



## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

**Thursday, November 4, 2021**

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## **City commemorates Remembrance Day with virtual ceremony and flags honouring local fallen soldiers**

(Barrie, ON) – To honour and recognize those who have served our country, Barrie's Royal Canadian Legion Branch and the City of Barrie join communities across Canada in commemorating Remembrance Day.

In addition, today at 12 noon, representatives from the City of Barrie and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 147 (Barrie) will be raising the Poppy Flag in the courtyard at City Hall to mark the beginning of Veteran's Week.

To protect the health of our local veterans and community members, there will be no in-person, public ceremony at the Memorial Square Cenotaph downtown. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 147 (Barrie) is hosting a private ceremony starting at 10:45 a.m. on November 11 and the public are invited to watch virtually. The public can tune in to Rogers Channel 10 or visit the City's [Remembrance Day webpage](#) for links to watch the ceremony online with CTV Barrie and Rogers TV. Rogers TV will also be airing a short segment of interviews leading up to the ceremony, starting at 10:30 a.m.

If members of the community, local organizations or businesses would like to lay a wreath at the Memorial Square Cenotaph, they are asked to make arrangements in advance with the Legion. Wreaths can be dropped off at the Legion Hall (410 St. Vincent Street, driveway entrance off of Ferris Lane) between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. on November 10 or prior to 9 a.m. on November 11. Following the virtual ceremony, wreaths will be respectfully placed at the Cenotaph.

Here are just some of the ways you can safely reflect, honour, and remember on November 11th:

- tune into the National or local Remembrance Day Ceremony
- observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. from wherever you are
- wear a poppy and support the [Poppy campaign](#)
- learn about Remembrance Day and the stories of those we honour
  - participate in activities of remembrance with children, including virtual story sessions with the Barrie Public Library and local Legion members
- send a note to a veteran through [Postcards for Peace](#) or [write a message](#) to those currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces
- submit a photo of a relative or friend for the Legion's [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. This year, 13 new flags were added to the series, including Chief and Sergeant Major Francis Pegahmagabow, who is honoured at [Barrie's Military Heritage Park](#). Sergeant Major Pegahmagabow served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Belgium and France for almost the entire duration of WWI and his actions earned him three decorations for bravery—the most ever received by an Indigenous soldier. He is recognized for his dedication and accomplishments during WWI and was an advocate for Indigenous rights in Canada.

The City also commemorates local war veterans through an [online map](#) showing streets across Barrie named in honour of local soldiers, indicated by a poppy on the street sign. Through the map, residents can learn about the soldiers who are memorialized through street names, including their occupation, rank, and memorial location.

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.



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

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