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City of Maple Ridge to Hold Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony

Maple Ridge, BC: This year's Remembrance Day ceremony will transition to a virtual format to align with public health measures to limit the spread of COVID-19.

In place of the traditional parade and gathering at Memorial Peace Park, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #88 will host a live-streamed presentation on several digital platforms, starting at 10:45 a.m. Details on how to view this broadcast are available at www.mapleridge.ca/1661.

"For those of us whose family has served in the military, the annual Remembrance Day events hold a deep personal meaning. COVID-19 has changed the way we observe important events and, on November 11, we will come together virtually to honour those who serve and those who gave their lives to preserve the democracy we enjoy today. While we cannot gather together around the Cenotaph, I know our community will be there in spirit to pay tribute to the men and women who have served our country," said Mayor Mike Morden.

To ensure the health and safety of our veterans and residents, there will be no public events this Remembrance Day and citizens are strongly advised not to gather at Memorial Peace Park. Instead, the City and Legion are asking spectators to 'remember in place' by staying home and watching the ceremony online, wearing a poppy and placing one in the front window of their residence or business.

Citizens who decide to visit the Cenotaph for personal memorials or wreath-laying are asked to wear a mask, practice physical distancing and limit their length of their visit. City staff will be on site from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on November 11 to assist those laying a wreath or paying their respects.