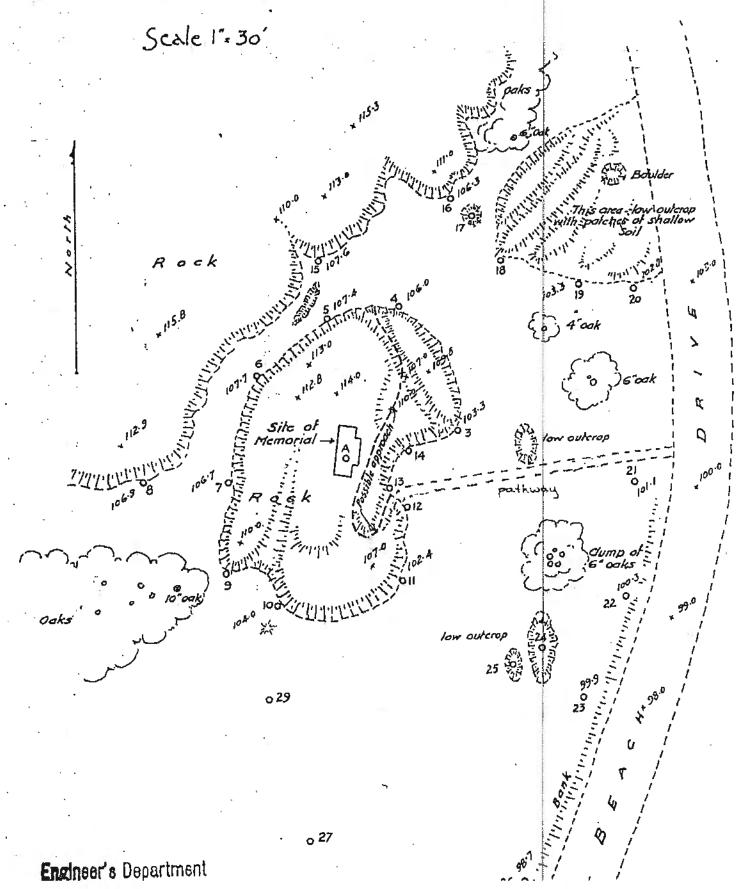
SKETCH PLAN of SITE for WAR MEMORIAL.



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY

BYLAW NO. 4205

A Bylaw to designate portions of municipal property as protected heritage sites

WHEREAS a local government may designate real property in whole or in part as protected pursuant to Section 967 of the *Local Government Act*; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay considers that the real property described herein has sufficient heritage value and heritage character to warrant heritage designation protection;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- The following real property is hereby designated as protected pursuant to Part 27 of the *Local Government Act*:
 - (1) the stone pier and iron gate structures situate on the portion of Lot 2, Sections 2 and 61, Victoria District, Plan 11985, shown shaded grey on the plan attached as Schedule "A" to this Bylaw (the "Bowker Gates");
 - (2) the World War II Observation Post situate on the portion of Lot 1, Section 46, Victoria District, Plan 6325 (except part in Plan 32428), shown shaded grey on the plan attached as Schedule "B" to this Bylaw (the "Gonzales Observation Post");
 - (3) the "Uplands" stone and concrete gate posts, and where applicable the iron fencing, situate on the portions of highway shown shaded grey on the plan attached as Schedule "C" to this Bylaw (the "Uplands Gates");
 - the War Memorial Monument situate on the portion of Lot 1, Section 31, Victoria District, Plan 6707, shown shaded grey on the plan attached as Schedule "D" to this Bylaw, together with the portion of the said Lot 1 and the portion of highway shown in bold outline on Schedule "D" (the "Uplands Park War Memorial");
 - (5) the portion of Block "M" (excluding Parcel "A", D.D 52056-1), Section 23, Victoria District, Plan 368, shown in bold outline on the plan attached as Schedule "E" to this Bylaw (hereinafter the "Windsor Park Rose Garden");
 - (6) Lots 81, 82, 83 and "C", Section 23, Victoria District, Plan 368, shown in bold outline on the plan attached as Schedule "F" to this Bylaw (hereinafter the "Native Plant Park");
 - (7) Amended Lot B (D.D. 189528-I), Section 2, Victoria District, Plan 4866, shown in bold outline on the plan attached as Schedule "G" to this Bylaw (hereinafter "Lokier Park").
- For the Windsor Park Rose Garden, the Native Plant Park and Lokier Park, the designation conferred by this Bylaw shall not operate so as to require the issuance of a heritage alteration permit for the following categories of work carried out by or under the direction of The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay:

- (1) the practice of horticulture, including without limitation the creation and reconfiguration of garden areas; provided however that
 - (a) the Native Plant Park shall continue to be managed and maintained in a manner that features native plants in a natural setting and shall not except as authorized by heritage alteration permit be developed or reconfigured as a formal land-scaped garden area; and
 - (b) the Windsor Park Rose Garden shall continue to be managed and maintained as a formal rose garden and shall not except as authorized by heritage alteration permit be modified either to feature a different horticultural focus or to allow a playground or playing field use;
- (2) the construction, erection, repair, removal and maintenance of structures designed to support plantings; and
- (3) the maintenance and repair, and temporary removal for those purposes, of structures, including without limitation benches, gates, fences, interpretive signs and monuments existing as at the date of adoption of this Bylaw, provided that such structures shall not be demolished, substantially altered or replaced, and new structures shall not be constructed or erected, except as authorized by heritage alteration permit or as allowed pursuant to Subsection (2).
- This Bylaw may be cited as the "Parks and Public Property Heritage Designation Bylaw, 2003".

READ a first and second time by the Municipal Council on November 10, 2003

AMENDED at second reading on July 19, 2004

PUBLIC HEARING held on August 23, 2004

READ a third time by the Municipal Council on August 23, 2004

ADOPTED and FINALLY PASSED by the Municipal Council on August 23, 2004

Mayor	Municipal Clerk	

Sealed with the Seal of The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay.

BC Register of Historic Places (Full Record)

Common Name:

Oak Bay War Memorial

Unique Provincial ID

Other Name

Oak Bay Cenotaph

Uplands Park War Memorial

TO THE RESERVE

Address #

Street

Community

Locality

PID#

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Beach Drive

Oak Bay

Uplands Park

000-983-233

Location Description Uplands Park, 2900 block Beach Drive

Latitude

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Longitude

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DESCRIPTION

Description

The Oak Bay War Memorial features a nine foot tall Mother Peace statue, with her arms sheltering the Roll of Honour of Oak Bay citizens who gave their lives in the 1939 -1945 World War. It is constructed of concrete, faced with a concrete-granite exterior layer. It is located on a rock outcropping on Beach Drive in Uplands Park and accessed by curving stone steps and slata walkway.

Heritage Value

The War Memorial is valued for its association with the military history of Oak Bay and specifically dedicated to the ninety-seven Oak Bay residents who lost their lives in World War II (1939-1945). The war memorial site was originally planned for the junction of Estevan and Musgrave Street (now Lokier Gardens), but was changed - after 1945 - to the Uplands Park location. A competition was held for the cenotaph design and was won by James E (Jim) Saull, a former student of Emanuel Hahn - a noted Canadian sculptor and coin designer and desginer of many Canadian war memorials. Sauli was a former airman from Ontario who made his home in Victoria after the war. His design which included a cenral standing female figure, looking down, her arms protecting the honour roll of the 1939-45 war dead, was chosen over more traditional cenotaph design concepts. In early 1948, Saul was commissioned to undertake the project on the understanding that it would be ready by November It was constructed over a seven month period, with Saull's wife as model for the female figure. It was dedicated on November 11,1948 by Lt Gov.the Hon Charles Banks and Reeve RA Wooton. Credit was given to longtime Municipal Engineer, ASG Musgrave as the moving spirit behind the project. Musgrave prepared the landscape design in consultation with Saull and the Vancouver Island Rock and Apline Society

- The War Memorial is important to the community as the site of the Oak Bay Remembrance Day sevices held annually on November 11 at 11 am.

- The Cenotaph design is valued for its message of peace rather than glorification of war.

The central figure - Mother Peace - stands protecting the 97 names of Oak Bay's war dead.

- The site is also valued as natural open space surrounded by Garry Oak meadow and a

landmark on the scenic waterfront drive

Character-Defining Elements

Key alements that define the heritage character of the Oak Bay War Memorial include:

- The unique design and construction materials
- The female figure statue enveloping the Honour Roll
- The Roll of Honour list of 97 names incised on two standing tablet
- The inscription, " Greater love hath no man than this, that a man may lay down his life for his friends."
- The integration of the sculpture and natural rock site into a unified design.
- The location on the highest point of the natural rock outcropping
- The minimally landscaped simple grass park, including a large Garry Oak
- Mamorial benches, flagpole

Documentation Location

Municipality of Oak Bay, Oak Bay Archives

OTHER INFORMATION

BC Register of Historic Places (Full Record)

Common Name:

Oak Bay War Memorial

Type

Commemorative Monument

Current

Commemorative Monument

Historic

Themes

Category of Property

To

Theme

Category

Public (local)

Architecture and Design

Expressing Intellectual and Cultural Life

Military and Defence

Governing Canada

Architect/Builder

Associated Dates

Association

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From

Saull, James E. (Jim)

Architect / Desig

Construction

1948

ASG Musgrave District of Oak Bay Builder Builder

Recognition Type

Reference #

Recognition Date

Heritage Designation

Bylaw No. 4205

2004

Community Heritage Register

Resolution of Council

2012

The War Memorial is subject to exposure to weather. In the 1980's Mr Saull was called upon by Council to rebuild and repair the entire structure and C. 2005, the War Memorial underwent more extensive repairs

In 2003, two small concrete pads were installed, one on either side of the sculpture to provide a safe, level place for Oak Bay Police and Fire members to stand during the Remembrance Day cermonies.

In 2004, 4 commemorative bronze plaques were mounted on granite atones at the base of the rock outcropping. These honour all Canadian casualties of World War I, the Canadian Merchant Navy, the Korean War and the Canadian UN Peace keepers

Author: Jean Saprks

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OAK BAY WAR MEMORIAL Uplands Park

HISTORY

Following years of urging on the part of relatives of Oak Bay's war dead, the War Memorial was dedicated on November 11, 1948, when Mr. R. A. Wootton was Reeve. W. Geoff Ellis was chairman of the War Memorial Committee, and gave credit for the moving spirit behind the project to A.S.G. Musgrave, long-time Municipal Engineer. The design competition was won by Hames Saull, a former airman from Ontario who made his home in Victoria after the war.

ARCHITECTURE/LANDSCAPING

Mr. Saull's sculpture (his wife was the model) is of concrete with a granite/concrete facing. It faces the water, standing nine feet tall on a rock outcropping with the trees of Uplands Park as a backdrop. The central figure stands looking down, her arms protecting the 97 names of the 1939-1945 war dead. There is a large well-proportioned oak tree to the left, and a large flagpole to the right, with a set of stone steps on either side of the sculpture. There are wooden benches on the lawn.

ENVIRONMENT

Set on Beach Drive at Cattle Point, the Cenotaph sits within its own small park at the edge of the 75.7-acre Uplands Park. The sculpture and the park are highly visible landmarks for walkers and drivers along Beach Drive, and for those leaving Cattle Point.

USABILITY

The entire park is under the care of Oak Bay Parks Department and is an area well-used by the public. The War Memorial area is the site of the Oak Bay Remembrance Day ceremonies.

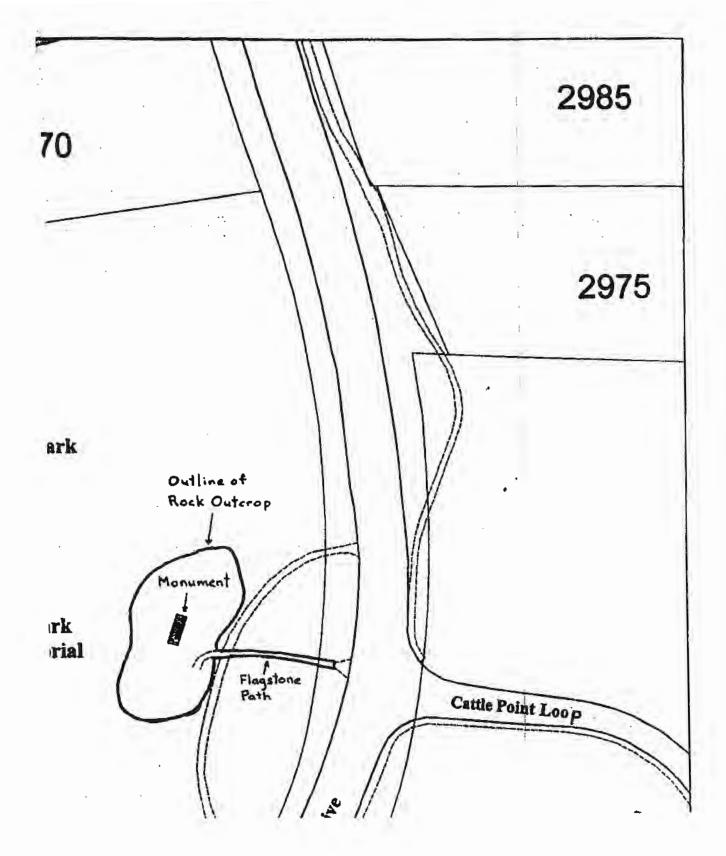
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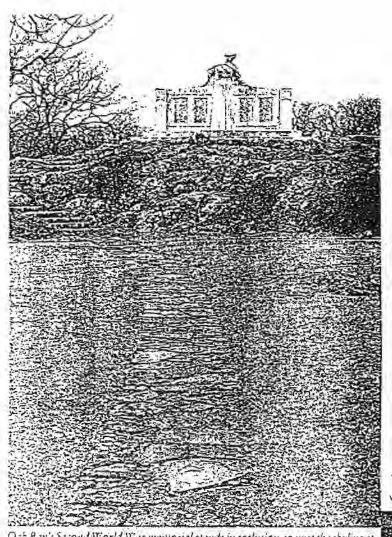
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The sculpture shows some wear, but is in generally good condition. The stone steps and surrounding park are attractive and are well-maintained.

VULNERABILITY

There is no threat of demolition or redevelopment. The sculpture and the stone steps will require occasional repair. The grass, shrubs, and trees are well-maintained by the Parks Department.

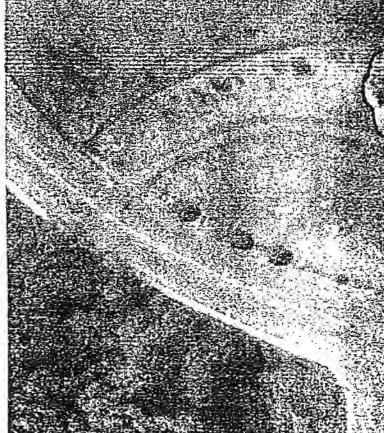




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Cenotaphi Aerial photo Designated area.

Oak Bay's Second World War memorial stands in seclusion against the skyline at Canle Pomi.





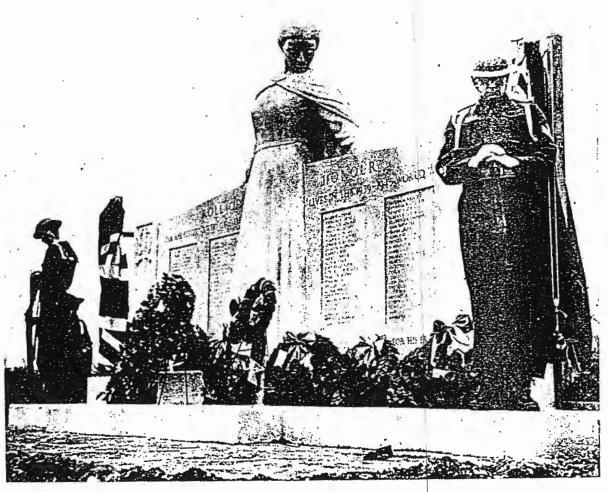
Oak Bay, as you know, has several miles of seashore and beaches and it is in this area that we will find our shore birds. Of these we have the well known mallard, widgeon, which feed on the grasses of the golf links in the winter, shovellers, teal, gills, divers, and later, around February, we are visited by the northern migration of the black brant. These birds are like a small goose and are moving northward to their nesting grounds in Alaska. These are most striking birds and may be seen along the sandy beaches from February to May. One of our rarer shore birds is the Oyster Catcher, a bird jet black in colour and slightly larger than a crow, with long red legs and a long red bill. This striking fellow feeds on clarns, etc., hence its name.

Last, but certainly not least, are the birds which

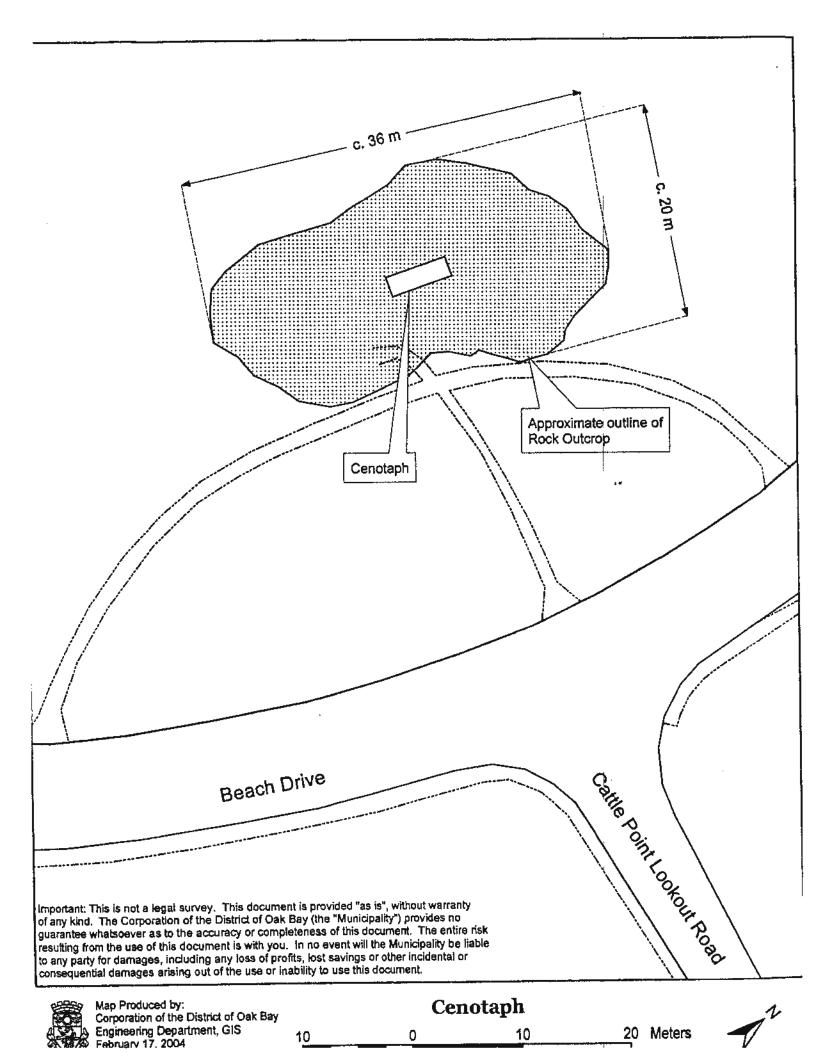
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have been introduced to this area. Of these we hapheasants, California quail. Hungarian partridges, at perhaps our most outstanding, the English skylar. The skylarks could be seen a few years ago in the ar from the Willows race track up to Cedar Hill Cro. Road and Uplands Golf Club. Unfortunately, ii. the meadow lark, these birds require grassy fields frover and feed. The skylark, after being so succes fully introduced away back in 1900, will soon be bird of the past in Oak Bay. However, they ca still be seen near the radio station towers on Ced. Hill Cross Road.

It would be a most worthwhile undertaking a group of people would get together to bring or more of the delightful songbirds of England. man of which thrive in a garden environment. This of course, could only be done by permission of the Game Department so that no pests such as the Englis sparrow would enter the country."



OAK BAY WAR MEMORIAL, UPLANDS PARK-ERECTED 1945





THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY

MUNICIPAL HALL - 2167 OAK BAY AVENUE - VICTORIA, B.C. V8R 1G2 PHONE (250) 598-3311 FAX (250) 598-9108 WEBSITE: www.oakbaybc.org

February 24, 2004

Jean Sparks
Oak Bay Community Archives
c/o 1086 St. Louis Street
Victoria BC V8S 5B6

Dear Ms. Sparks:

During the past year, the District of Oak Bay has been contacted by several organizations and individuals representing military veterans asking that modifications be considered in the area of the municipal Cenotaph, in particular for the installation of four commemorative markers pertaining to casualties of World War I, the Canadian Merchant Navy, the Korean War, and for Canadian UN Peacekeepers. Council supports taking this action.

We are now at the stage of considering a plan for the site which would include the additional commemorative markers. As you know, initial discussions have been held with the Oak Bay Community Heritage Commission and the Oak Bay Parks and Recreation Department about the overall approach. Mayor Causton has asked that I follow up on this matter and convene a meeting of the interested parties in order to explore further steps.

I have therefore booked the Council Chambers at the Oak Bay Municipal Hall for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17th. I would welcome a representative from your organization to participate in the meeting. Mayor Causton is hoping to also attend this meeting.

Please confirm your attendance with Linda Davies at the Municipal Hall. She can be reached by telephone at 598-3311, ext. 215, by fax at 598-9108, or by email at lindavies@oakbaybc.org. If you wish to raise any matters prior to the meeting, I can be reached at 595-2406.

I look forward to your contributions at this upcoming meeting. Enclosed for your information is some excellent material from the Oak Bay Community Archives that provides background on the planning and dedication of the Oak Bay Cenotaph.

Yours yery truly,

Kussell J. Irvine, Councillor

District of Oak Bay

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ce's Mayor Christopher M. Causton Councillor Frank Carson Agnes Szilos, Director of Parks & Recreation Lorne Middleton, Manager, Parks Services W. E. Cochrane, Municipal Administrator

WAR MEMORIALS MEETING MARCH 17, 2004

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Review of circulated material
 - Extra copies
 - · Recent photos
- 3. Remarks by Mayor Causton
- 4. Cenotaph Features and History
 - Jean Sparks
 - Lorne Middleton Park management
- 5. Requested action on further memorials
 - World War 1
 - Merchant Navy
 - Korea
 - UN Peacekeepers
 - *Notes on types of memorials
- 6. Consideration of suitable locations
- 7. Installation including timing, costs and ceremony



The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay
Unveiling and Dedication of Memorial Plaques
at the

Oak Bay Cenotaph, Uplands Park at 11 o'clock a.m. on Sunday, August 1, 2004







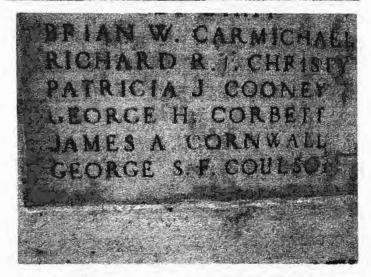




Cenotaph at Uplands Park









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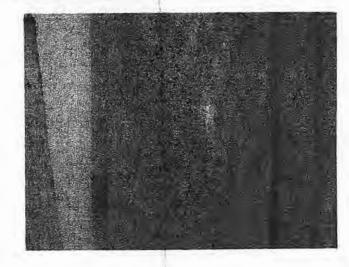
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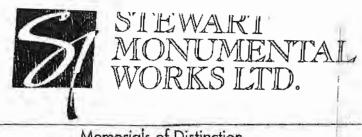


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Cenotaph/Monument Restoration Program

Application Form

- a) Dedicated to the memory of locals who lost their lives in the Second World War 1939 1945.
- b) This project was initiated by the Oak Bay Heritage Committee and the Oak Bay Centennial Committee (the Municipality of Oak Bay celebrates 100 years in 2006). Staff has also met with various veteran organizations in the community to butline this project. See attached letters of support.
- c) The memorial is used for Remembrance Day activities as well as commemorating locals who lost their lives.
- d) Minor maintenance work done approximately ten years ago. In 2004 four plaques were added in front of the existing cenotaph to recognize Peace Keepers, the Merchant Navy, the Korean War and World War I.
- e) Exterior coating is delaminating along with deterioration of lead names on face of cenotaph.
- f) Exposure to elements (sun, salt and frost).
- g) Ongoing for several years approximately last six years.
- h) Removing multiple layers of assorted coatings from the surface of the porous precast concrete statue and base using an environmental bio-degradable paint remover with hot water, low pressure and a high volume wash. This will require multiple layers and dwell time over a 2-3 day period. Once the memorial has been cleaned and is free of paint, a coating of G.P. 1000, 2 coat applications will be generously applied to the vertical surfaces of the monument, to provide protection against staining, graffiti and help protect against further deterioration of the porous concrete surfaces.
- i) Repair and seal the structure from the elements which will reduce any future cracking or delaminating. Restore the names to an acceptable fashion.
- j) Project would be done in late spring/early summer 2006. Estimated duration of project is 10-14 days.



Memorials of Distinction

SINCE 1896

October 24, 2005

Municipality of Oak Bay

Attention: Mr. Lome Middleton & Oak Bay Council Members

Cattle Point Memorial Proposal

Re: Refurbish Cattle Point Memorial & Manufacture and Install Four Granite Plagues

Cost: \$9,429.00 plus applicable taxes

This cost includes removing multiple layers of assorted coatings from the surface of the porous precast concrete statue and base using an environmental bio-degradable paint remover with hot water, low pressure and a high volume wash. This will require multiple layers and dwell time over a 2-3 day period. Once the memorial has been cleaned and is free of paint, a coating of G.P. 1000, 2 coat application will be generously applied to the vertical surfaces of the monument, to provide protection against staining, graffiti and help protect against further deterioration of the porous concrete surfaces.

Stewart Monumental Works will then produce four granite plaques, 18" x 32 1/2" x 1" in Barre Grey Granite (see sample provided) and will include the addition of 96 names to match existing panels. The plaques will be mounted over the existing deteriorating panels using fast set mortar.

This quote is subject to change after 90 days and can be completed with 2-3 weeks upon acceptance.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Oak Bay.

Sincerely,

Robert Poncelet

Stewart Monumental Works Ltd.

Estimate to Upgrade Irrigation System at ' War Memorial

System requires valve manifold assembly to be rebuilt, installation of time clock with rain sensor and new sprinkler heads on a more water efficient layout. Based on site visit with staff the upgrade of the system would be 1800.00.

Electrical for Lighting War Memorial

Cost of electrical to illuminate cenotaph in the future. Lights would be controlled by the existing street light system on Beach Drive. Power cables will be dug by hand and run in cracks in the rock and then grouted. The lights would be mounted on small concrete pads poured in place.

Material

\$1100

Labour 64 hours

\$2560

Total

\$3660

Cenotaph/Monument Restoration Program Budget

Revenue

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay	\$8,560	
Cenotaph/Monument Restoration Program	\$8,560	of the state of th
Total Revenue		\$17,120
Expenditures		
Refurbish statue and base replace name plaques Electrical for future lighting	\$9,429 \$3,660	arrent a m - c/Pt.
Upgrade to irrigation system	\$1,800 \$1,111	di series
New plantings in the area Provincial Sales Tax	\$1,120	* A The State of t
Total Expenditures		\$17,120

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24 Jan, 2006

Mayor Christopher Causton,
Oak Bay Municipal Hall,
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Kindest Regards and Best Wishes.

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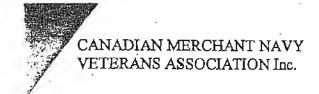
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627 Raynor Avenue, Victoria, BC V9A 3A9

January 25, 2006

Christopher M. Causton, Mayor, The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay, 2167 Oak Bay Avenue, Victoria, BC V8R 1G2

Your Honour:

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Many solutions in reference to refurbishing the 1947 statue, plus cost, material, etc., were discussed. We feel that solutions tabled were interesting and logical considering the state of the monument and should be pursued.

We thought the suggestion of low level lighting was a great idea, - to illuminate and draw attention to the monument plus deter future vandalism and defacing (as in the past).

Our group of Merchant Navy Veterans are keenly interested in the restoration of the monument and are pleased to be part of the committee.

Respectfully,

W.G. (Bill) Emberly,

Chairman and National Director for Vancouver Island Branch Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans Association Inc.

Honourary Patron Her Honour The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, PC, CM, OBC Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

Dominique Beesley

From:

Loranne Hilton

Sent:

February 9, 2006 8:17 AM

To:

Dominique Beesley

Subject:

FW: REPAIRS TO CATTLE POINT WW2 CENOTAPH

Importance:

High

Loranne Hilton Municipal Clerk The Corporation

The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay

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Cc: municipalhall@csaanich.ca

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His Worship, Mayor Christopher M. Causton 2006 The Oak Bay Municipal Hall 2167 Oak Bay Avenue Victoria, B.C. V8R 1G2 08 February

UPGRADE REPAIRS - MUNICIPAL CENOTAPH WITH FINANCIAL GRANT SUPPORT FROM VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA

Dear Chris,

The Mark Isfeld Memorial Chapter of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping (CAVUNP) fully supports your request to Veterans Affairs Canada for a grant to repair the long existing cenotaph damaged by sea spray, wind and erosion. It has been open to the elements for 61 years and is in dire need of major repairs.

Chapter President, Bobby Collins, at our last monthly meeting, called for a show of hands and all members were in favour of backing your quest for funding from VAC. As Secretary, I was requested to advise you of our full support when you approach VAC for the financial backing grant.

We also back the Mayor of the Municipality of Central Saanich whoo has applied to upgrade the Peacekeeping Cenotaph with additions of WW1, WW2, The Korean War, and Merchant Navy bronze plaques, similar to what were unveiled at Cattle Point last year.

Thank you Sir, for remembering the Sacrifice of those WW2 Veterans who gave their lives so that we might all live in freedom! The Cenotaph listing the Roll Call of Oak Bay residents who paid the ultimate price should be maintained and this is a most worthy cause, indeed.

Peace is our hope for mankind. Blessings Billy

William Willbond, MSM, CD

Secretary

Master Corporal Mark Isfeld Memorial Chapter of CAVUNP The Canadian Association of

Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping PO Box 3, Saanichton, B.C. V8M 2C3, Canada Telephone 250-652-4137 Email billywillbond@shaw.ca http://www.island.net/~cavunp

PS: Chris I will be away in Africa until the first week in March, so if you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to call our Member at Large who is a resident of Oak Bay, Jim Sidel telephone 250-598-7810 who was Liaison Officer for the Cenotaph upgrade last year.



The Royal Canadian Legion

Britannia (B.C./Yukon No. 7) Branch

Office: (250) 383-6411 780 Summit Ave.

Victoria, B.C. V8T 5C2 Fax: (250) 381-4849

Email: britannialegion@shaw.ca

February 14, 2006

Cathy Arbing and Associates Veterans Affairs PO Box 7700 Charlottetown, PEI C1S 8M9

Dear Comrade

As President of the Britannia Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, I am writing this letter along with the Mayor and council of Oak Bay municipality in Victoria B.C. to request for a grant to repair our excellent cenotaph in Oak Bay. As you see, it is in poor condition and our local veterans are a little saddened and have asked us to assist in restoring it to its former state. As it is a beautiful cenotaph, we have had more young people out in the last few years on Remembrance Day and it would be wrong to let this go in to a further state, so please help us.

The Royal Canadian Legion Britannia Branch will also contribute some funds to help this project. Thank you for your future support.

Fraternally yours,

John McMullan

President – Life member

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Britannia Branch #7





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Our group of Merchant Navy Veterans are keenly interested in the restoration of the monument and are pleased to be part of the committee.

Respectfully,

W.G. (Bill) Emberly,

Chairman and National Director for Vancouver Island Branch Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans Association Inc.

Honourary Patron
Her Honour
The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, PC, CM, OBC
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

Dominique Beesley

From:

Loranne Hilton

Sent:

February 9, 2006 8:17 AM

To:

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Subject:

FW: REPAIRS TO CATTLE POINT WW2 CENOTAPH

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Loranne Hilton Municipal Clerk

The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay

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Importance: High

His Worship, Mayor Christopher M. Causton 2006 The Oak Bay Municipal Hall 2167 Oak Bay Avenue Victoria, B.C. V8R 1G2

UPGRADE REPAIRS - MUNICIPAL CENOTAPH
WITH FINANCIAL GRANT SUPPORT FROM VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA

Dear Chris,

The Mark Isfeld Memorial Chapter of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping (CAVUNP) fully supports your request to Veterans Affairs Canada for a grant to repair the long existing cenotaph damaged by sea spray, wind and erosion. It has been open to the elements for 61 years and is in dire need of major repairs.

Chapter President, Bobby Collins, at our last monthly meeting, called for a show of hands and all members were in favour of backing your quest for funding from VAC. As Secretary, I was requested to advise you of our full support when you approach VAC for the financial backing grant.

We also back the Mayor of the Municipality of Central Saanich whoo has applied to upgrade the Peacekeeping Cenotaph with additions of WW1, WW2, The Korean War, and Merchant Navy bronze plaques, similar to what were unveiled at Cattle Point last year.

Thank you Sir, for remembering the Sacrifice of those WW2 Veterans who gave their lives so that we might all live in freedom! The Cenotaph listing the Roll Call of Oak Bay residents who paid the ultimate price should be maintained and this is a most worthy cause, indeed.

Peace is our hope for mankind. Blessings Billy

William Willbond, MSM, CD

Secretary

Master Corporal Mark Isfeld Memorial Chapter of CAVUNP The Canadian Association of

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√ Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping PO Box 3, Saanichton, B.C. V&M 2C3, Canada Telephone 250-652-4137 Email billywillbond@shaw.ca http://www.island.net/~cavunp

PS: Chris I will be away in Africa until the first week in March, so if you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to call our Member at Large who is a resident of Oak Bay, Jim Sidel telephone 250-598-7810 who was Liaison Officer for the Cenotaph upgrade last year.

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NOV 2 2 2 DISTRICT OF 0 Oak Bay War Memorial (The Oak Bay Cenotaph)

Beach Drive Uplands Park, Oak Bay, BC

Conservation Plan



Prepared by: Gwen Ewan Submitted to Dr. Harold Kalman

2012/03/24

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Background

This report pertains to the Oak Bay War Memorial (or Cenotaph) located opposite Cattle Point on Beach Drive in the Uplands Park in Oak Bay, BC.

In December of 2011, the then Mayor of Oak Bay received a letter from a citizen requesting that a handrail be added to the stone steps of the Cenotaph for the benefit of frail veterans wishing to climb the steps to lay a wreath.

Since the Cenotaph is protected as a Designated Heritage site, the matter was referred to the Oak Bay Heritage Commission. The Commission members generated some ideas about increasing accessibility, and the writer took this topic for her paper for the University of Victoria course "Conserving heritage Structures".

1.2 Scope of Work and Objectives

This report pertains to the War Memorial and that portion of Uplands Park immediately surrounding the memorial. The objective was to investigate the site, and the policy, bylaw or other constraints relevant to the issue of providing safe access to the historically significant and designated site for anyone, including those who have limited mobility. A recommendation as to how best to resolve this issue was requested.

1.3 Study Methods

The writer first visited the site and consulted the records available on line and at Oak Bay Archives, and the relevant sections of *The BC Building Access Handbook* of 2007 and the *Canadian Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places* (which have been adopted by BC).

Although in a full Conservation Plan exercise the writer would have consulted with the municipal engineer, local police and firefighters and the clergy in charge at the Oak Bay United Church and St. Mary's Anglican Church (who together with police and firefighters coordinate the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies), talked with the public relations officer at Pacific Command (Vancouver) and met with members of the Esquimalt Legion¹ and held a public consultation meeting the time frame of the report did not allow for this consultation.

¹ There is no Legion in Oak Bay. The Esquimalt Legion has been part of Remembrance Day ceremonies here in the past. Although there is no Legion in Oak Bay, the community is an active part of the Greater Victoria area's long

Venerable Archdeacon A. Nunns and the Reverend Dr. W.W. McPherson. A wall of concrete with granite finish frames a nine-foot tall statue of Mother Peace, her eyes downcast upon the 97 names of Oak Bay's war dead.

The Oak Bay Memorial is a rare example of a post 1945 memorial. Most town and city war memorials in Canada were constructed between 1919 and 1925 out of the aftermath of the Great War. Thus the Oak Bay War memorial is unique.

James Saul remained in Victoria for the rest of his life. He continued to win commissions in the Victoria area, including the design of the provincial plaques at the Centennial Fountain in downtown Victoria in 1967. In 1980, at the request of the Municipality of Oak Bay, Saull carried out work to the Memorial to repair wind and water damage. Saull's love of teaching and learning showed in his carving demonstrations and lessons to visitors at the Canada Pavilion at Expo'86, and in his attending the University of British Columbia Art History Department in 1999, at the age of 86 to take classes on Chinese, Byzantine and Native American art².

James Saull died in Victoria BC on May 7, 2002. The following obituary was published in the Globe and Mail June 14, 2002:

Jim Saull - Sculptor's work honoured Canada's war dead by Tom Hawthorn, Victoria.

"Carver and sculptor Jim Saull, who built a striking cenotaph atop a rock cropping overlooking the sea, has died in Victoria. He was 88. While the cenotaph has long been admired, Mr. Saull was little known by the public. However Mr. Saull was watched by thousands of fairgoers at Expo 86 in Vancouver as he meticulously carved a ship's figurehead from a block of yellow cedar.

In 1948, Mr. Saull was hired by the tony suburb of Oak Bay to construct a war memorial at Uplands Park, a large tract of bush recently purchased by the municipality. Mr. Saull, who had served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War, decided against a monument with a marital theme. "I didn't want a chorging bayonet," he said three years ago.

His inspiration was a touching memorial to the dead of the First World War that he had seen in Belgium. Mr. Saull designed a three-meter-tall figure of a woman backed against a large concrete block with a granite finish that includes the names of 96 war dead. The woman's head is bowed, as though in mourning. He based the figure on his wife Dorothy.

The sculptor took seven months to finish the memorial, which includes the Biblical inscription: 'Greater love hath no man thon this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.' ... Mr. Saull created many plaques and monuments scattered throughout the

² Sager, Dorianne. "Third Agers Keep on Learning" in *The Writer's Edge:* Sing Tao Scool of Journalism, UBC April 10, 1999, p. 3

provincial capital, including the crests of the ten provinces at Confederation Square and Fountain, across the street from the legislature...."

2.1.2 Physical Investigation:

This cenotaph is clearly visible from Beach Drive and the walking trails. It is a well known landmark of Uplands Park. The Memorial and the area around it has benefited from excellent maintenance by the Oak Bay Parks Department and Public Works Department. Specifically, the stone steps show no signs of wear and the stones are securely held by mortar.

2.1.3.2 Previous Conservation Treatments

In 1980, Mr. Saull repaired weather damage⁴. In 2003 concrete platforms were added to each side of the monument as a place for police and firefighters to stand during deremonies. In 2004, four bronze plaques were installed on loose boulders at the base of the outcropping, just outside the area included in the Heritage Designation, to honour those lost as part of service in WW I, Korea, United Nations Peace Keepers and the Canadian Merchant Navy. In approximately 2006 two floodlights were added at the base of the outcropping also just outside the designated area boundary.



Loose boulders, each with a bronze plaque to commemorate other Canadian Military events.

³ Globe and Mail, June 14, 2002, p. 10.

⁴ Information in this paragraph is again from the Oak Bay Heritage website.

The Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada (hereafter referred to as The Standards) for a definition of a cultural landscape. Section 4.1.1 of the Standard states:

For the purposes of these guidelines, a cultural landscape is defined as any geographical area that has been madified, influenced or given special cultural meaning by people, and that has been formally recognized for its heritage value. Cultural landscapes are often dynamic, living entities that cantinually change because of natural and human-influenced social, economic and cultural processes.

The War Memorial, is thus defined as a cultural landscape. The War Memorial has been of meaning to the Oak Bay community since its creation in 1948 and was designated as a heritage site in 2004.

To guide the matters of public accessibility, we referred first to the *British Columbia Access Handboak*, 2007. It was determined that those standards and The BC Building Code inform accessibility to buildings only. The *Standards and Guidelines for the Canservation of Historic Places* were then referenced for specific accessibility standards in outdoor environments. Section 4.3.1 of *The Guidelines* states:

Providing people of all ages, interests and abilities with access to historic places is highly desirable... Generally, the salutions that best balance accessibility needs with heritage value are those that enhance the use and appreciation of an historic place for everyone. Wark should be carefully planned and undertaken so that impact on an historic place's heritage value and character-defining elements is minimized: the objective is to provide the highest level of access with the lowest level of impact.

3.1.2 Vision Statement

Provide the highest level of access to the Oak Bay War Memorial consistent with the lowest level of impact on the Memorial's character defining elements (CDEs).

3.1.3 Conservation Treatments

The approached adopted here is one of preservation. *The Standards* define preservation as "protecting, maintaining and stabilizing the existing form, material and integrity of an historic place or individual component while protecting its heritage value".

3,1,4 Intervention Options

Four options to address the matter of access are presented below. The first was requested in the letter from an individual citizen. Options two and three were generated in discussion within the Heritage Commission. The fourth emerged during this heritage planning exercise. None of the options interfere with the Gary oaks that surround the site.

Like the permanent handrail option, this option will not alter the design of the stone steps, which still present difficulties people using walkers or wheelchairs.

This option would minimize the impact on the *symmetry of massing and design* of the site but the intervention of the anchors in the rock outcropping would may compromise the current stability of the rough cut stone walkway.

3) Option Three

Option Three is to build an access ramp from the south side of the monument, curving up the slope to top of the rock outcropping. The ramp would originate at the existing asphalt surface walkway and emerge at the south rear corner of the monument. The ramp would be an aggregate gravel surface. An extension to the existing sculpture platform would need to be built at the south side of the sculpture to provide access to the platform front of the sculpture. This front platform is approximately three to four feet deep and a precarious position for anyone in a wheel chair.



The proposed pathway of Option 3 would begin to the right of the bench at the asphalt path that can be seen mid-photo. It would run to the back of the outcrop where it can ascend a more gradual slope to emerge to the south (left) side of the sculpture.

Option Three would have the greatest impact on the physical and aesthetic integrity of this cultural landscape. In particular, the intervention would affect character defining elements described as "the proportions of the monument to its base and the rock outcropping on which it stands", and "the placement of the monument in a natural Garry oak meadow, with the sculpture, natural rock site, and meadow forming a unified design". While cost estimates were outside the scope of this project, it is likely that this option would be most expensive.

A further consideration of this solution is that the sloping pathway would come from behind the slab. In military tradition and protocol it is very important that any approach to a cenotaph be made *anly* from the front.

4) Option Four

Option Four is to redefine the Remembrance Day ceremony tradition of laying wreaths at the base of the sculpture (seen in the photo above clearly) to laying the wreaths at the monument's base, i.e. at the base of the rock outcropping at the right in the above picture.

This option has the least impact on the character defining elements and ensures continued respect for and preservation of the form, material and integrity of this heritage site. With this option, the Heritage Commission has an opportunity to work with the organization committee of the Remembrance Day ceremonies, to rework how the commemorative ceremony is enacted to ensure inclusion of all participants, regardless of their physical capacity.

This option provides the best access for those with limited mobility who wish to fully take part on all aspects of the ceremonies conducted at the Memorial. Thus this option balances the preservation of monument and the associative and spiritual values of this place, with public access to and enjoyment of this site.

4.0 Recommendations and Conclusions

It is recommended that option 4, 'redefine the process of the ceremony' be adopted. As noted above, it is the only option that both meets the needs of the persons of limited mobility who wish to take active part in the ceremonies held at the War Memorial, while respecting the character defining elements of the historic place.



OAK BAY WAR MEMORIAL, UPLANDS PARK-ERECTED 1948

"The recent World War had taken a terrific toll in human lives, and a careful check disclosed that 97 young men and one young woman from Oak Bay homes had made the supreme sacrifice in the conflict. Early in this year, Council had decided that a suitable memorial be erected.

"A young former airman from Ontario, James Saull, had made his home in Victoria after the War. He had been a pupil of the well known Toronto sculptor Emmanuel Hahn and the young man's talent for sculpture became known locally. At the request of Council, he submitted a scale model of a monument and a sketch showing the proposed site on a rock outcropping in Uplands Park, facing Beach Drive.

"Council approved the design and location, and Mr. Saull was commissioned to undertake the project on the understanding that it would be ready by November. On Armistice Day, November 11, the Cenotaph was unveiled by the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Charles H. Banks, C.M.G., and dedicated by the Venerable Archdeacon A. deL. Nunns and the Reverend Dr. W. W. McPherson at a moving memorial service attended by several hundred Oak Bay residents."

"Report of a meeting of the Parks Committee of the Oak Bay Council held in the Clerk's Office, Municipal Hall, Oak Bay, B.C., on Wednesday, May 5", 1948, at 10:55 p.m.

"Present: Counc

Councillor Ellis, Chairman,

Reeve R. A. B. Wootton,

Councillor Gibbs

"The Engineer and Clerk were also in attendance.

"The Municipal Engineer reported that he had completed arrangements with the sculptor regarding the new War Memorial in Uplands Park, and that he had met members of the Vancouver Island Rock and Alpine Garden Society on the site.

"The Engineer stated it would be necessary to spend \$1,000.00 on shrubs and approximately \$500.00 for a gardener. The following amounts could be taken from the park improvement vote to cover those items of expense, vis., \$800.00 for road improvements, \$100.00 for seats, \$500.00 for tidying.

"The Municipal Engineer also reported that the Society had appointed a Committee to lay out the whole scheme, and that the memorial would be ready for dedication on November 11th next.

"It was resolved that the Municipal Engineer prepare a sketch of the site for the Garden Society to aid them in making certain recommendations with an estimate of cost."



Photo Title: Dedication of the Oak Bay War Memorial, 1948

Description:

Dedication of the Oak Bay War Memorial (Cenotaph) in Uplanda Park, November 11,1948.

Photo Number: 2012-001-041

Date: 1948

Subject: Events, Military, Monuments, Uplands

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Photo Title: Unveiling ceremony at WW II Cenotaph in Uplands Park, 1948

Description:

Reeve Robert Wootton and Archdeacon Nunns of St Mary's Church at first Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotpah in Uplands Park, November 11, 1948. Dedicated to the Oek Bay men and women who lost their lives in World War II.

Photo Number: 2005-018-001

Photographer: W. Atkins, British Columbia Press Agency

Date: 1948 Subject:

Churches, Elected Officials, Events, Heritage Sites, Military, Monuments, Municipal, Parks, Persons - Men

Uplands, WW2

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Photo Title:

World War II Oak Bay Roll of Honour at Oak Bay Cenotaph, November 11, 1948

Description:

The Oak Bay Cenotaph in Uplands Park was unveiled on November 11, 1948. The WWII Roll of Honour features a sculpture of Mother Peace embracing her fallen children. The sculpture and site were designed by Canadian airman James Saull, who used his wife Joan as the model. The cenotaph was dedicated to the 98 Oak Bay residents who lost their lives in World War II. The inscription engraved on the base reads: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man may lay down his life for his friends."

Photo Number: 2005-018-002 Photographer: W. Atkins

Date: 1948

Subject: Arts, Heritage Sites, Military, Monuments, Parks, Uplands, WW2

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Photo Title: Oak Bay Cenotaph, First Remembrance service 1948

Description:

World War II Cenotaph dedication service November 11, 1948 at the Memorial Centre in Uplands

Park. From the family of John V. Davey of Oliver Street.

Photo Number: 2013-006-001

Photographer: Bill Halkett/Victoria DailyTimes

Date: 1948

Subject: Military, Monuments, Municipal, Parks, Persons - Men, Uplands, WW2

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Photo Title: Oak Bay Cenotaph Unveiling 1948

Description:

First remembrance service held on November 11, 1948 at the Memorial Centre in Uplands Park.

Last Post-Revielle by Staff Sergeant B Drysdale, R.C.M.E. Photo gifted by the family of John V. Davey of Oliver Street.

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