



Victoria Council Votes to Fund Special Event Policing Costs

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VICTORIA, BC — Canada Day, Remembrance Day and other community events in the City will proceed as planned following Council's decision tonight to allocate up to \$135,000 from its 2019 contingency budget to fund special event policing costs.

This includes Council fully funding policing costs for Remembrance Day and not asking the federal Department of National Defence and Veterans Affairs Canada to consider contributing to the costs.

"Council was clear and unanimous tonight in recognizing that Remembrance Day is a community event and that the city has a role to play in honouring people who have served and who are serving in the armed forces," said Mayor Lisa Helps.

In confirming their commitment to fund special event policing costs, councillors and Mayor Helps apologised to veterans and anyone else who were hurt or disrespected by a motion coming out of last week's committee of the whole meeting. That motion had directed staff to approach federal government agencies to see if they would be interested in also contributing to this event. That committee motion was not moved at tonight's Council meeting, meaning Council was unanimous in deciding not to proceed with it.

"Council had always planned to fund Remembrance Day and as the Capital City of British Columbia we have deep respect and support for our veterans and the people who have served, and who are still serving, and those who haven't come home," said Mayor Helps.

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