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VELLACOTT PLEASED TO DELIVER MESSAGE THAT SASKATOON RECEIVES \$25,000 FOR RESTORATION OF WOODLAWN MILITARY MONUMENT

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SASKATOON – This morning Saskatoon-Wanuskewin Conservative M.P. Maurice Vellacott, on behalf of Veteran's Affairs Minister, Greg Thompson, personally presented to Ron Laturas (Saskatoon Infrastructure Services Department) a letter informing him that the City of Saskatoon has been approved for the maximum of \$25,000 under the Cenotaph/Monument Restoration Program. This contribution is to defray part of the costs associated with the restoration of the Woodlawn Military Monument.

Veterans Affairs Canada, through the Canada Remembers Program, endeavours to keep alive the achievements and sacrifices made by those who served Canada in times of war, armed conflict and peace and to promote an understanding of the significance of these efforts in Canadian life as we know it today.

Cenotaphs and monuments are silent but powerful reminders of what our Veterans accomplished and sacrificed for all of us. To maintain the faith our Veterans placed in our future, we must maintain monuments to their memory and care for them with the dignity and grace they deserve. Maurice Vellacott says he's very pleased that Veterans Affairs Canada is able to assist Saskatoon in conserving its monument for future generations.

On September 17, 2005, Veterans Affairs Canada launched the Cenotaph/Monument Restoration Program (CMRP). The CMRP provides organizations with funding to conserve existing cenotaphs/monuments. Under the current program guidelines, projects are eligible for funding up to 50% of the projected costs to a maximum of \$25,000, though legislation allows for contributions of up to \$50,000 in exceptional circumstances. Up to 25% of the overall cost of the project can be in-kind contributions. Partners eligible for the CMRP include municipal governments, nonprofit organizations, ex-service organizations, registered charitable organizations and associations, historical organizations and educational institutions.

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