulip bulbs at the following event:

**Event:** Liberation75 Commemorative Planting

**Date/Time:** Sunday, November 10, 2019, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Location:** Memorial Square & Meridian Place, downtown Barrie

On the evening of Sunday, November 10, the Remembrance Day Vigil will be observed starting at 7 p.m. at Memorial Square. From 7 p.m. on November 10 to 7 a.m. on November 11, five cadets in rotating shifts will stand vigil at the Cenotaph in Memorial Square.

On Remembrance Day, the Legion and the City will hold their annual Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony:

**Event:** Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony

Date/Time: Monday, November 11, 2019 – starting at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Parade runs on Dunlop St. E. from Mulcaster Street to the Cenotaph at Memorial Square for

the ceremony, moment of silence and laying of wreaths

### **Remembrance Day flags**

The City has worked with Heritage Barrie, the Grey & Simcoe Foresters Regimental Museum, the Legion and the Simcoe County Archives to design a series of flags to commemorate 33 local area soldiers who served in the Canadian Armed Forces during various conflicts. The flags are on display throughout downtown Barrie until November 15.

### **Free Transit for Veterans**

Veterans ride Barrie Transit free of charge, with one companion, all day on Remembrance Day. Simply show Barrie Transit operators anything that proves you're a veteran.

For more information, visit the <u>City's website</u>.

-30-

### For more information, please contact:

Melanie Rumley Communications Advisor melanie.rumley@barrie.ca 705-739-4220 x4578