



REPORT

COUNCILLOR

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Bruce Garrod, Councillor Ward 3
DATE: December 9, 2019
REPORT: BG-05/19 FILE NO.

SUBJECT: Uxbridge Honour Our Veterans Banner Program

BACKGROUND:

The Township of Uxbridge Honour Our Veterans Banner program continues to be successful and warmly received by both residents and visitors.

DISCUSSION:

Since its' humble beginning in 2015 with 67 banners, the program, under the direction of Uxbridge Citizen of the Year, Tish MacDonald, has continued to grow. Currently there are 198 banners in urban Uxbridge, 7 in Zephyr and 6 in Goodwood. Up to 3 can be added in Zephyr and 6 in Goodwood. There are no available locations in the urban area although that may change post lower-Brock St. construction.

Each year the Township budgets up to \$10K to support the program. These funds pay for the pole mounting hardware and the annual installation. Banner manufacturing, removal, cleaning and storage are paid for by Uxbridge Legion Branch 179 and individual sponsors.

Individuals wanting to purchase a banner, interact directly with the organizing committee. The price is currently \$175. Renewal every 2 years costs \$100.

A committee supports Mrs. MacDonald's efforts and beginning in 2019 she has requested a dedicated Uxbridge Council member join the committee. Ward 3 Councillor Bruce Garrod is currently that representative. Mayor Barton will also be

invited to participate. The other committee members are Sherrill Hodgson, Rob Croxall, Ian Morrison and Phil Carmichael.

Additional information can be found at the committees Facebook page @HonourOurVeterans.

The Uxbridge program is the biggest of its kind in Canada. A number of communities contact Mrs. MacDonald each year to become familiar with and develop their own program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Report BG-05/19 of Councillor Bruce Garrod be received for information.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Bruce Garrod
Councillor Ward 3
Chair of Finance