

Delegation notes from Bob Ankrett regarding Veteran Square: naming of the area around Burlington Cenotaph (ADM-13-20)

My name is Bob Ankrett and I am the City Liaison for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 60 in Burlington. The purpose of me being here today is to advocate naming the area around the Cenotaph "Veteran Square". You can find two flags behind the Cenotaph and behind those two flags two VIMY Oak trees can be found that the City and the Legion planted on the anniversary of the WW 1 battle. The Cenotaph is used only once a year on Nov. 11th but really to every Veteran in Canada Remembrance Day is every day. It is time we as a community put a name on the unnamed area around this monument to our fallen. I have given Lisa Kearns some letters from various groups that advocate the name "Veteran Square". It is time to do this. If not now when?

It is my wish that this area would be used by various groups to inform Burlington of what they do for the City. An example would be an announcement of First Responders putting on an event and being included in the Veteran Group name. We need good news. This is it.

It is a small thing to some that perhaps make the decision but to others it is an important message.

In closing November is Veteran Month and I would like to thank Ward Two Councillor Lisa Kearns for all the work she has done working with the Royal Canadian Legion on the naming of the Square and support for informing Burlington that they could safely watch the Remembrance Day Ceremony at home. I would like to also thank our Mayor for her continued support for the Royal Canadian Legion over the years. Too often these things go unsaid. Finally I would like to say I think it would be a great idea to end Veteran Month with such a warm hearted and respectful announcement.

Bob Ankrett