

TORONTO STAFF REPORT

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To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Joe Halstead, Commissioner Economic Development, Culture and Tourism

Subject: Assessment and Restoration of Memorials and Cenotaphs
All Wards

Purpose:

To provide information on the status of the restoration of memorials and cenotaphs in the City of Toronto as requested by Scarborough Community Council at its November 12, 2002 meeting.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

Background:

At its meeting held on November 12, 2002, Scarborough Community Council requested that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report to the meeting to be held on January 21, 2003, on the current status of assessment and restoration of memorials and cenotaphs in the City of Toronto, and further, whether the provincial government participated in the funding of the restoration of the Scarborough Cenotaph.

Comments:

After the creation of the new City of Toronto in 1998, staff of the Culture Division consolidated the management of the entire collection of works of public art, monuments and memorials. In 1999, a technical assessment was completed which summarized the condition, and restoration work required on the 165 Outdoor Artworks and Monuments owned by the City. The work plan for the Outdoor Art and Monument Conservator is based on the priorities identified in the *Technical Assessment, 1999* according to the condition of each piece.

There are 16 War Memorials in the City. To date, work has been completed on four monuments, partial work has been completed on four, and one monument does not require work.

The work carried out during the summer of 2002 on the Scarborough War Memorial was funded completely by the City at a cost of \$90,000.00. The provincial government did not participate in this project.

Following is a list of the War Memorials and Cenotaphs, and the status of work required, or completed to date.

1. "Canadian Airman's Memorial" 1984, University Avenue at Dundas Street, awaiting minor restoration;
2. "Canadian Volunteers War Memorial" 1870, Queens Park Circle at Wellesley Street, major treatment in 1990, requires major treatment;
3. "Cenotaph/ WWII Korean War Memorial" unknown date, 2700 Eglinton Avenue West, no work required;
4. "Cenotaph/ WWII War Memorial" unknown date, Little Avenue Park at Weston Road, minor work, awaiting major restoration;
5. "Cenotaph/ War Memorial" 1924, Old City Hall, Queen Street at Bay Street, bronze restoration, repointing complete, awaiting granite cleaning;
6. "East York War Memorial" date unknown, Coxwell Avenue at Mortimer Avenue, awaiting major restoration;
7. "Forest Hill War Memorial" 1980, Eglinton Avenue at Vesta Drive, awaiting major restoration;
8. "Fort Rouille Monument" 1878, CNE Grounds, awaiting minor restoration;
9. "Forty Eight Highlanders" 1923, Avenue Road at Queens Park Circle, capping and repointing completed 1999, work needed on steps;
10. "Garrison Cemetery Memorial Wall" 1970, Front Street and Garrison Road, awaiting major restoration;
11. "Scarborough War Memorial" 1921, Kingston Road at Danforth Avenue, major restoration completed 2002;
12. "Sons of England War Memorial" 1923, University Avenue at Elm Street, major restoration completed 2001;
13. "South African War Memorial" 1910, University Avenue at Queen Street, major restoration completed 2000;
14. "Victory/Peace" 1995, Coronation Park, Lakeshore Boulevard and Strachan Avenue, repairs required to patio and limestone;
15. "War Memorial" 1946, Oakmount Road at Glenlake Avenue, awaiting restoration; and
16. "War of 1812 Memorial" 1906, Portland Street and Niagara Street, major restoration completed 2001.

Conclusions:

The City of Toronto owns an important collection of memorials and cenotaphs and since 1998 has been managing the collection in a coordinated way. Many of the memorials are major pieces

and require costly heritage restoration work to bring them into a state of good repair. The Culture Division has been restoring the memorials according to the most urgent need and has been making steady progress. It is the Division's objective to demonstrate the City's commitment to the individuals and events that are being remembered through the memorials and cenotaphs by restoring them as part of our heritage.

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