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From: Gloria Delves

Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 3:28 PM

To: clerks

Subject: Naming of the park at Bond and Simcoe St

The Oshawa Naval Veterans' Club would be honoured to have the new downtown urban park named Verteran's Square.

Naming the park at Bond and Simcoe Veteran's Square would serve to honour our living veterans as well as those who gave their life so we might have a better one.

This would be a wonderful way to pay tribute to those who fought for our freedom.

The park would serve as a reminder to both young and old of the sacrifices that have been made to make Canada "The True North Strong and Free".

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Oshawa City Council,

As President of 420 Wing Oshawa Inc, which is a club formed by returning Air Force Veterans of WW2, we have a vested interest in preserving the memory of those who have gone before us, and currently serve to defend our freedom and way of life.

I am writing in regard to the new urban park adjacent to the Armoury at the corner of Bond and Simcoe Streets. For more than a century The Ontario Regiment through the R.S. McLaughlin Armoury has a long history of sending our men and women to foreign lands to defend our way of life.

We have Memorial Park to honour those who paid the ultimate price and gave their lives. I believe that naming this new Park in honour of our VETERANS, who deserve to be recognized for their services to Canada.

The name of VETERANS SQUARE would be the tribute to our brave men and women of all branches of the Armed Forces.

Thank You

Michael Gimblett
President
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The City of Oshawa and Council,

On behalf of the *Canadian Tank Museum* and *The Ontario Regiment RCAC Museum*, I am writing you in regards to the naming of the fantastic new downtown urban park located beside the Colonel R.S. McLaughlin Armoury at Bond and Simcoe. We strongly believe this new public space should be named '*Veterans Square*' in honour of those from the City of Oshawa that have served our community and our country throughout our long and proud military history.

Although we have Memorial Park which many mistake as a space to honour our Veterans; it is a Cenotaph and memorial to those that have fallen in service to Canada. A Cenotaph by definition is an empty grave and monument erected in honour of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice but who's remains are elsewhere or have been lost. It is a sacred place where many in our community can come to mourn and remember, and is not a space to mark the achievements and service of our surviving Veterans.

The new park is located beside our historic Armoury that has been a central military focal point in Oshawa for over a century. This building was erected in 1914 and is a recognized Federal Heritage Building that has seen many women and men of our community leave through its doors and serve domestically and abroad in peacekeeping and global conflicts. The park is on the historic route that our brave soldiers marched past up Simcoe street to the Armoury during the homecomings following the Great War and the Second World War. Today; members of the Ontario Regiment RCAC, Veterans from our community, our two local Legions, support clubs and military community still march this route from Memorial Park to the Armoury during the annual Remembrance Day parade. How fitting to have a public space that recognizes the service of our current and past Veterans in the City of Oshawa located on this route and beside the Colonel R.S McLaughlin Armoury.

We hope the City will give consideration to this proposal that honours the service and sacrifice of our Veterans and those that continue to serve our community in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Regards,

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regard to the new downtown urban park located at Bond and Simcoe Streets.

Oshawa has a proud military Heritage which many men and women participated in both during all the wars we have served in. With many not coming home as killed in action and many men will disabilities.

The Colonel R .S. McLaughlin Armoury has been a central military focal point on Oshawa for over a century.

Also participated in Peace Keeping in many parts of the world

AS this PARK is ADJACENT to the Armoury it should be named "Veterans Square in memory for all men & women who served in the Wars and those who are serving now.

VETERANS SQUARE is a very important way to help everyone who visits the park to remember and think of all the MEN & Woman who served our country.

Thanking you in advance.

Cheryl Rushnell

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