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To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: Request to be added to the April City Council Agenda

Good day Oshawa City Council;

I am Lieutenant (Navy) Mark Scuse and I am emailing you today on behalf of His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) YORK, Toronto's Naval Reserve Division. Each year Naval Reserve Divisions celebrate the Battle of the Atlantic on the first Sunday of May by parading through the city and conducting a ceremony in a key location. The Battle of the Atlantic was the longest continuous military campaign in World War II, spanning 1939 through to 1945. Canada played a key role in this campaign, which ensured that despite relentless German and Italian U-boat raids, Allied shipping between North America and Europe remained open throughout the war. By war's end, an estimated 4400 Canadian sailors, merchant mariners, and air crew had lost their lives as a result of BOA.

This year, HMCS YORK has chosen Oshawa as our destination city in an effort to reach out to Canadians in the Eastern GTA who may not be as familiar with the Royal Canadian Navy, and the Canadian Armed Forces as a whole. We have been working with City of Oshawa staff who have demonstrated the utmost professionalism in helping us prepare for our parade and ceremony on 4 May 2025.

BLUF: As a part of the planning process, Oshawa Events staff have informed us that a fee of \$4700 will be charged for road closure support. **I am emailing you today to ask that HMCS YORK be added to the April City Council agenda, so that our request to have this fee waived can be considered.**

Situation: HMCS YORK understands that there are costs that could be incurred as a result of events being hosted within the City of Oshawa. Although YORK does appreciate this, we would like to request that we be exempted from this fee given that we represent the Government of Canada, the Canadian Armed Forces, and we are a non-profit organization supporting Canadians.

Impact: Hosting a formal military parade showcasing members who are well turned out can be a real source of pride for a city. Residents of Oshawa will have the opportunity to watch Royal Canadian Navy sailors march through the streets of Downtown Oshawa, and observe a formal military ceremony at Memorial Park, all as a free event.

Recommendation: I recommend the Oshawa City Council add HMCS YORK to the April agenda, and consider waiving the fee associated with conducting our Battle of the Atlantic parade and ceremony on 4 May 2025.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, or the event in question please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you;

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