

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM17.12	ACTION			Ward:All
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**A Canadian War Memorial to Recognize the Efforts of Canadian Women in the Various Conflicts in Which Canada Has Been Involved - by Councillor Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to convey to the Government of Canada the request that the Federal Government initiate the process of constructing an appropriate memorial recognizing the efforts of Canadian women during the various conflicts in which Canada has been engaged.

**Summary**

During the First and Second World Wars there were significant contributions made to the war effort by women across Canada. The contributions of Canadian women to the eventual victory of Canada and our allies in these conflicts were significant and worthy of recognition. Many women served in military roles, provided medical services and participated extensively in wartime production that was vital to the success of the war effort. The City of Toronto, through the efforts of Rod Hines, Senior Planner of the City's Planning Division, recently recognized the profound contribution of Canadian women who spent the Second World War producing much needed ammunition at the General Engineering Company (GECO) plants in Scarborough. This is but one example of the invaluable contribution and sacrifice made by Canadian women through the conflicts in which Canada was engaged. The United Kingdom is but one country that decided it was necessary and appropriate to specifically recognize the specific role women have occupied during various conflicts. In the case of the United Kingdom a Monument to the Women of World War II was completed and unveiled over ten years ago.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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