

## Natalie LeBlanc

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Dear Ms. LeBlanc:

Thank you for your e-mail regarding protocol for updating on your community's new cenotaph.

Veterans Affairs Canada is always pleased to learn of initiatives, such as yours, which serve to honour and commemorate those who have served in the defence of peace and freedom. The Department also recognizes the importance of such memorials within communities; they are silent but powerful reminders of what those who have served have accomplished and sacrificed for all of us.

With respect to your request, there is no official protocol for updating cenotaphs as they are generally the property of the village, town, or city in which they are located and are therefore at the discretion of the responsible municipal corporation. However, you may also wish to contact your local branch of The Royal Canadian Legion as they are frequently involved in the construction of memorials and cenotaphs and may have some helpful guidelines for you to follow. To find a local branch, you may wish to consult the Legion's website (<http://www.legion.ca/who-we-are/branch-locator/>).

You may also be interested to know that through the Commemorative Partnership Program, Veterans Affairs Canada may provide financial assistance to community organizations to carry out commemorative initiatives such as repairing and updating community war memorials. To learn more, I invite you to visit the Department's website at <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/funding-programs/commemorative-partnership/>.

Again, thank you for writing. I hope the information provided is helpful and I wish you every success with the planned update to the memorial in your community.

Sincerely,

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