

Report to: Council  
From: Remembrance Day Volunteers Group  
Date: November 30, 2024  
Re: 2024 Remembrance Ceremony Report

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On November 11, the Remembrance Day volunteers held our fifth Remembrance Day ceremony at the St. Charles Cenotaph and Veterans' Park. This year's ceremony was held on a Monday, which allowed the students from Ecole St Charles Borromee to attend as a group, along with their teachers. Four new veteran names were added to the Wall of Honour this year. Approximately 100 residents attended.

A copy of the 2024 program handout is attached.

There are many people to thank for their contributions both before and on the day of the Remembrance Ceremony. Special thanks to:

**Committee and Volunteers:** We thank the November 11 volunteers Larry Lafleur, Luis Balcazar, Carolyn Thain, Elaine Tremblay, Sue Lafleur, Phil Belanger, and Sue Fitzwilliam, and supported by Denis Turcot and Tammy Godden from municipal staff. Ellen Primeau leads our Remembrance Ceremony Group, and has prepared the opening remarks and MCs the ceremony in English and French. Other support provided by Richard Lemieux, Doriane and John Brunet and other community members as help is requested.

**Club Alidor** and its volunteers for providing access to their hall to support the run-through and the reception following the event, and technical needs for the slideshow on the veterans. Club support was led by Francine Bidal and Diane Beauparlant. The Club provided the hot beverages for the reception following the ceremony and subsequent clean up.

**Luis Balcazar**, a local sound and media expert provided his services for the fourth year, at no cost, to provide sound technician services for the ceremony so everyone could clearly hear and appreciate the ceremony. He test checked the equipment in advance and set up for the run-through and the next day ceremony, providing the use of some of his own equipment to supplement that previously purchased by the Cenotaph budget

**École St-Charles Borromée** teachers and students provided a bounty of beautiful and innovative decorations, posters and centrepieces to decorate the Club Alidor Hall and two students did readings in the programme.

The **Speakers** for the ceremony are listed in the program. All provided meaningful readings for the day. Linda Plante once again sang O Canada.

The **St. Charles Volunteer Firefighters' Association** and area first responders acted as escorts for the wreath laying, providing quiet dignity to the solemn occasion.

**Local sponsors** – St Charles Food Market (Clover Farm) donated the hotdogs and juice for the school children. Jackie and Royal Lafleur donated some of the desserts.

Finally, we want to thank **Council** for their continuing financial support for this important annual event in our community, and we can confirm that once again, we have come in under budget for the event. A few small expenses will be made in December to replace technical equipment.

The Remembrance Volunteer Group is once again requesting the same budget as has been allotted for the past years to undertake the Ceremony in 2025, following our successful model.

Submitted by:

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