

Media Release

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Strong Partnerships Drive Summerland Infrastructure Upgrades – Legion & TELUS Partnership

SUMMERLAND – Building on recent announcements with ICBC and FortisBC, the District of Summerland is pleased to share progress on community enhancements, including partnerships with the Royal Canadian Legion and TELUS. The District is working with the Royal Canadian Legion, supporting the relocation of the Cenotaph to Memorial Park as part of broader efforts to enhance the area's accessibility and public space, and in collaboration with TELUS to improve public amenities downtown.

Collaboration with the Royal Canadian Legion / Veterans Affairs Canada

The District of Summerland has partnered closely with the Royal Canadian Legion on the Wharton Project, an initiative aimed at relocating and enhancing the Cenotaph in Memorial Park.

With the support of a grant from Veterans Affairs Canada, the Legion is contributing to this project, which will involve replacing the existing plaques to incorporate many important additions and corrections. This grant, valued at over \$17,000, will help ensure the completion of the project. Specifically, a total of 31 names will be added to the Cenotaph, ensuring that all local veterans are accurately represented and their legacies preserved for future generations.

The District is working alongside the Legion to ensure the project's success and to maximize its benefits for the community.

New Public Washrooms Near Henry Avenue

TELUS has agreed to host the District's new public washrooms on its property adjacent to Henry Avenue. This location offers several benefits:

- **More space:** Relocating the washrooms to TELUS land creates extra room along this key pedestrian thoroughfare.
- **Improved viewscape:** By moving the facilities, the line of sight toward the Cenotaph and Henry Avenue will be opened up, better showcasing this important community landmark.
- Accessibility: The washrooms will be modern, accessible, and appropriately sized to meet public needs.

The District has finalized a Permit to Enter agreement with TELUS. The District greatly appreciates TELUS's support and collaboration in helping make this important community project possible.

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