



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Residents encouraged to commemorate Remembrance Day safely at home Following Health Unit's advice, no public ceremony will be hosted at cenotaph**

(Barrie, ON) – Every year, Barrie's Royal Canadian Legion Branch and the City of Barrie join communities across Canada in commemorating Remembrance Day. This year, the City is asking residents to pay their respects from home or virtually, following the advice of the [Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit](#).

There will be no public ceremony at the Memorial Square cenotaph, as has been tradition in previous years, and residents are advised against gathering at the Memorial Square cenotaph on November 11.

There are several ways to reflect, honour, and remember on November 11, from the safety of your home:

- Tune in to an online or televised ceremony (a livestream of a private, invite-only ceremony hosted by Barrie's Royal Canadian Legion Branch will be available on local media channel websites on November 11)
- Observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m.
- Wear a poppy and support the [Poppy campaign](#)
- Learn about Remembrance Day and the stories of those we honour
- Reach out to a Veteran by phone or email to say thank you
- Students can send a note to a Veteran through [Postcards for Peace](#)
- Submit a photo of a relative or friend to be included on the [Virtual Wall of Honour & Remembrance](#)

The City honours, remembers, and commemorates Barrie's fallen soldiers by featuring pictures of local veterans on flags displayed throughout Meridian Place and around the entire waterfront to Tiffin St., as well as through the [Barrie's Fallen database](#) on the City's website.

If members of the community would like to lay a wreath at the Memorial Square cenotaph, they are asked to place their order with the Barrie Legion by November 4 or they can drop a wreath off at the Legion Hall (410 St. Vincent Street, driveway entrance off of Ferris Lane) between 12 and 4 p.m. on November 10 or prior to 9 a.m. on November 11. The wreaths will be respectfully placed at the cenotaph in downtown Barrie, and anyone wishing to keep their wreath can pick it up from the cenotaph on November 12.

Veterans also ride Barrie Transit free of charge, with one companion, all day on Remembrance Day by showing anything that identifies status as a veteran.

For more information on how to safely commemorate Remembrance Day, visit Remembrance Day at [barrie.ca/events](http://barrie.ca/events).

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