



**City of Kingston  
Report to Council  
Report Number 15-242**

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**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services  
**Resource Staff:** Paige Agnew, Director, Planning, Building & Licensing Services  
**Date of Meeting:** May 5, 2015  
**Subject:** Proposed Valour District

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**Executive Summary:**

On March 3, 2015, Council passed a motion requesting staff to bring a report to Council, after having completed a public consultation, to consider designating an area spanning from the Kingston Armouries to Fort Frontenac as “Valour District” to commemorate the valiant military service of past Kingstonians. The Council motion requested that the report include cost options to either altering or adding the district signs, an implementation plan and a proposed schedule for the installation of the signs.

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the proposed boundaries of the Valour District, a proposed sign design, cost options and an implementation plan with proposed installation timing. Information is also provided regarding the feedback received as part of the community consultation process. This report also provides information on the existing Council resolution regarding a moratorium for commemorations on City property and the new Kingston Commemorations Strategy that is currently being developed.

Internal and external concerns have been identified with proceeding with this initiative at this time.

**Recommendation:**

**That** Council not proceed with the proposed Valour District initiative until the new Kingston Commemorations Strategy has been completed and until this initiative is assessed against other corporate priorities.

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**Authorizing Signatures:**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

**Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer**

**Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:**

Cynthia Beach, Corporate & Strategic Initiatives

Denis Leger, Transportation, Facilities & Emergency Services

Jim Keech, President and CEO, Utilities Kingston

Desiree Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer

Not required

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**Options/Discussion:**

On March 3, 2015, Council passed a motion with respect to a proposed Valour District and associated signage. The motion reads as follows:

**“Whereas** brave members of this community stepped forward in World War I and World War II to fight for King and country; and

**Whereas** many made the ultimate sacrifice in battle; and

**Whereas** interested supporters of the military community have requested an area be designated to commemorate the departure of the 21st Battalion and members of Queen's Stationary Hospital from Kingston 100 years ago in May 2015;

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** staff be directed to bring a report to Council in April 2015, after having completed consultation, to consider designating an area spanning from the Kingston Armouries to Fort Frontenac as “Valour District” to commemorate the valiant military service of past Kingstonians and that the report would include the cost options with either altering or adding the district signs, an implementation plan, and a proposed schedule for the installation of the signs.”

The purpose of this report is to address the motion by providing information on the proposed boundaries of the Valour District, a proposed sign design, cost options and an implementation plan with proposed installation timing. Information will also be provided regarding the feedback received as part of the community consultation process. This report also provides information on the existing Council resolution regarding a moratorium for commemorations on City property and background on the new Kingston Commemorations Strategy that is currently being developed.

**Background**

The 21st Battalion, which was a military unit of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF), was formed in Kingston and was comprised of many members of the 14th Regiment, Princess of Wales Own Regiment. Over 1,000 members from all over eastern Ontario, including many from Kingston, were recruited. On May 5, 1915, the officers and men of the hospital corps and members of the 21st Battalion marched from the Kingston Armouries to the outer train station. It was estimated that over 15,000 people lined the route of the march. The 21st Battalion and members of the Queen's Stationary Hospital departed from the train station where they would continue onwards to Britain.

The Council motion notes that the proposed Valour District is intended to honour and commemorate past members of the community who fought and died in World War I and World War II. The proposed timing of this signage initiative is intended to coincide with the centennial anniversary of the departure of the 21st Battalion, CEF.

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**Proposed Location of the Valour District**

The Valour District is proposed to be located in the area between the Kingston Armouries and Fort Frontenac (Exhibit A). This area is generally bounded by Ordnance Street to the north, Ontario Street to the east, Queen Street to the south and Sydenham Street to the west. It is proposed that specialized signage to indicate the "Valour District" be installed at the intersections located in this geographical area. There are 18 intersections identified in the area.

The initial mapping prepared from the Council motion proposed the westerly boundary of the Valour District as Montreal Street. It was this boundary that was subject to public consultation. As part of the review process, through consultation with heritage staff, it was proposed that a more historically significant westerly boundary would be Sydenham Street as it includes the Kingston Armouries.

**Signage Design**

It is proposed that the style and font characteristics of the Valour District signs be similar to that of the existing University District signs. The University District signs were recently installed at selected intersections around Queen's University. It is proposed that the name "Valour District" be indicated in black lettering and a symbol of a red poppy be included on the left hand portion of the sign. The district name would be located above the existing road name on the same sign and it is proposed that all intersections in the district receive the new signage. A rendering of the proposed sign design is shown on Exhibit B.

The red poppy is a recognized symbol in Canada of remembrance. Staff have consulted with the Royal Canadian Legion, as they have the trademark copyright of the poppy symbol in Canada, and they have provided permission to the City to use the poppy symbol as part of the Valour District signage.

Preliminary discussions were undertaken with members of the military community in Kingston and they were supportive of the red poppy as part of the proposed signage. Staff have also consulted with CFB Kingston and they have confirmed that they do not have any objections to the proposed Valour District signage initiative.

**Signage Cost**

Staff considered the request for Valour District signage to be similar to the University District signage project. The University District signage initiative involved the removal of existing signs and the installation of new signage. It was determined that the installation of the new replacement signage is more visually distinctive than adding to or altering the existing road signage, given its difference in colour to other signs within the City. The altered or additional signage would have been challenging to install on existing sign posts and maintenance would be required for two signs for each intersection. For this initiative it was preferred to replace the entire road name sign.

Planning Division staff have consulted with Public Works staff to determine the cost options associated with the replacement and alteration of existing street signs within the proposed Valour District. The cost to install new signage (includes hardware and post) is approximately \$5,700 for the 18 intersections as noted on Exhibit A. The cost to add additional signs above the

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existing road name signs would be approximately \$4,400. As mentioned above, the second option would result in each intersection having two road name signs on each sign post. The alteration of existing street signs to add the Valour District wording was considered and is not feasible from a visual or fabrication perspective.

### **Signage Implementation**

It is proposed that the timing and implementation of this signage initiative coincide with the centennial anniversary of the departure of the 21st Battalion, CEF. Planning Division staff have consulted with Public Works staff and a sign manufacturing company regarding the timing for fabrication and installation of the signs. Staff have been advised that it would take approximately 4 to 6 weeks to fabricate the signs by the external sign company and two weeks for signage installation by Public Works staff.

### **Corporate Assets and Naming Policy**

The Corporate Assets and Naming Policy addresses the naming of any corporate asset including parks, open spaces, facilities, streets and other municipal buildings or properties. The naming of the Valour District would need to comply with the provisions of the City of Kingston Corporate Assets and Naming Policy.

According to the policy provisions, new names for corporate assets should give a sense of place, continuity and belonging reflecting the geographic location, community, neighbourhood or street where the corporate asset is located and/or; recognize the historical significance of the area and/or; reflect unique characteristics of the site.

### **Council-Approved Moratorium and the New Kingston Commemorations Strategy**

On September 10, 2013, Council passed a motion to place a moratorium on the installation of plaques and other tangible forms of commemoration on City property. The purpose of the motion was to enable staff to develop the policies and procedures needed to assess such requests in a consistent manner. Currently, no such policies exist and the moratorium allows for the necessary decision making framework to be established for Council approval.

The Council motion regarding the moratorium reads as follows:

**“That** Council direct staff to put a hold on the granting of permission to install tangible commemorative monuments in parks and public spaces until Q1 2015; and

**That** staff be directed to develop a management policy for Council’s consideration that would guide the administration of plaques and monuments in City parks and public spaces by Q1 2015.”

The Cultural Services Department, in conjunction with other City departments, is currently developing a municipal commemoration plan which will take the form of a new Kingston Commemorations Strategy. This Strategy, as an umbrella document drawing together a number of existing City policies, will address the purpose and meaning of a commemoration (persons, events, places, ideas) and both tangible and intangible forms of commemorations including monuments, statues, public art, ceremonies, plaques, memorial benches, trees, naming rights, events, landscapes, festivals, etc. It will also offer a policy framework for proposing, evaluating

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and establishing commemorations on City property. The Naming of Corporate Assets Policy is one of several municipal policies that falls under the new Kingston Commemorations Strategy forthcoming to Council this Summer.

### **Community Consultation**

A public consultation process was conducted between March 27, 2015 and April 6, 2015. Staff allocated time for community consultation based on the timeframe to provide a report back to Council. Community members were requested to provide feedback regarding the area boundaries of the proposed Valour District and the draft sign design to a dedicated e-mail address. Details of the proposed Valour District signage initiative were posted on the City of Kingston website and a newspaper ad was published in the *Whig-Standard* indicating how the community could participate in the process.

There were 121 e-mail responses received as part of the community consultation. The majority of the responses were clear in their support of or opposition to the idea of the district proposal and they were evenly split (at around 40 percent each). Approximately 20 percent of the responses offered general comments or other considerations and were not clear in their support of or opposition to the project. The following represents a summary of the most common themes of the comments received. Further details on the responses received are in Exhibit C.

#### **A) Support for the Valour District Signage**

Some of the most common themes noted by staff in the comments supporting the proposal are as follows:

1. The location of the proposed Valour District is appropriate and has strong military ties.
2. The proposed Valour District will honour those who have fought and died in the First and Second World Wars.
3. The proposed timing of this signage initiative will coincide with the centennial anniversary of the departure of the 21st Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Forces (CEF).

Some of the most common themes noted by staff in the comments in opposition to the proposal are as follows:

1. The naming of the Valour District may confuse tourists as there are so many other historical sites to see in the City outside the proposed district.
2. The proposed district name of "Valour" could have different meanings to different people.
3. The proposed district signage initiative is not the best use of limited time and resources.
4. There should be more emphasis on peacekeeping than on this commemoration initiative.
5. The naming of a neighbourhood can have multiple historical meanings.

#### **B) Signage Design and Location**

Some of the general comments that were noted by staff that were repeated by multiple respondents regarding the sign design and proposed district area boundaries are as follows:

1. Style and Font Characteristics:  
The black lettering for the Valour District name is more visible than the existing University District signage; however, it was pointed out that the font should be larger.

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2. Presence of Appropriate Symbols:

A majority of the residents who supported the Valour District signage initiative indicated their preference for the red poppy. Several residents suggested the use of a white poppy. There were a few suggestions to also include the 11 point red maple leaf symbol on the right hand portion of the signage. Some residents suggested the removal of the red poppy and only indicate the red maple leaf symbol.

3. The location of the proposed Valour District should be extended to include other parts of the City that also have a connection with military history:

Several responses indicated that the proposed area boundaries of the Valour District should also include the HMCS Cataraqui, Royal Military College, the Canadian Forces Base, Vimy Barracks and the Norman Rogers Airport.

### C) Other Comments and Concerns

In the review of comments by staff, there were some respondents who had general comments and concerns about the proposal. Some examples of the repeated comments are as follows:

1. Recognition of the Council-Approved Moratorium and the new Kingston Commemorations Strategy:

As there is currently a moratorium on the installation of plaques and other tangible forms of commemoration on City property, several residents indicated that the review of the Valour District concept proposal should be put on hold until a commemoration policy is in effect.

2. Lack of Adequate Public Consultation:

There were concerns that more time should have been allocated to undertake broader consultation for the proposed Valour District. Several residents indicated that there should be additional public meetings so that community members could further express their views on the concept of the Valour District.

### D) Internal Staff Review

Notification of the proposal was sent to impacted City departments to gather information with respect to the Valour District area boundaries, sign design and the implementation plan. The comments are noted below:

1. Cultural Services Department:

In addition to providing information regarding the development of the Commemorations Strategy, the Cultural Services Department provided historical information on the area. The Barrack Street corridor is historically important in Kingston's military history (from French regime to present day). There have been plans for several years now to improve the interpretive signage at the foot of The Tragically Hip Way (formerly a portion of Barrack Street), such as a *Kingston Remembers* plaque, to tell the story of this long-time military district. It would tie together with interpretive materials now in place at the top of the street at the Artillery Park Aquatic Centre. The Tragically Hip Way would also include the district signage.

2. Planning Staff:

The area east of Sydenham Street along the Barrack Street corridor was largely part of the military reserve lands, whose use dominated this part of Kingston for most of its

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history; some buildings still exist. Barrack Street, as the name implies, formerly connected the Royal Artillery Park (and barracks) with the Place D'Armes (barracks) and Fort Frontenac (with barracks) to the east. According to the location map, there is no district signage that will be installed on The Tragically Hip Way. The eastern extent of this proposed district (The Tragically Hip Way and Ontario Street) should be included to recognize this historic connection with Artillery Park. There are a number of protected heritage properties within the boundaries of the proposed Valour District and also a number of protected heritage properties adjacent to the proposed Valour District. The western portion of this proposed district is also located in the St. Lawrence Ward Heritage Character Area in the City of Kingston Official Plan which is significant as this is a future Heritage Conservation District Area.

3. Fire and Rescue Staff:

The City of Kingston road name index indicates that there is an existing "Valour Drive" located within CFB Kingston. There are no emergency service issues associated with the Valour District signage as it is not considered a duplication of an existing road name. The existing roads names will continue to exist and be used to contact emergency services.

### Conclusion

This report presents the proposed district boundaries, proposed sign design and a cost estimate and implementation plan for Council's consideration. A summary of the public consultation that was conducted is also provided around the most common themes identified by staff in the comments from the community.

The report also provides information on the Council-approved moratorium on the installation of plaques and other tangible forms of commemoration and provides a status update on the new Kingston Commemorations Strategy currently being prepared. This Strategy, expected to be completed in the summer, will provide policy framework for proposing, evaluating and establishing commemorations on City property.

### Existing Policy/By-Law:

City of Kingston Naming of Corporate Assets Policy

### Notice Provisions:

There are no statutory requirements for the implementation of the proposed District Valour signage. Details on the proposed Valour District were posted on the City of Kingston website. The public was invited to provide input on the proposed district boundaries and signage design from March 27, 2015 to April 6, 2015. There were also ads in the *Whig-Standard* to advise the community of the consultation process and how to participate in the consultation.

### Accessibility Considerations:

Not applicable

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**Financial Considerations:**

The cost to install new Valour District signage (includes hardware and post) is approximately \$5,700 and will be funded from the Working Fund Reserve.

There will no additional charges from the Public Works Department for the installation of the new signage.

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Ryan Leary, Senior Planner, Heritage

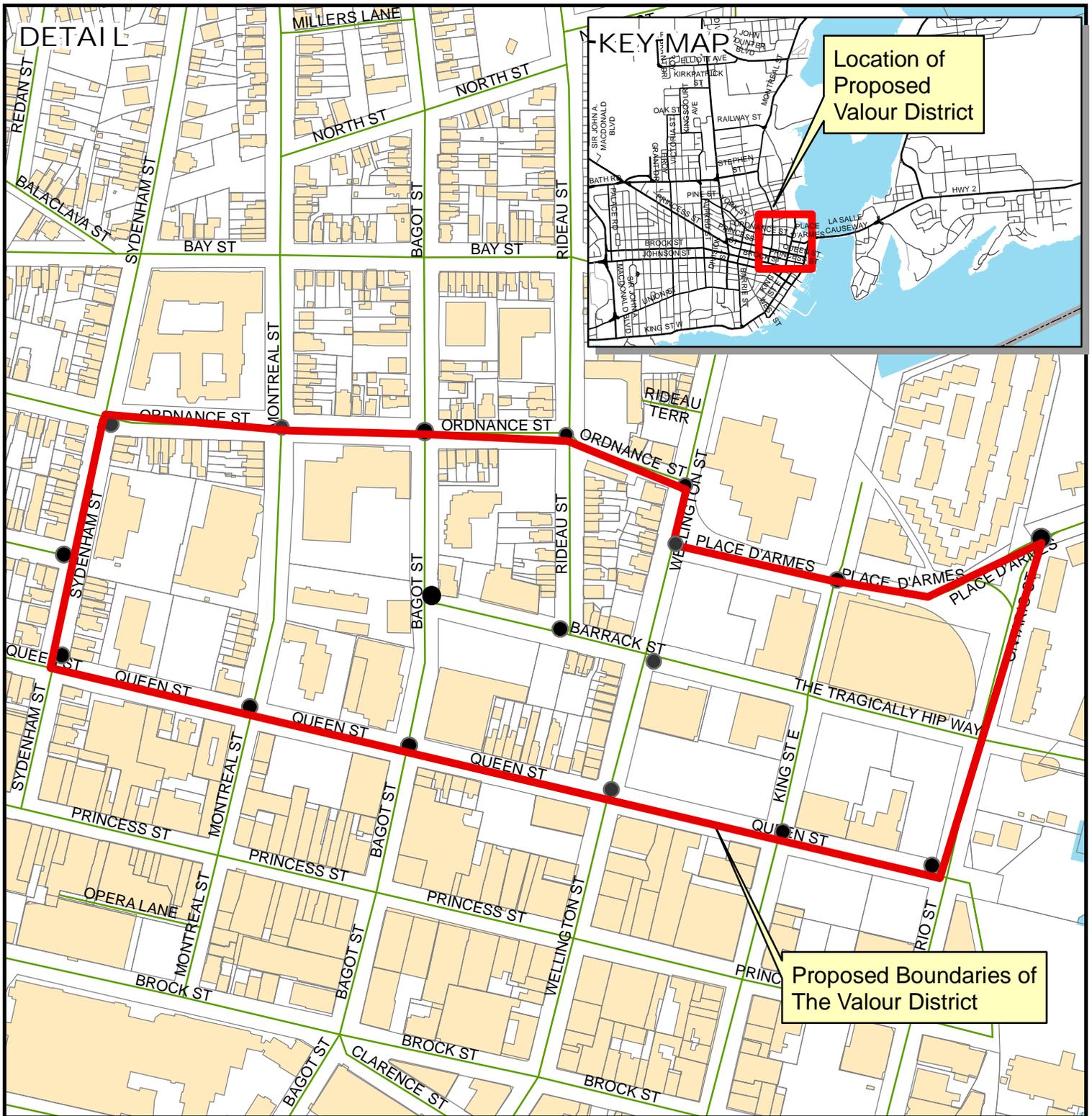
Paul Robertson, City Curator, Cultural Services Department

**Exhibits Attached:**

Exhibit A Location Map of the Proposed Valour District

Exhibit B Proposed Signage Design of the Proposed Valour District

Exhibit C Public Consultation Comments Received



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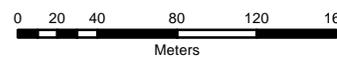
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### Proposed Valour District

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#### Legend

● Location of proposed signage for the Valour District



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**Valour District**

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Comment No.	Public Consultation Comments Received Regarding Valour District
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a wonderful idea and a great tribute to all Kingstonians who have, over the years, contributed to our peace and security. This particular area, bounded by Fort Frontenac on the east and The Armouries on the west, encompassing Artillery Park, is steeped in military history.</li> <li>• Timing could not be more appropriate as it coincides with the departure of two groups 100 years ago - the 21st Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, which was raised in the Armouries on Montreal Street in November 1914 and is perpetuated by the Princess of Wales' Own Regiment; and, members of Queen's Stationary Hospital doctors, nurses, orderlies and others. This departure was supported by about 70% of the population (over 15,000 people, according to the <i>British Whig</i> on 6 May 1915).</li> </ul>
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I don't believe that we need a "Valour District" in Kingston. Kingston's history and geography are thoroughly marked by connections to the military. In addition to the obvious, such as CFB Kingston, RMC, Fort Henry, the various Murney towers, Kingston also has numerous streets that are named for military events and institutions: from the Crimean War-themed streets near McBurney Park to streets like Barrack and Place d'Armes to all of the streets just south of Highway 2 east of the Causeway. In other words, the military and its past is well commemorated already.</li> <li>• Because the military is so prominent already, we don't need a specific "Valour District". At this point, to create such a district on top of all the other commemorations could be understood as glorifying war. And I feel very firmly that we shouldn't do that.</li> </ul>
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I find the motion to name the designated area of Kingston as "Valour District" to be very commendable, however it seems strange to me that the Montreal St Armouries and Fort Frontenac military complex is outside the described boundary. Therefore, to what purpose will this designation serve the commercial and civilian buildings inside the boundary?</li> <li>• If the Armouries and Fort Frontenac are included in this designated area, then I concur wholeheartedly.</li> </ul>
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please add my voice to those who object to the "valour district" proposal. There is more than enough militarism highlighted and celebrated in Kingston. Please consider changing your focus to those Kingstonians who have worked for peace not war. Or consider opening the commemorative door to something else: Kingston's aboriginal history, or immigration history, or women's history or something other than business-as-usual. This is a much more diverse, vibrant and interesting city than is usually publicly credited.</li> <li>• And while you are at it please leave John Macdonald out of it all together.</li> </ul>
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please don't do this. The over-emphasis of the military past at the expense of all others comes with cultural costs.</li> <li>• While I am sure the initiative comes of the best intentions it is, unnecessarily, divisive.</li> <li>• Canada is a nation of people who have worked for justice and peace and equality. And we are a nation that has</li> </ul>

	<p>long been conflicted (including during WWI and WWII) about the role of Canadians should play in wartime. To put a military label on a prominent portion of the downtown is to discount those many citizens who strenuously disagree with the recent militarization of Canadian culture and Canadian historical narratives, citizens who might want to prioritize peace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The introduction of this initiative right now makes it look like Kingston is becoming part of Prime Minister Harper's efforts to re-brand Canada as a military nation. The federal government's efforts in this regard have caused huge debate and dissatisfaction. Why would we want to follow in such footsteps?</li> <li>• Kingston does have a proud military past that is made evident by the many members of the Armed Forces who live and work here, by the many military-related memorials around the city, and by the historic military architecture. This is enough.</li> <li>• There is also a proud history in Kingston of citizens who have worked for peace - recently and in the past. A "Valour District" would dishonour their work and their memories.</li> <li>• And, finally, more generally, I hope that this process puts to rest the idea that our small downtown needs labels. Labels necessarily exclude.</li> <li>• They prioritize some things at the expense of others. They can also come to see like attempts at 'branding.' After the valour district, what would be next? Who decides what bits and pieces of our histories or what bits and pieces of our community get to be celebrated on street signs?</li> <li>• It's a can of worms that is better left closed.</li> </ul>
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposal to create a district known as "valour district" is a bad idea.</li> <li>• The valour of our ancestors was not limited to this region of the City. Strength, bravery, determination, obedience, suffering and other virtues were exercised not only by those who left with the 21st Battalion, but also by those all over the City who remained behind and sustained life here. It limits our appreciation of this fact to restrict recognition of it to one small area.</li> <li>• Recent studies of the First War show that it was very badly conducted. Stupidity, petty jealousies at high levels and downright dishonesty combined with incredible willingness of young men to be compliant and march to their deaths led to a slaughter that we should remember but not take pride in. The one word "valour" is far too simple for such a complex situation. "Valour but stupid" would be more accurate.</li> <li>• We already have numerous street names both in city centre and the west end commemorating overseas battles.</li> <li>• We already have numerous memorial sites scattered across the City, including a heroic statue in memory of the 21st Battalion on West Street.</li> <li>• Has the City so much money that we can spend it on vanity such as this? I hope not.</li> </ul>

7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please do not make my neighbourhood "the valour district." My grandfather was sacrificed to imperialism in the Great War. (He did not make a sacrifice.) He was gassed and wounded on the Western Front and committed suicide in 1931, a late casualty of the war. My father served in Holland in 1944-45 and taught me that "valour" is a lie, used to justify the sacrifice of young men for wealthier, more powerful men's interests. Please do not insult their memories by adorning my neighbourhood with militarist propaganda.</li> </ul>
8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I just learned about your department's initiative to name a unique area in Kingston's north end the Valour District. This designation simply leaves me cold. I have many concerns about this. Rather than belabouring others' well written feedback I'll just say that I agree with Jamie Swift's points in his blog, "Will our neighbourhood soon become 'valour district'?" (<a href="https://skeletonpark.wordpress.com/">https://skeletonpark.wordpress.com/</a>). I'm concerned about the lack of consultation and that your department is handling this, not the heritage/commemoration staff.</li> </ul>
9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I very much doubt that the residents of the area want yet another WWI ossification</li> <li>Ask the locals what they call it and please move on to this century</li> </ul>
10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renaming that small area as Valour District is a very fine idea.</li> <li>It is hard to imagine a city in Canada with its roots more firmly associated with the military. Every significant contributor (France, Britain and for the last 150 years Canada) to the creation of our nation has maintained a large garrison here.</li> <li>That area includes part of the terrain between Fort Frontenac and the Artillery Park. All of that land was gradually given to the City by the Army. Many people do not stop to think why the Aquatic Centre is called Artillery Park.</li> <li>Kingston is still the recipient of huge economic benefit from the Canadian Forces who is the region's largest employer.</li> <li>The Armouries on Montreal Street have housed over time HMCS Catarauqui, a Reserve Artillery Battery, a regular Force Horse Artillery Battery, A cavalry Regiment (The Fourth Hussars, as late as the thirties), and of course it is still the home of the Princess of Wales Own Regiment, the successors of the 21 Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force.</li> <li>All of these units contributed to the defence of their community, and their country. Very few Cities in Canada were ever attacked by a foreign power and had locally stationed troops see them off with gun fire. Kingston has that distinction in driving off the US Squadron which was attacking the HMS Royal George.</li> <li>When the 21 BN marched out Montreal Street to the train Station about 20,000 people lined the streets to wave them off. That was the most part of the population, and those men then went on to win at Vimy, Hill 70, Canal du Nord and every other significant battle of the First War. Many soldiers of the PWOR served in all of Canada's overseas conflicts and most recently in Afghanistan.</li> <li>It is only fitting that the City recognise such an enormous contribution which continues to this day.</li> </ul>

11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is too bad this was not in place before the disgrace of naming the historic street in front of K-Rock, The Tragically Hip Way, this name was a dishonour to that historic area in front of Fort Frontenac. I was once proud of this city and its downtown, but not anymore as the development there is way off base and the shopping has gone below down. The past couple of Mayors have not done justice to Kingston and I hope it changes under our current Mayor.</li> </ul>
12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I realize the public is begin [being] consulted about the tentative <i>boundaries</i> of the Valour District, but I can't help questioning the proposed name. I am not anti-military. I am proud of Canada's formative role in modern peacekeeping. I was glad to see erected in Memorial Park a beautiful, commemorative granite wall honouring Kingston's fallen soldiers. But I think any time a young man goes to war, to kill and perhaps be killed, to maim and almost assuredly be himself psychologically harmed by what he is forced to do and to witness, we should not celebrate. This is never a moment of glory, but a moment that fills anyone with an iota of empathy and imagination with grief. That nations should declare war, that human beings should be reduced to wholesale torment and slaughter of one another other represents profound social failure. It is right to commemorate those who suffered in war, by teaching our children about their lives, their sacrifices, and the circumstances that led whole generations into inescapable horror. The point of remembering soldiers caught up in global carnage is not to romanticize them as brave men, for they were sometimes brave, and sometimes naive, and sometimes unwilling participants in war, but to learn how to spare millions of young men and women today from becoming killers and casualties. To truly honour our local military heritage, we could have a historical war district inclusive of the Armouries, Artillery Park and Fort Frontenac with historical plaques and self-guided tours, and, in one of these public buildings, a museum room containing artefacts and thought-provoking, well contextualized educational displays about the impact of the two World Wars on the City of Kingston. Please don't designate this historically significant downtown district jingoistically, and, in so doing, discourage the efforts of those Kingstonians who, ever mindful of war, work daily for justice and peace in the hope of building a more equitable and less volatile world.</li> <li>Thanks for listening to my point of view.</li> </ul>
13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I believe that Kingston already has quite enough monuments, street names and other public celebrations of military history, and that the current effort to rebrand a downtown area as the "valour district" is unnecessary. The current proposal implicitly celebrates war rather than peace and I find this unfortunate.</li> <li>The street names in this area are already enough of a celebration of things military.</li> </ul>
14.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I write to ask you not to do this, or at least not to do it now. I think the proposal is inappropriate, quite apart from one's attitude towards war, its valours and horrors.</li> <li>I understand that Kingston is now undergoing a general consideration of the worth of designating districts. Given this, I believe it would be unwise to act now on a particular designation, before a general policy is considered and adopted. Of course, something really important could justify an otherwise premature action. But I can't</li> </ul>

	<p>believe the centennial of an obscure historic event rises to this level of importance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We already have a University District, this I know. But the district so designated is dominated by a university, whose students dominate the area. It's a simple fact that the area is a university district; the designation is perfectly descriptive. People unconnected with the university do live in the area. But precisely because the designation is factual, I don't believe the designation could reasonably inconvenience or bother these people. Valour, however, is not a factual attribute of any district, no matter how many of its streets have military references. People have different attitudes about war, indeed even about valour. I don't believe they should wind up, willy-nilly, living in a "war" – or, for that matter, in a "peace" - district.</li> <li>• I have one final point, and it can be made by supposing that instead of the University District, we had an Intellect District, or a Beauty of Learning District. I believe this would be foolish and puerile. And I think the same about the proposal for a Valour District. It's as if we are in the land of comic books and superheroes. I think we commemorate war too much. But I also think that when we commemorate it, we should do so in the manner of adults.</li> <li>• I hope you find these views helpful, notwithstanding that you only ask for comments about the district's boundaries and sign.</li> </ul>
15.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the record I am opposed to this proposed designation.</li> <li>• It represents both a revisionist version of history and subservience to the political agenda of a federal government that is actively promoting foreign interventionist war as a legitimate foreign policy. I do not agree in romanticising the sacrifices of Kingstonians in long ago wars as a means of garnering support for current and future wars where more Kingstonians and Canadians, not to mention civilians in faraway lands, will die or be maimed for the sake of the egos of politicians and the bank balances of arms dealers. If we feel obliged to honour our military, why not commemorate peace by recognizing the sacrifices of those who have stood between warring parties as Canadian soldiers once did with courage and valour. The whole of Kingston could be designated a conflict-free zone – a city where we strive for an end to war, not glorify it.</li> </ul>
16.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I read with great concern about this well intentioned initiative. In a city that already boasts of many monuments and memorials to our veterans, I find the vision of this so-called "Valour District" to be rather narrow.</li> <li>• There have been numerous Kingstonians over the decades who have made contributions to the life and character of our city which might well be characterized as valorous, many of whom may have also given their lives in service of their community (e.g. police, fire, first responders, politicians, volunteer, ordinary citizens, religious congregations).</li> <li>• That we would single out one demographic for such a recognition is ill-advised.</li> <li>• As well, to suggest that ALL who served during those 2 tragic conflicts are deserving of the term "valour" is, in fact, to cheapen those whose heroism has likely already been recognized with the appropriate medals, honours and memorials.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In an age where serious global conflicts rage, perhaps the greatest acts of valour should be attributed to those who work tirelessly for peace, albeit while not excluding members of our armed forces, but by no means being confined to that group.</li> <li>• If the city sees fit to proceed with this new neighbourhood designation, I would hope that any explanation accompanying its declaration include such a broader vision that looks not only to honour the past, but to inspire a more peaceful future.</li> </ul>
17.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an excellent idea. It is very timely with the centennial of the first world war. The location is particularly ideal, as it represents one of the only 'battlefields' that exists within the City, referring of course to LCol John Bradstreet's capture of Ft Frontenac during the French Indian wars in 1758.</li> <li>• The area between the Armouries (home of the PWOR and 21<sup>st</sup> Bn CEF) and Ft Frontenac (Command and Staff College as well has formerly RCHA), is a well suited location to acknowledging the military service of Kingstonians. I have to admit, that I had some small concern when a portion of Barrack street was renamed to Tragically Hip way, that although well deserving Kingstonians, that this might be the start of the prioritizing of celebrity over service. This proposal certainly shows that the City continues to show its dedication and support for our community's military members. As a current down town resident, (Sydenham ward), and former resident of that proposed Valour District area, I think this is an excellent idea, and suspect that it will draw a high intangible return for a relatively small investment. My family is now in its third generation of service as members of Kingston's Own Primary Reserve Regiment, The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment, and I have no doubt that the members of the unit, past and present, will be honoured with this proposed designation.</li> </ul>
18.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With all due respect to Canadian Veterans who have served in various conflicts, I strongly oppose the proposal to name the area bounded by Ordnance, Ontario, Queen and Sydenham Streets 'The Valour District'.</li> <li>• If Kingston really wants to honour veterans, we would, as a city, take a strong and vocal position against the federal conservative government cuts to veterans services in this country. Naming a few blocks in honour of (mostly dead) soldiers when we refuse to take responsibility for the many living veterans of more recent conflicts who are in need of non-existent services is inappropriate under these circumstances.</li> <li>• If we feel a need to create a new named district (and I seriously question these kinds of arbitrary branding exercises as a priority in Kingston at this moment) It is well past time that we honour aspects of our history other than war and Sir John A. MacDonald. The lack of commemoration honouring the traditional lands of the Haudenosaunee &amp; Anishinaabe peoples is notable and shameful in this city. Apart from an obscure and largely hidden monument to Molly Brant, there is virtually nothing to commemorate indigenous history or contemporary culture in this city.</li> <li>• Similarly, there is very little that recognizes the waves of immigrants to Kingston and the foundational role immigrants have played as workers and business owners in this town (other than the Irish -monuments in McBurney and Douglas Fluher Parks).</li> <li>• <b>Please</b> let us stop branding this city as a dead white, military-minded, Sir John A. enclave. Local historians and</li> </ul>

	activists have uncovered fascinating and important aspects of Kingston history.
19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am writing to express my objections to the proposed "Valour District."</li> <li>• I teach in the Department of History at Queen's University. Over the past two decades, I have regularly involved my students in research projects on the history of Kingston, and I have done similar research myself. The basis for my opposition to this proposal is rooted in the fact that the designated neighbourhood has multiple historical meanings. To name the neighbourhood after its military past is to overshadow and erase the other historical and contemporary meanings of the district for those who live within and around it. Furthermore, military history is by no means unique to this district, being a feature of many other parts and places of Kingston's past, and so it makes little real historical sense to single out this area for such a designation.</li> <li>• Not being rooted in a fully accurate appreciation of the area's complex history, the designation of "Valour District" can be seen for what it really is: the attempt to impose a singular historical meaning upon the neighbourhood by a special-interest group, or, as the City Council motion has it, by "interested supporters of the military community." I'm sure I don't have to explain that Kingston and Canada's military past is a highly contentious and hotly debated historical issue by professional historians and the public alike, with any number of competing interpretations about which there is no consensus. To name the neighbourhood the "Valour District" would be to prioritize one interpretation over the others, giving it a physical permanence and undoubtedly giving rise to much public contestation.</li> <li>• If naming the neighbourhood is necessary, it is my hope the City will undertake a more thorough, historically accurate, and democratic process, rather than responding to the special interests of a single segment of the community.</li> </ul>
20.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No, no, a thousand times no. The time is long past to celebrate militarism, victory, death, whatever. We should be celebrating peace and the necessity of finding ways to resolve conflict without violence--both on domestic and international levels. Valor Park is a cruel hoax in favour of violence and the continuation of business as usual. Kingston as a military town could lead the way with an emphasis not upon war and glory but upon creative and constructive pacific engagement. No. Period.</li> </ul>
21.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My father was a soldier during World War Two--he enlisted even though his eyesight and other problems prevented him from overseas combat. When I was old enough to understand, I really admired him and wore his shaggy soldier's sweater through my teens until it fell apart.</li> <li>• My Uncle Jack fought overseas in that war and liberated Holland. I remember a black and white photo of Uncle Jack grinning with young Dutch kids his own age around him, everyone beaming and touching his arms. This having been said, my family's credentials put forth, I really can't countenance the title suggested: Valour District.</li> <li>• First of all, who or what is it referring to? All wars? All of Canada's wars? All of her soldiers? The citizens like my mother, who worked in a munitions plant and as a young woman screened metal coils to be placed in soldiers' guns? All day long she checked them projected on a wall, remembering that one faulty coil could mean a</li> </ul>

	<p>Canadian boy's death in a face to face encounter with a German or Italian soldier on the other side.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does "valour" actually mean?</li> <li>• We might say that "valour" defines the ideal soldier, one with unflinching bravery and likely a good record of having killed the enemy, perhaps even of having saved his fellow soldiers, that was my Uncle Jack. But it took me a long time to see him that way, for what I saw on my childhood visits to Toronto was a very alcoholic ex-soldier able only to be marginally employed while he drank himself into oblivion for many decades, preparing his supper sandwich before the drinking began daily so that he would have something to eat. I now know that he who had seen many battles, had done much killing, who had received such love and gratitude from the Dutch people he'd liberated, was a man torn apart by PTSD.</li> <li>• In old age he at last ended his alcoholism and became one of the gentlest and kindest men I'd ever known. I know now that Uncle Jack's killing soldiers on the other side as well as seeing his own people killed had ravaged him for decades.</li> <li>• Let's remember war and its soldiers like my Uncle Jack with breadth and care. Doing that ought to mean more than using terms like "valour" and "hero".</li> <li>• Sometimes war may need to happen, but can we remember it and also acknowledge its gravity and very high human cost? We do not do so well with terms like "valour". Thank you for considering my viewpoint.</li> </ul>
22.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would like to express my support for this project.</li> </ul>
23.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I had understood that after widespread community consultation, Kingston has placed a moratorium on new commemoration initiatives until we have a fresh commemoration policy in place. How does creation of Valour district to commemorate a little-known 1915 event, fit in with the city's moratorium? I am opposed to this Valour district initiative.</li> </ul>
24.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glad to see the font is black, the University district signs are very difficult to make out as the lettering is gold.</li> <li>• Should the district sign also be in French as many of the military here in Kingston have that as a first language?</li> </ul>
25.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would like to offer a brief comment or two on the proposal to name a part of the downtown-an area in which I live-the Valour District.</li> <li>• I would argue, respectfully, that the idea is a bad one. To begin with, it's illogical. It does make good sense to call Kingston's university district the University District, and the signage there is attractive and classy. In Toronto, the Entertainment District, is named for good reason: in both cases, the name is a true and accurate characterization of an actual city zone. On the other hand, calling a part of Kingston the "Valour District" is nonsensical. "Valour" is a personal quality and as such can't be used to describe a geographical or municipal area, in the way that "fashion" or "entertainment" or "university" can. Why would one part of the city be more "valorous" than the next? (Calling the area around Ft Henry the "Ft Henry District" or "Base District" would make sense, but "Valour District" does not.)</li> <li>• Another thing. I fear that calling a part of Kingston the "Valour District" risks making the city look silly and</li> </ul>

	<p>provincial, as if we're desperately trying to name parts of the city so as to keep up with metropolises like Toronto. Why don't we seek instead to use the quirky and unique qualities of our Kingston when coming up with district names? For one example, tourists and visitors are fascinated by Skeleton (McBurney) Park, Kingston's former graveyard; calling the area around the park "Skeleton Park District" or just "Skeleton Park" would be accurate, uniquely Kingstonian, and interesting to tourists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyway, I'm not pushing for that idea here, merely trying to explain why I think the Valour District notion is poorly thought out.</li> </ul>
26.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A great idea. However, many Kingstonians will take the subject as commemorating the 21st BN (PWOR) departing Kingston in 1915 as the main factor? Kingston is a RCHA Artillery Town since 1871. Having been the First Regular Force Unit to be formed at Kingston/Quebec. With A Battery formed at Fort Frontenac and the School of Artillery, they were the fore fathers of the NWMP/RCMP with the first Commissioner (French), numerous Gunners, two 9 pdr guns, and horses to send them on the way to the NW Rebellion. Kingston Gunners also from Fort Frontenac fought in Cut Knife Creek in Sask, South Africa and leading up to WW1 were the first Cdn unit to depart Kingston in Sep 1914 not as the 21st Bn in 1915. Upon return from WW1, the RCHA and the 21st BN were honoured in Kingston as great events. One was the dedication of our National RCHA Memorial in City Park in 1921 to commemorate the RCHA soldiers who were killed in action. Again in 1951, the WW2 RCHA soldiers killed in action were also inscribed on the Monument. The National Monument was re-dedicated by the last British Gov Gen of Cda (Field Marshal Lord Alexander of Tunis) along with the dedication of the Kingston Memorial Centre. I just bring this history up for the public and the City to reinforce our City's long tradition of the RCHA, since 1871 in Kingston. Although the Valour District is appropriate, I for one, believe that just to mention, in the Media, the purpose of the "naming of the District", based on the 21st BN Centennial is one sided. Please give Our Kingston Pubic and the Media, the history of the two sides-RCHA and 21st BN. Also, I believe that many folks in Kingston are not aware that the RCHA Bde Association "Club" on the "Corner of Canada" on Ont street was formed in 1947 after WW2 for the benefit of the Kingston RCHA Gunners and families who served! For your deliberations. Valour District is Appropriate, but give the true meaning of our RCHA History, Traditions and Heritage in Kingston. I would like to be available to discuss the above if necessary in your meetings.</li> </ul>
27.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please</b> put the money that would be spent on this idea into something useful. We do not need to replace a whole lot of street signs in celebration of war.</li> <li>• Kingston must already have more signs and plaques and monuments about war than most other cities. Even a downtown church has a cannon in front of it (so inappropriate!) We do not need any more reminders of war, particularly not something that <i>glorifies</i> it.</li> <li>• Celebrate peace. Thank you for reconsidering this idea.</li> </ul>
28.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I hope there will be public meetings regarding this plan, and I would appreciate be on any mailing list informing people of the meetings.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the record, I do not want any further commemoration of war and the military in my neighbourhood, or the city for that matter.</li> <li>• Kingston is already overrun with artifacts celebrating and glorifying wars and militarism ('Valour?'). The park where my children grew up playing has a <b>Cannon</b> (!) in it, and the neighbourhood pool is called "Artillery Park." I live near "Balaclava" Street and near "Ordnance" Street.</li> <li>• This latest suggestion could only be coming forward in a time when Conservative politicians are using militarism as a tool to appeal to a particular voting bloc. That is far from a meaningful reason to add to the military decoration of a city.</li> <li>• I gather this proposal suggests a further memorial to WWI. What deserves to be remembered about that war is that it was a disastrous folly and that it wasted the lives of thousands of Canadians in an argument between imperial rulers who were first cousins to one another.</li> </ul>
29.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think a report and time chart should be prepared on the history of the proposed Valour District in order to understand the relationship of the duration and significance of Kingston's role in two world wars with events in the area from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to now. To focus on 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 to the exclusion of the native, religious, civilian, manufacturing and other military aspects that occurred in this district may be short-sighted. The Armouries, Fort Frontenac and "Artillery Park" already exist as important symbols of the military effort of the two world wars and the 21<sup>st</sup> battalion. The city does not need to feel apologetic concerning the promotion of its military ties: it is replete with tributes in the form of memorials, statues, historic sites, active military establishments, building names, street names and annual ceremonies.</li> </ul>
30.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am writing concerning the proposed Valour District for Kingston.</li> <li>• I want to express my strong concerns about, and opposition to, this proposal. My sense is that the context surrounding the proposal is very complicated. I will address this complexity in my comments.</li> <li>• I am sending cc's of this email to: <i>Rob Hutchison</i>, councilor for the area that includes the proposed district; <i>Jim Neill</i>, councilor for the area in which I live; five members of the City's Municipal Heritage Committee (the two councillors, <i>Liz Schell</i> and <i>Peter Stroud</i>; and three committee members whose names I recognize, <i>Mac Gervan</i>, <i>Laura Murray</i> and <i>Ed Grenda</i>); and councillors <i>Lisa Osanic</i> and <i>Ryan Boehme</i> (the mover and seconder of the Council motion that initiated this process). I don't understand why Council's proposal went to the Planning Department rather than to the Municipal Heritage Committee, which seems to me to be the more appropriate first step - although I am confident that the Planning Department and Council will be in good communication with the Committee about this matter.</li> <li>• I want to address three aspects of the context within which plans and decisions will need to be considered:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The cultural and historical context           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The motion identifies local soldiers who fought in 'World War I and World War II' as the basis for the proposal. Since Canada is already in the middle of ongoing celebrations of World War I (which will continue</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ul>

for a few more years), my sense is that the centennial of that war actually constitutes the main rationale. 'The Great War'. 'The War to End All Wars'. According to what I have learned about World War I, it had two main causes or purposes: consolidation and extension of imperialism by major powers on both sides of the conflict; and the first substantial chance for warrior nations on both sides to use the implements and methods of industrial warfare that they had been busily (and profitably) developing. We see today in the Middle East dramatic effects of imperialist outcomes of World War I. And we have learned, to our considerable shame and sorrow, just what industrial warfare can produce.

- I am reminded of some profound words from a song about World War I, 'The Greenfields of France', by the Scottish/Australian singer-songwriter, Eric Bogle:  
*I can't help but wonder now Willie McBride,  
Do all those that lie here know why they died?  
Did you really believe them when they told you the cause?  
Did you really believe that this war would end wars?*
- I also know how divisive was the decision in Canada to conscript and send our soldiers to fight in that war. And how the war itself generated here at home all kinds of tensions and even hatreds, some of which caused serious oppression of people against whom those hatreds were directed.
- What are we collectively trying remember when we commemorate wars in which Canada (including '...members of this community...') has fought? What should we remember? World War I was an ugly and destructive undertaking on all sides. Wars are like that -- this one especially so. Lest we forget.
- The motion intends to commemorate the 'valour' of the '...brave members of this community who stepped forward...to fight for King and country....' Yes, valour can indeed be a behaviour which characterizes what soldiers sometimes demonstrate in wars - but the word by no means captures everything that happens in battles. It is a word that expresses the glorification of war. If - as I do - we want our community to help our nation and the world to move beyond the tragedy that war represents, we need to make sure that we remember the ugliness and destructiveness of war, as well as its 'valour'. Not an easy responsibility to undertake - but immensely important.
- Kingston is and has always been a military centre in Canada. I do believe that it is important for Canada to have an appropriately strong and effective military, for times when it can play a useful role for our security and well-being, and to help accomplish social justice and stability in the wider world. (For example, I have never been prouder of contributions of the Canadian military than in its peacekeeping activities not so many years ago -- a role that has been roundly disparaged in recent times by some political and military leaders and others -- a role, incidentally, that generated incredible valour by our peacekeeping soldiers in frighteningly difficult circumstances.)
- Given the strength of military culture and presence in Kingston, I realize that it will be difficult for councilors to vote against a motion that celebrates the 'valour' of local people who fought in The Great War (as well as in

The Good War).

2. The political context

- The proposal has a political context which confuses and confounds its city planning aspects.
- My strong opposition to it does not represent opposition to the Canadian military. As with all Canadians who put themselves in harm's way on our behalf (police forces on various levels, firemen, correctional staff and others), and especially those whom we authorize to use lethal force against others, I recognize that they are there to do significant tasks. Certainly we need to scrutinize how they are trained to do that work, and how they are organized and led when they do it. We must not lose sight of the possibly negative effects of the authority they are given, and the limits that must surround the work. For each of these examples -- and especially the military - it is our political leaders who are ultimately responsible. Since we have a democratic politics, we elect those leaders.
- This is a Federal election year. For a number of years, the leaders of our Federal government have been working to re-define Canada as a 'warrior nation'. They have discovered how to create and use fear of 'terrorism' to strengthen and extend Canadian military powers (and most recently, intrusions of 'security agencies' into our civil liberties). Obviously the lessons of World War I have not been lost, in this regard. In addition, we live next to what is perhaps the most militarized culture in modern history, with all its powerful influences on how we see ourselves within our world.
- We recently experienced the silly, albeit expensive, celebration of another Canadian war, The War of 1812 - as a lead-in to our current, several-year commemoration of The Great War. All this is occurring within the context of our current 'war against terror', and its glorification of soldiers giving their lives to protect 'our freedoms'. What is happening is the production of myths - and really, the re-production of myths handed down to us from the past. (e.g., Vimy, the battle that created the Canadian nation.)
- The heroes of these myths are invariably the soldiers (and sailors and war-plane fliers) - we are encouraged to believe it is their valour which is keeping us free and strong. (In Somalia, In Afghanistan, in Libya, now in Iraq and Syria.)
- Myth-building has many parts. It happens in many places, on many levels. It works best when we don't even know it's happening. Our current government has figured all this out, to an impressive (and incredibly effective) degree.
- Establishing a Valour District is but one brick (among countless others) in the wall of constructing the myth of Canada as a warrior nation. I'm not saying that was its intention among Councilors who voted (unanimously) to initiate this project - I'm saying that will be its effect. This is an election year.
- Opposing the establishment of a Valour District, especially here in Kingston, this military centre, will take civic courage and political will.

3. The planning context

- I wonder a few things about the planning process for this proposal:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What part will the people who live in the intended district play, in decisions about whether or not to move forward with the planning?</li> <li>• How strong a role is it appropriate for military institutions in Kingston to play in a project which has implications far beyond the boundaries of those institutions?</li> <li>• How will the Municipal Heritage Committee be involved in planning?</li> <li>• What in the world makes the designated area relevant to what this proposal intends to accomplish? (We already have two major areas dedicated to the idea of the 'valour' of soldiers: CFB Kingston and RMC.)</li> <li>• Very importantly: Given how difficult it will inevitably be for people in public life to seem to 'oppose' the idea of the 'valour' of Canadian soldiers, especially in events as filled with emotional meanings as the World Wars, what will the City do to make sure that all sides and interpretations of this proposal get fair hearing?</li> <li>• Thank you for reading and considering my submission.</li> </ul>
31.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the creation of a so-called Valour District in my neighbourhood.</li> <li>• I should note that I am <b>not</b> opposed to recognizing and honouring the men and women who have lost their lives and livelihoods as a result of conflict. Nor am I opposed to the requirement of a military. It is <i>militarism</i> that I am objecting to here, by which I mean the glorification of war and the people and institutions that are engaged in it, in ways which serve to hide or minimize the disastrous effects of warfare and which give undue power and authority to military decision making. This creeping militarism has been carefully documented in Canada over the past decade, and this plan to give a new identity to a district – and by extension those who live in and near it – is an example of this in Kingston.</li> <li>• Our neighbourhood already has numerous streets named after military campaigns and equipment. We have military buildings. We have plaques and cannons. Surely we have already made our contribution to acknowledging the tragedy of war. Now we are being told – without any consultation with the people who live in the area – that we must represent a militarized concept of 'valour'. For me, this crosses the line into militarism, imposing on people a broad set of beliefs they may not adhere to.</li> </ul>
32.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could you please tell me why this area is the proposed "valour district"? It does not include the Legion or the Base.</li> </ul>
33.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While I am not opposed to some sort of permanent commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the departure of the 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, I do not think establishing Valour District signage in this area is a good idea.</li> <li>• What about RMC? What about CFB Kingston? What about Fort Henry or many spots on the shoreline? Given Kingston's history, all these areas could legitimately claim to be Valour Districts. To distinguish one area with such signage would seem to exclude the others.</li> <li>• Perhaps some other form of commemoration can be found to mark this worthy anniversary?</li> </ul>

34.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First of all, I fully support this initiative. As a retired military officer and Ordnance Street resident, I think it is most appropriate that this district be recognized for its incredible military contribution which has indelibly shaped the growth of Kingston. Indeed, Kingston was a militarily strategic location in Canada as evidenced by the various forts and military fortifications. In addition, I have been very impressed with the appearance of the University District signage which I believe has had a very positive impact on that neighbourhood. I believe that the addition of Valour District signage would also have a very positive influence on a neighbourhood that is undergoing renewal thanks to the presence of the KRock centre.</li> <li>• My one observation is that the map depicts the western boundary is shown as Montreal street which runs in front of the Armouries. The written text indicates that the western boundary is Sydenham Street which I for one strongly support. During the 1800s, Kingston maps reflected Royal Artillery Park which was bounded by Sydenham Street. I therefore recommend that the map and signage be extended to correspond to the proposal's text and the historical reality of Royal Artillery Park.</li> </ul>
35.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed valour district boundaries and sign design work for me. I think it would be a nice addition that helps to highlight the military history of Kingston and of that area in particular. That black writing and the poppy is nice. More legible and fade-resistant than the University District gold text too.</li> <li>• I'm a bit puzzled, however why this wasn't implemented as an online survey? I think it would have been more straightforward in terms of exactly what feedback was being requested and how to provide it.</li> <li>• My two cents!</li> </ul>
36.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I support the naming of the valour district in Kingston. Many Kingstonians including my wife's great uncle signed up and paid the ultimate price.</li> </ul>
37.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My wife and I are in agreement with the proposal to changes on this proposal</li> </ul>
38.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I live on the edge of the proposed Valour District, just off Sydenham Street facing Balaclava Street, and am opposed to the new designation for the following reasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There are many references to war in the City of Kingston, the street my apartment faces being one of them. The other references are too numerous to list.</li> <li>2. The proposed boundaries include land that belonged to the First Nations' people of this area. In more recent history, many Kingston labourers who helped build our city over the past two hundred years were injured or killed on the job. Surely, commemorating them should take precedence over the commemoration of soldiers who fought in the First and Second World Wars.</li> <li>3. There are many good causes that compete for City funds. New street signs designating the Valour District need not be one of them.</li> <li>4. And while it is tragic that Canadian soldiers from Kingston died in the two world wars, I would rather that the emphasis in remembering them be on the importance of peace and reconciliation in preventing conflict</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<p>rather than on the glorification of war which Valour District suggests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you for your time and consideration.</li> </ul>
39.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think this is a wonderful idea. This is an Army Town. It would be disrespectful not to.</li> </ul>
40.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have concerns about the proposed Valour District. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I do not think that Districts can be arbitrarily chosen in this way. This area could as easily be Industry, Transportation, Frontenac or Bradstreet District. If the City is going to be divided into historic districts, I suggest that a master plan be designed before a second district is added to University (which is, at last, fairly explanatory)</li> <li>2. Why does this proposed District not include the Armouries or the First World War Military Hospital? Have its boundaries really been thought through? Have its implications really been thought about?</li> <li>3. I do not think that Valour is the correct word. In Kingston, it is already in use as part of the motto of the Royal Military College. In Canada, it is used for Victoria Cross recipients. There is no way we can pretend that the many thousands of men and women involved in the two World Wars would look on themselves as courageous or gallant or fearless, etc. The correct word, if there is one, will take much thought and discussion.</li> <li>4. Those who died in Canadian wars are already remembered by an Arena, a Hall, a Park and a Wall, and daily by their relatives. All who served are remembered at Remembrance Day ceremonies. Why do we suddenly want to add to these with a street sign that will mean nothing to many?</li> <li>5. The last Council renamed Barrack Street, which connected the barracks at Artillery Park and Fort Frontenac. Why does this Council want to reverse the idea of military names? What will the next Council do?</li> </ol> </li> <li>• I could continue, but I would ask you to <b>Not</b> go ahead with this plan until you have seriously thought through all of the implications it has. Son of one of the WW2 dead.</li> </ul>
41.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I understand that our City is considering designating an area from Central School to the causeway as a "Valour District." The intention is to commemorate the valiant military service of Kingstonians who fought and died in the First and Second World Wars.</li> <li>• This area is my area and I so I have a keen interest in how it might be officially designated. Therefore, I am pleased that you are seeking my input.</li> <li>• I understand that the timing of this initiative coincides with the centennial anniversary of the departure of the 21st Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF). War is always a tragedy. And that is part of the tragedy. Often, like World War I was, it is considered a big mistake, a big waste of lives. The first world war, "The War to End all Wars,"(which it didn't, did it?) was a war between empires. As such, some have described it as a rich man's war fought by poor men. No doubt many soldiers were very valiant men and women but so are firemen,</li> </ul>

	<p>policeman, nurses, forest workers, security guards, doctors without borders, miners – anyone who puts their life on the line in the course of their work. How can we recognize <i>their</i> sacrifice? After all, it is certainly not only soldiers whose efforts contribute in some way to the public good.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am touched by many of the stories from both wars. The other day a woman even told me about her grandfather who was saved in the end by the enemy, by a Russian soldier, who let her grandfather's family go free when he had the distinctive opportunity to do otherwise. Let's not demonise our "enemies" all the time to keep the war myth alive. To keep fear alive.</li> <li>• It is very important to separate emotional feeling from historical facts. World War I was the bloodiest war we ever fought. Over 20,000,000 died. Some 60,000 Canadian soldiers died and 172,000 Canadian soldiers were wounded – often scarred physically and emotionally for life. We were a country of only 5.5 million at the time, so that would be the same as if 1,000,0000 Canadian soldiers died in the Afghanistan war – just as much a tragedy as WW I. War is always a bit of a huge failure. It is the failure to negotiate clearly, honestly, valiantly.</li> <li>• So what are the alternatives? <b>What would our soldiers who fought in those wars want us to do today to remember them?</b> I think the best thing that we can do today to honour our dead soldiers is to work for peace. Why not consider a peace garden – a contemplative space amidst downtown bustle? How about a Peace Pole? Very inexpensive. The internet is full of samples of them. A Peace Pole in the district where I live would be a sign for all who live here and those that pass through our area to see, reminding ourselves that the goal (of any war) is eventually peace. At the end of each war peace treaties are made. Let us commemorate peace.</li> </ul>
42.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having come from family both in military and Airforce. And just caring about what comes about in the community.</li> <li>• There's some negative brewing on the name Valour District all through FB.</li> <li>• Maybe my ideas of different name are not useful but. Too bad the complainer who sent letter to editor didn't At least give his professional opinion on something optional.</li> <li>• I just thought of a few here maybe you can use in the future. Maybe not and that's ok too. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Defense Hill</li> <li>- Guardian Quarters</li> <li>- Shield of Heros</li> <li>- Limestone Buffer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
43.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am writing concerning the proposal to designate an area of the city "Valour District" to commemorate those who fought and died in the First and Second World Wars. When I first read about this proposal in the Whig, I was quite disturbed. It appeared to be a done deal and I wondered how much discussion had occurred. But it bothered me on a deeper level than that and it has taken me a while to sort out my feelings. Certainly to even question such proposal in this city, with its military heritage, is tantamount to questioning 'motherhood and apple</li> </ul>

	<p>pie'. But still the disturbing feeling remains. Only a few years ago this country celebrated, at great expense to taxpayers, the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Now we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the First World War: The Great War; The War To End All Wars! And it all feels to me to be a glorification of war and I cannot stay silent about that. I have the upmost respect for members of our armed forces who put their lives on the line in service of this country. The same respect is extended to all who live their lives in service to their community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When I reflect on those who have lost their lives, especially in the First World War, I cannot move past the slaughter that occurred and I ask myself...at what cost, valour? War should never be celebrated. War never achieves what it claims to achieve. The war on poverty has not ended poverty; the war on drugs has not eradicated the illegal use of drugs; the war on terror will not end terrorism. The War to End All Wars, did not end war; it ended peace. Therefore, with the hindsight of 100 years, I choose to focus on the quest for peace that would negate the need for such valour. I ask that city planners give more thought to this issue. Do not push this proposal forward without full consultation with the public, especially those who live in the area. Give some consideration to celebrating peace!</li> </ul>
44.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have lived in Kingston for 27 years and in the Kingston area for 34 years. I love this city, its old stones, its waterfront, its history and character.</li> <li>• But the idea of renaming part of the downtown "the valour district" is not my idea of money well spent.</li> <li>• The suggestion coincides with a move by the federal government to create a memorial to victims of communism in Ottawa (at a cost of \$4 million) and another one to create an 18-metre-tall war monument in Cape Breton (at a cost of \$25 million). The federal government likewise spent \$28 million to commemorate the War of 1812. We live in an age of monstrous income inequality that grows worse by the day, and the government of Canada is obsessed with war - going to war and remembering war.</li> <li>• I do not know what the city would have to spend to change signs in the "valour district," but I very much question the need.</li> <li>• Every time government spends money to memorialize war means less money for the living - and in the city of Kingston there are many who could use help with meals and shelter. The last time I looked, half of all renters in the city - excluding students - lived at or below the poverty line. I wish that were a priority, not poppies on signs.</li> </ul>
45.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am writing to express my concern about the proposed Valour District. I do not agree with spending taxpayers money on signage that will only present a one sided history of Kingston and does little to support military families. Kingston is absolutely full of monuments to the military and its history, from the Memorial Centre to numerous street names to Fort Henry but there are few signs that tell the story of the First Nations people. What would serve the military much more than some new street signs would be some small improvements to the infrastructure used by Kingston residents, including its many military families. Note the "Key findings" a little bit down in this document by the military Ombudsman: <a href="http://www.ombudsman.forces.gc.ca/en/ombudsman-reports-stats-investigations-military-families/military-families.page">http://www.ombudsman.forces.gc.ca/en/ombudsman-reports-stats-investigations-military-families/military-families.page</a>. Our military families have a tough time. My</li> </ul>

	<p>family has personally delivered many a food hampers to the residents of CFB Kingston. One job for a non-serving military spouse, one doctor able to take on new patients, ... (or perhaps better playground facilities) would all serve the military better than a Valour District that duplicates Kingston's existing commemorations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Let's reinterpret what it means to honour the military in terms of providing things that military families (and everybody else) can actually use. Actions speak louder than words and these signs would do little to tell the whole story of the history of Kingston or help out the military families that need more than the words, "Valour District"</li> </ul>
46.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I support the Valour District. This is about remembering those who gave their lives for freedom, not those who use their sacrifice to deny the very same.</li> </ul>
47.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am writing regarding the proposed Valour District.</li> <li>• It concerns me greatly that the fact of a Council-mandated moratorium on commemoration initiatives pending the development of a new Commemoration Policy does not seem to have been noted or observed. That Commemoration Policy, as I understand it, ought to provide the proper consideration and approval process for an idea such as this; this project ought to be put on hold until it is in place.</li> <li>• Furthermore, when part of Barrack Street was renamed The Tragically Hip Way, Council voted to require some sort of signage or information about its prior identity as Barrack Street. As I recall (and this would have to be verified with Paul Robertson and Cultural Services or Heritage Planning staff), this project has not been completed, largely because a small park is planned for the corner of Ontario and THW when that block is developed, and it was thought that any such signage would be most suitable for that park, which is not yet built. In the Communication and Education Working Group of the Heritage Committee, we have discussed this situation, and have suggested that it would be useful to provide information not just about that one block of Barrack Street, but in a more synthetic way about this area as a heavily military area over a span of many years from Fort Frontenac to recent times. In other words, I do agree that this is an area of "military footprint" that would benefit from some public historical interpretation. I would propose that some of the goals desired by the proponents of the Valour District have already been endorsed by Council and will emerge in due course.</li> <li>• Those are my procedural concerns. But given that I don't know if they will be accommodated, I would like also to state my personal opinion. Kingston's commemorations are already heavily weighted in a military direction. There is no shortage of recognition of military courage in this city. The great majority of respondents to a survey done as part of the development of the Commemoration Policy share this perception, and asked that commemorative energies be directed instead to other areas in which Kingston residents have made contributions to our world and our community. In addition, compared to work that could be done in response to the Barrack Street issue, signs indicating a "valour district" have no educational value, and the language "Valour District" is highly value-laden. I think it is more appropriate for the city to take a more neutral and informative approach, which will of course valorize the work of the military, without washing out the specific history of the</li> </ul>

	<p>area or denying residents and visitors the freedom to draw their own conclusions about the meaning of the deaths of thousands of Canadian soldiers in European wars.</p>
48.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I'm writing as President of the Royal Kingston United Services Institute, an organization of about 100 retired officers of the armed forces and the RCMP. The uncertainty about use of the official Canadian 11 point Maple Leaf can be set aside as it's covered by the following Canadian Government document:  <b>Use of the 11-point maple leaf</b>            By Order in Council P.C. 1965-1623 (dated September 2, 1965), any person in Canada may use a design or trademark incorporating the maple leaf that forms part of the flag of Canada on the condition that:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the use of the design or trademark conforms to good taste;</li> <li>an applicant for the registration of such design or trademark disclaims, in his application, the right to the exclusive use of the maple leaf; and</li> <li>the owner of such design or trademark will not attempt to prevent anyone else from using the maple leaf.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Since I doubt the City plans to register the design of its sign or prevent anyone from using the sign's design, item #1 is the only relevant issue.</li> </ul>
49.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would like to take this opportunity to give my fullest support for this noble project. The history of this city is firmly rooted in our military past, both English and French.</li> <li>The area being designated is already replete with military heritage, Ordinance Street, Artillery Park, Fort Frontenac to name but a few. Giving this area official recognition is a next logical step.</li> <li>It is fitting that the City recognizes the important contribution the military has made to the success of this wonderful City of Kingston.</li> </ul>
50.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am writing today in support of a District Near the Armouries to be called Valour District. I understand there have been suggestions that it should have a White Poppy. I am a Veteran, and come from a Military family, who have served in WW1, WW2, The Korean War, and I, having served during the Cold War, with NATO. In these conflicts protecting our Nation, My Father was wounded in France, and a Brother wounded in street fighting in Italy.</li> <li>Kingston has a long and proud record of Military history, and should reflect those Historical symbols, not a White Poppy, which takes away our historical picture of the Poppy, and waters down, and confuses the true meaning of the Poppy, and leads to more dilution of our symbols as time goes by. Stick to tradition, and stand Proud.</li> </ul>
51.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valour district is fine but the poppy signage must be the red poppy. This has been a symbol for years. There are those who would wish to de-tract from this recognized symbol by using the white poppy but this must not happen.</li> </ul>
52.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am responding to your request for input regarding the creation of a "Valour District".</li> </ul>

	<p>I certainly support this initiative. Kingston has a renowned military history and is an ideal place to provide a publicized support to those who made sacrifices for the rest of us. I firmly support the inclusion of the Red Poppy symbol on street signs as this is the traditional emblem used by Canadians to both indicate support for those who died or risked their lives for our freedoms. It also reinforces support for the Canadian Legion which benefits from the sale of Red Poppies commemorating Remembrance Day. I am not in favour of a White Poppy as it will confuse people, dilute the support for the legion and carries the suggestion that the Red Poppy is not supportive of Peace. While I do not currently live in Kingston, I visit frequently and have been closely associated with the military institutions of the city.</p>
53.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposal to rename part of downtown Kingston as a “Valour District” won’t likely achieve its aims, is out of step with the concept of district naming, and has the potential both to insult Kingstonians who identify strongly with the valour concept and confuse a lot of tourists.</li> <li>• Why is it unlikely to achieve its aims?</li> <li>• The most visible part of naming a district is in the street signs. The intent is to honour an event linked with the Armouries and Fort Frontenac, but that won’t be at all evident in simple street signs. Anyone who sees that parts of Ordnance, Barrack, Place d’Armes and Artillery Park are in a “Valour District” will not be led to understand the events that the district are supposed to commemorate because all of the above had their names by the 1840’s, nothing to do with the intended 20th century commemoration.</li> <li>• Why is it out of step with the concept of district naming?</li> <li>• Kingston’s “University District” includes not only Queen’s main campus but also extends north and west of the campus. The street signs with “University District” above the street name reflect modern-day reality; many students live in that neighbourhood. Students endorsed the idea with a future-looking focus as seen <a href="http://www.myams.org/news/city-of-kingston-and-ams-implement-new-university-district-street-signs.aspx">http://www.myams.org/news/city-of-kingston-and-ams-implement-new-university-district-street-signs.aspx</a>. If it had been focused on history, it would have been a much smaller district.</li> <li>• Why might it insult Kingstonians who identify strongly with the valour concept?</li> <li>• In recent decades, the focus of Kingston’s military community has shifted east across the river. If there is to be a “Valour District”, it would seem more appropriate to have it encompass Royal Military College, the Canadian Forces Base and the neighbourhoods of people who identify strongly with 20th and 21st century military history and valour. If I were a student at RMC, or serving in the forces, or in a family with people who do, and living on or near CFB Kingston, I might be insulted that the district whose name describes a component of my identity doesn’t encompass where I live.</li> <li>• Why might it confuse tourists?</li> <li>• Naming districts for their current look and neighbourhood composition can be a really great idea. It helps tourists get oriented and understand the current vibrancy of the neighbourhoods of a city. A tourist to Kingston focused</li> </ul>

	<p>on military history may be interested in the Armouries and Fort Frontenac but would doubtless spend more time at the RMC museum, Fort Henry and the CFB Military Communications and Electronics museum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the University District, the City has already started down a path of naming districts for their current composition. If there is to be a Valour District, it should be where it honours the living as well as those who have gone before, and helps visitors understand what makes the City currently thrive.</li> <li>• Thank you for considering the feedback.</li> </ul>
54.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a resident of Kingston and a veteran, I applaud any effort to create a Valour District in Kingston. The district would honour not only local men and women who served in war and peace but also the many men and women who were not residents of Kingston but who lived here while they attended Queens University and who also served in Canada's military.</li> <li>• I understand that Valour District would be marked by signs bearing a maple leaf and a red poppy. The red poppy is an appropriate symbol as it was in early May 1915, during the fighting at Ypres, Belgium, where Major John McRae wrote his poem In "Flander's Fields".</li> </ul>
55.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have lived at [address] for thirty years.</li> <li>• I would like to go on record as saying "NO" to the use of 'valour' as a label for my neighbourhood.</li> </ul>
56.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am life long resident of Kingston with a family history steeped in the military, my grandfather was one of the original founders of the RCHA club and a picture of him resided on the wall at Artillery Park for many many years so I am well versed and respectful of Kingston's military contributions to WW1 and WW2. But even given that, I object to a district even though it is mine, being designated as anything actually.</li> <li>• Kingston is rich in military, heritage and cultural history. Kingston needs to recognize and respect the fact that no one district or area should be honored over any other district for valour and loss during WW1 and WW2 regardless of the structures contained within the boundaries. Everyone had valour and every one had loss, not just my district.</li> <li>• Let's honor all of Kingston, and all the families of those who lost love ones during those terrible times, and stop trying to divide the community by special designations.</li> </ul>
57.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With all due respect for those who fight in any war, as well as the victims of war I believe the proposal for a valour district in Kingston is misguided, for one simple reason:</li> <li>• Districts are usually named because some current day activity makes a district a district, be it a china town, or a garment district, or a student area. While it is true the proposed value district encompasses PWOR Armoury to the West and Fort Frontenac to the east, that's it!</li> <li>• There is no military or commemorative presence in between. Furthermore, Fort Frontenac is not accessible to the public, only to authorized personnel. The Armoury at least has a tiny museum (which only takes up about</li> </ul>

	<p>5% of the footprint of the building).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The city of Kingston already has a "valour district". It is called CFB Kingston and Royal Military College!</li> <li>• This designation of a district idea comes across as a PR exercise that falls short. Those with connections to the military, their families and supporters, would be better served with a memorial statue or garden, or some other suitable commemorative gesture - one that has a lasting presence that people can visit and pay genuine respects at - and NOT some street sign gesture that leaves residents feeling short changed and visitors to our fair city confused. Thank you for your time.</li> </ul>
58.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am in complete agreement with the City's plan to designate the area surrounding the Armouries as the Valour District, and to include the red poppy in the design.</li> </ul>
59.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I object to the name change for this area.</li> <li>• It seems to be another example of a policy to give more publicity to a tendency of this present government to "slide" into a more war-friendly policy a radical change from Canada's traditional history as a peacekeeping nation). This policy has not shown much success in Afghanistan and dropping bombs in Syria is going to make us more open to hatred as bombs are not likely to reach intended "terrorist leaders &amp; objects" without killing innocent members of the population —a way of making us more unpopular with residents &amp; make us more likely to become targets of terrorist attacks in Canada.</li> <li>• I need not go into the cost of these air strikes at a time when Canada is having economic problems (closing of businesses like Future shop &amp; cutbacks to hospitals etc..). We were smart enough in the past to stay out of supporting the Iraq war.</li> <li>• As a retired member of the history dept. at Queen's, I would hope we learn from our past &amp; not "glorify" a policy that brings back many of our soldiers from the Middle East with PTSD symptoms &amp; suicidal problems. Please do not as a city contribute to supporting such an unnecessary name change for an area &amp; an institution (RMC) we are proud of already.</li> </ul>
60.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am writing in response to the proposed designation of a Valour District. Although I do not reside within the proposed boundaries of this new district I do have concerns as a citizen and as a historian.</li> <li>• As a citizen I am disturbed that this new initiative has been proposed when there exists a Council-mandated moratorium on commemorative initiatives pending the development of a new Commemoration Policy. Until the latter is in place, this project should be put on hold. It takes little imagination to foresee that the designation of this third district will readily lead to requests for other designations, the result being a haphazard and subjective rewriting of this city's historical development. The designation of a student district and of a historical district was a much more straightforward and uncontroversial matter. Neither presents a commemorative approach to the city's identity.</li> <li>• When one moves beyond that, however, into the area of historical commemoration, the situation becomes more complicated. Kingston has a long military history and monuments to that effect are scattered throughout the city.</li> </ul>

	<p>Each speaks of a specific time and occasion, as is the case throughout the world with commemorative names, symbols and monuments. What is now being proposed by aligning a specific area with the city's military past places a narrow template on the city's rich and scattered history. What really is the purpose of such a designation? Is it for the benefit of tourists? Do the inhabitants of the proposed district clamour to be associated with our country's and our city's military past? What about those military monuments and buildings which lie outside the designated area?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More importantly such a designation puts the stamp of one specific time period, namely our own, on the city's rich history. It does so by valorizing the work of the military at a time when the current federal government is rewriting Canadian history in ways that simplify and sentimentalize the complexity of war by turning it into an unqualified heroic endeavour. A municipal government, no matter how good its intentions, would be naively underscoring this practice by the proposed designation of Valour District. Such an approach is politically divisive and therefore calls attention to the need first to have in place a clear policy on what may be commemorated, how and at what cost. I strongly urge Council to put such a policy in place and to rethink the wisdom of designating districts with value-laden names and symbols. We respect the past by engaging with the present and the future of our city, not by subjectively re-interpreting it.</li> </ul>
61.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I own [address] in Greenwood Park. It has come to my attention there is a city debate on the naming of the "Valour District" and the use of Red and/or White Poppies on the signage.</li> <li>• As a voting member of the community I would like to express my support for a "Valour District" however I am completely opposed to a so-called "White Poppy" being on any signage associated with this district. If the purpose of this district is to honour and pay homage to the Fallen and the Brave, then do not drag politics into this. The White Poppy is a Pacifist political statement; the Red Poppy is a symbol of remembrance, which is extremely important and emotional for the majority of Canadians.</li> <li>• If the City of Kingston wants to make a statement about the value and importance of peace, which I would fully support, then establish a separate district and use the White Poppy. Do not, however, dishonour our Fallen by placing it beside the Red Poppy; it would be an insult to all veterans and the families of our Fallen.</li> <li>• Thank you for your fair consideration of my viewpoint.</li> </ul>
62.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has come to my attention that a group is trying to substitute a white poppy for the traditional red poppy in the signage for the proposed Valour District. I would ask that any use of the poppy symbol be limited to the traditional red poppy. The white poppy has and is being used to represent specific political views. The red poppy, however, has been the traditional symbol of remembrance and is recognised as such throughout the Commonwealth. As much as possible, any memorial should focus on the sacrifice made by soldiers, rather than be made into a political statement.</li> </ul>
63.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposal to label an area downtown as "the Valour District" seems to have come out of the blue. I would like to see a longer period of public consultation.</li> <li>• When plans to name the area around Queen's "the University District" emerged, I remember that there was</li> </ul>

	<p>discussion for several months, and that one of the purposes of the "branding" was to encourage the student residents to take pride in their neighbourhood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Valour District proposal seems rushed. As the motion was on March 3 and the deadline for public input on April 6, it's possible that many residents of the area won't become aware of the plan until the deadline has already passed.</li> </ul>
64.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I wish I had more time to address this issue, but there are just so many hours in the day.</li> <li>• My father served in the Netherlands in WWII. He was never the same after, by all accounts. He was traumatized by war, and saw unspeakable things. By naming a district "Valour" district, I think it almost celebrates something that we should not be celebrating. Every year, I would go with him to the "poppy parade", and walk along the sidewalk while he marched with veterans. Every year, he would cry. The memories would flood back, overwhelming him.</li> <li>• War is [deleted]. War is wrong. People go fight in wars for all kinds of reasons. Valour may come up at points in it, but I am sure valour is not the continuous and most important element. How about fear? How about terror? How about shame? How about agony and heartbreak? How about confusion and sadness?</li> <li>• In school yards, do we expect children to resolve their differences by fighting? No. Why is it okay, then to repeatedly do that as adults. And kill and hurt people in the process.</li> <li>• How about if instead of Valour District, we call it Peace District. Let's celebrate and concentrate on peace, not war.</li> <li>• Thank you for giving me the opportunity to give my opinion.</li> </ul>
65.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I support the red poppy as it is a symbol of the sacrifice our servicemen made.</li> </ul>
66.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I oppose the potential decision to the renaming of the Valour District. Let us stop grandizing WAR!!</li> </ul>
67.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In response to the call for public input into the designation of a "Valour District":</li> <li>• Process: I'm not at all in favour of rushing this designation through before Council sets a general policy in place as planned. There's no good reason for the haste, and pre-empting Council's consideration of the general policy looks like favouritism. This area has remained undesignated for all these years. There can be absolutely no harm in its remaining so for another year or, if need be, two in order to receive proper consideration.</li> <li>• Further, I find it offputting that Council has chosen to consult on the very narrow issues of boundaries and sign design when the concept itself is obviously a contentious one. It seems to me not right to exclude comments on the merits of the proposal.</li> <li>• Substance: I feel the design of the sign is inappropriate because of its substance. Like many, I deplore the horror, waste, and cruelty of war, without denying that sometimes wars must be fought in the name of justice. But we all know that awful things are demanded of the people we send out to fight and kill. Their service ends very often by destroying their well being for the rest of their lives, even if they return unwounded in body. While</li> </ul>

	<p>their courage in the face of war's demands is absolutely admirable, I believe public gestures, and this is an example, focus far too much on their 'valour, ' cruelly ignoring their suffering and that of their families. It may be more comforting to the rest of us, but I believe it dishonours the commitment of those who serve when we paper over the toll war takes on them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As for Kingston's military history, the City already has many ways of commemorating it.</li> <li>• Of course, I understand that people have different views and feelings about all this, and democracy matters. But this is a matter of conscience and not something municipal governance should impose for the good of the whole, especially in a procedurally iffy manner.</li> </ul>
68.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Like many Canadians, I am very supportive of Canada's role in Peacekeeping.</li> <li>• I would like the proposed district to recognize Peacekeepers. I would support naming the district for Romeo D'Allaire. Canadians greatly admire his heroism in Rwanda.</li> </ul>
69.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I've lived in the north end of Kingston for 35 years and owned a house here since 1987. I'm writing to state my opposition to the proposal to rename the prescribed area Valour District, as per the motion by two west-end councillors.</li> <li>• I've always appreciated Kingston's public recognition of its storied history, and there is no shortage of public memorials to the contributions the City has made to national and international war efforts. Indeed, we live in plain site of a massive Armoury, several Murney towers, two historic forts that oversee the harbour as well as the stately Royal Military College. Every day I walk through McBurney Park past a sizable cannon, as well as a memorial to the Irish citizens of Kingston's early years.</li> <li>• I accepted the logic of investing in new signage to delineate the area surrounding Queen's University. The descriptor "University District" makes sense: Here is the district in which you will find not only the university, but the houses in which Queen's students and many of its professors live.</li> <li>• But it makes no grammatical sense to anthropomorphize a neighbourhood by assigning it a human quality such as "valour." We aren't saying that in this Kingston district, people with valour live, are we? Surely there have always been valorous citizens who lived in neighbourhoods all over the city? And yet this designation seems to suggest that here is where valour resides.</li> <li>• Thank you very much for considering my view.</li> </ul>
70.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remembering the cost of war is an important and powerful deterrent.</li> </ul>
71.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the idea of a Valour District is approved then there should be no substitution of a white poppy for the traditional red poppy.</li> <li>• Canada has lost too many of its historic symbols trying to be nice to everyone. Let's ensure that the Poppy that John McCrea wrote about in 1915 is maintained in its real colour.</li> </ul>

72.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While agreeing with some of the peace movement comments on aboriginal history of The Cataraqui District perhaps the term Valour could be changed to be more inclusive &amp; less offensive to "left," The word "Valour" has a very specific connotation. Warrior District would include Aborigines but probably offend the Peace Movement. Little do they realise that most soldiers are also for Peace at home which is why they fight abroad to ensure this.</li> </ul>
73.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was a great idea to name Valour District.. anyone who knows the history of the area would know about the Artillery presence, why we have Artillery Park..on the site of the former Barracks, training area and stables. Also there is the PWORegiment Armouries, previously the Princess of Wales' Own Rifles before the name Regiment was used. A great many of the members of both Regiments lived and worked in that area of the City. Anyone who knows anything of the City's military history knows how the significance and if they do not, a visit to the excellent museum at the Armouries would fill in the gaps. We thought it was a wonderful idea to name it Valour District to honour the many who served. We certainly hope this plan proceeds.</li> </ul>
74.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I forward this e-mail to offer my support for the intention to name the streets around the Armouries the <b>Valour District</b>. The inclusion of the Maple Leaf and a <b>Red Poppy</b> on the sign are most appropriate. Today the designation of the 401 as The Highway of Heroes displays the bright red emblem of the poppy to remember and honour the many thousands of fellow Canadians who have died in war.</li> </ul>
75.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I wish to add my support to the creation of our 'Valour District" in Kingston. The story of this city is grounded on its military history, the extensive contribution of our military communities over the years and above all the sacrifice by so many for our country and our freedom.</li> <li>We wear our red poppy with pride prior up to and on Remembrance day. Designating a history part of our community to commemorate and to recognize the contribution of our military is an extension of this recognition. We are all in this together.</li> <li>Wear a red poppy and remember. See the name of our Valour District, and remember.</li> </ul>
76.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We already have many significant memorials to those who lost their lives in the two World Wars and the Korean War, why spend more money to rename a whole district? I personally believe that war should be the very last resort to solve the problems of the world and that when Canada embarks on any war there should be vigorous questioning of such a decision. I most definitely disagree with naming any district in Kingston as Valour District, especially as the district in question is home to many people who I believe would agree with me.</li> <li>Don't we want to bring up our younger generation to pursue peaceful paths to conflict and not to glorify fighting which I believe this initiative implies? Thank you for considering this.</li> </ul>
77.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are a beholding nation who enjoy levels of freedom and tolerance unknown in large parts of this world. These liberties were hard-earned in large part due to the self-sacrifice of our men and women in arms. Let us take the opportunity to acknowledge our admiration and gratitude for their selflessness and sacrifice. Let us proceed with establishing Kingston's Valour District as designated. Thank you.</li> </ul>

78.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to the map, the proposed Valour District does not include two of the most important elements in Kingston relating to military service of its citizens – neither Fort Frontenac nor the Kingston Armouries. Strangely the majority of the blocks in the proposed area, although having street names relating to the military, do not relate to Kingston’s 20<sup>th</sup> century contribution to the First and Second World Wars. This area largely relates to the British army’s occupation in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. I would be very interested in understanding the reasoning behind the selection of the area being proposed as Valour District. There is no reason given on the website.</li> <li>I am very surprised that this has not been referred to the Municipal Heritage Committee for a recommendation or at least for comments. As an advisory committee to Council with expertise on cultural heritage matters, I think that they are well placed to provide input into the proposed naming.</li> </ul>
79.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a member of the Legion and the PWOR, I 100% support the naming of the Ordinance – Barrack Street area to Valour District.</li> <li>My wife and I are proud of its military history and support.</li> </ul>
80.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I understand that a section of downtown Kingston may be named the Valour District. I wish to add my voice to those who support this initiative to honour those who have fallen on our many battlefields over the past two centuries and those who were wounded, physically or mentally. I believe it important that signs produced to mark the limits of the district be emblazoned with a red poppy, the traditional and recognized form of tribute to our heroes. To not use the red poppy would, for many Veterans, call into question the sincerity of this significant gesture.</li> </ul>
81.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am writing in support of the general idea for a designated valour district, although I must caution you that the red poppy is a symbol trade-marked by The Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) and as such may not be lawfully used without the explicit permission of the The RCL national executive without risking legal action.</li> <li>Many attempts have been made by so-called peace groups in the past to substitute a white poppy for the red one on occasions of “Remembrance.” Locally the so-called “Peace Quest” group are [deleted] who regularly picket City Hall on Fridays at Noon. This whole white poppy thing is political and a minefield into which the City of Kingston would be well-advised not to enter.</li> </ul>
82.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Just when one thinks the looney left have disappeared they waft by again like a bad smell. Let's knock this white poppy nonsense on the head immediately before street signs [signs] appear with that odious symbol thereon and Kingston is thought again [deleted].</li> <li>The white poppy is a meaningless bit of propaganda that was thrown out by the self-serving peace movement to obscure the real meaning of remembrance. Let Kingston not dignify it with any official recognition.</li> <li>We must honour those who served, not give credence to the johnny-come-lately peace crowd.</li> </ul>
83.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I support the concept of a valour district. For it to have any relevance it should be trademarked with a red poppy.</li> </ul>
84.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I vote for the sign Valour District and with a RED poppy. We need to remember those who did and who continue</li> </ul>

	to ensure our freedom.
85.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please consider that the military have been risking their lives helping to make the world a better place. The red poppy does not support war. It means that someone has died trying to bring peace and freedom to the world.</li> <li>• Kingston has lost at least one young man lately, Mathew Dawe, in the struggle to bring peace to this planet. The military is a huge part of Kingston. It would be a slap in the face to most of Kingston to not have a red poppy.</li> </ul>
86.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I support the name Valour District and the Maple leaf and Red Poppy.</li> </ul>
87.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please add my voice in favour of the proposed Valour District within Kingston's historic military precincts.</li> <li>• Logo and signage should incorporate The Red Poppy, our traditional symbol of remembrance. Our thanks to Council for supporting this initiative.</li> </ul>
88.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks for accepting comments on the proposed 'Valour' District.</li> <li>• I am one of the residents who would strongly recommend that it is not a good nor appropriate name for our neighbourhood.</li> <li>• Current political leadership has jumped on the commemoration bandwagon and suddenly we not remembering the torment of the people who fought, we are hearing about the glory and valour of war.</li> <li>• I would certainly support a 'Peace' District. If still alive, so too would my deceased relations who trained here in Kingston, one in preparation for the Boer War and another for World War II. They knew there was no glory in war and that the more important work, to really honour the war dead and to protect our collective future, was to create a culture of peace. Thanks for listening!</li> </ul>
89.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firstly, I commend the City of Kingston for recognizing an area as the "Valour District." However, I am writing to express my support for the inclusion of a Red Poppy only on a sign in the District.</li> <li>• I am aware there has been an apparent representation to include a White Poppy on the sign. But, that would not be appropriate, given the military and policing history of the City of Kingston, and more importantly, the sacrifices of the sons and daughters from your area.</li> <li>• The "Peace Quest" movement, which I do not believe is entirely altruistic with its agenda, always has the opportunity to display white poppies at other locations, but their chosen symbol should not be placed in the Valour District at all. A substitution with their choice (or even the addition alongside the red poppy) would be a hijacking of an important process and would ultimately disapprove and deny the honour, history and heritage of the many who made such important sacrifices.</li> <li>• While I am not a resident of Kingston, I live only one hour away, and I visit your city often. I would be gravely disappointed to see any symbol other than the Maple Leaf and a Red Poppy on display.</li> </ul>
90.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I strongly support the decision to name the area adjacent to the Montreal Street ("V.R.") Armoury the "<b>Valour District</b>" on this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Great War and to highlight the designation with emblems that Kingstonians both past and present understand and respect: the <b>Maple Leaf</b> and <b>Crown</b> (symbols of service to</li> </ul>

	Queen and Country), and the <b>Red Poppy</b> of Flanders (a universally acknowledged symbol of courage and sacrifice).
91.	<p>As you know, The Royal Canadian Legion has the poppy trademarked. A white poppy according to the Legion is illegal. RCL has challenged white and blue poppies in the past and as far as I know, the RCL has won when challenged.</p> <p><a href="http://www.legion.ca/honour-remember/the-poppy-trademark/">http://www.legion.ca/honour-remember/the-poppy-trademark/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a veteran of the Canadian Forces with almost 36 years of service, eight spent overseas, I applaud the suggestion for recognition however... the city was built by the French, British and Canadian Military. Every step you take within this wonderful city has a military past, for this reason we could call the city boundaries "Valour District". The proposal appears to leave out HMCS Cataraqui, RRCM, Vimy Barracks, Norman Rogers Airport to name a few.</li> <li>• I recommend this proposal be used to pay respect to our past, present and future military heritage and also be used to attract visitors to Kingston.</li> <li>• Recommendation: Have signs established with a symbol (Martello Tower?) and QR Code. This would direct smart phone users to one of many historical pages already available on the internet. See a few examples below. Maybe Queen's University, SLC and RRCM would like to take on this project? Hopefully they have the capability to translate text into a few languages to accommodate visitors and tourists?</li> </ul> <p>Illustrated Guide: Monuments, Memorials and Markers  <a href="http://www.kingstonhistoricalsociety.ca/monuments.html">http://www.kingstonhistoricalsociety.ca/monuments.html</a>  Queen's has a wonderful webpage promoting our city  <a href="http://www.queensu.ca/discover/kingston">http://www.queensu.ca/discover/kingston</a>  Queen's University  <a href="http://archives.queensu.ca/Exhibits/queensremembers/wwi.html">http://archives.queensu.ca/Exhibits/queensremembers/wwi.html</a>.  Camp Barriefield  <a href="http://www.cefresearch.ca/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=18&amp;t=10271">http://www.cefresearch.ca/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=18&amp;t=10271</a>  Vimy Barracks  <a href="http://www.historicplaces.ca/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=9801">http://www.historicplaces.ca/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=9801</a>  Norman Rogers Airport (British Commonwealth Air Training Program) <a href="http://archive.cityofkingston.ca/residents/transportation/airport/about.asp">http://archive.cityofkingston.ca/residents/transportation/airport/about.asp</a>  Naval Air Squadron HMCS Cataraqui  <a href="http://militarybruce.com/the-royal-canadian-naval-air-service-the-fleet-arm/">http://militarybruce.com/the-royal-canadian-naval-air-service-the-fleet-arm/</a>  Naval History Kingston and Cataraqui</p>

	<p><a href="http://www.thewhig.com/2009/10/24/300-years-of-naval-history">http://www.thewhig.com/2009/10/24/300-years-of-naval-history</a> Hopefully the above helps.</p>
92.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I vote for the Proposed Signage with the red poppy.</li> </ul>
93.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am writing to you today, to state equivalently I am against the designation of my neighbourhood to be commemorated as "valour district".</li> <li>If council wishes to address (or designate) our historical past and present participation in conflicts, I suggest they would need to also include our participation to the suffering, destructiveness and atrocities of war.</li> <li>WW1 and subsequent conflicts have been a 19th century invention for domination and/or vengeance against ones monarch, ethnic race or simply for property, resources and regional dominance.</li> <li>I can only see "valour" district as a glorification of "our participation in war" in the latter context, or simply a designation as a pro-military neighbourhood.</li> <li>I already live in a community that has many of its current streets named after wars and by local military interests.</li> <li>I do not believe in this "motion" or any neighbourhood having a designation, other than its true historical context; not only to promote a bias version of Anglo-Saxon history of war and "glorifying" ones participants in it.</li> </ul>
94.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am opposed to this suggestion. There are already many battle-themed streets in our district. We need no more. Let's celebrate peace where possible, and our valiant dead on Remembrance Day.</li> <li>We need parks, trees, safe places for kids, any number of worthy places to put our money. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</li> </ul>
95.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I strongly support the Valour district sign with the traditional commemoration of <b>"a Maple Leaf and a Red Poppy"</b>.</li> </ul>
96.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am writing as a resident of the proposed Valour District and as someone interested in military and naval history as well as public opinion about the armed forces. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We presently have a moratorium on civic commemoration in Kingston. The proposed Valour District is in direct contravention of this moratorium. I am, therefore, reluctantly opposed to the creation of the district in the first place. There should be no exceptions to the moratorium.</li> <li>There is apparently some opposition (mostly in the McBirney Park area) to the creation of the district.</li> <li>"Valour" is a controversial word. I support the naming of Valour Road in Winnipeg, for instance, because of the remarkable origin on that street of three winners of the VC. But the word "Valour" should not be used casually without reference to specific VC winners etc. Part of the strong objection many had to recognition of Remembrance Day is the supposed emphasis on valour and glory that they felt that the day had. We worked hard through the seventies and eighties to counter this feeling and make Remembrance Day something that all could respect and honour. It now has wide-spread support. It seems silly to reignite old anti-war feelings by using the word "valour" unnecessarily. People today seem to want to remember the</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<p>ordinary guys who did their bit and may or may not have come home. They do not seem to want to put any more emphasis on the ones who did something spectacular. Intestinal fortitude is not popular in this day and age.</p> <p>(4) On another part of this topic, while the west and east ends of the proposed boundaries include areas with a military history connected to the period, as I understand it the and northern central parts – Barrack and Ordnance Streets and Place d’Armes - have a military connection to the late 1700s and early 1800s, not to the Great War.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Because of (1) and (3) above I think that this project should be postponed until a Commemoration Policy is in place and until a better word is found than “valour”. Even “honour” seems better.</li> </ul>
97.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please pass my thoughts and attached diagram on to the committee that is examining citizens' proposals. Attached is what I think I would like to see on the proposed Valour District sign.</li> </ul> <p>Reasons and Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the writing must be at least as large if not larger than on the current street signs</li> <li>- there was a comment about the cost of colours. I have attempted to keep my example simple as possible with red and white. Unfortunately there does need to be a black centre to the poppy</li> <li>- I would prefer both the Maple Leaf and the Poppy on either end of the sign - both have become significant Canadian symbols</li> <li>- the Maple Leaf has been a symbol on Canadian uniforms (certainly on the hat badge) at least since the Boer War 1898 - 1901</li> <li>- the poppy obviously became a very significant symbol with John McCrae's poem, In Flanders Field in World War I</li> <li>- the purpose of doing this was to honour those who have served and remind the citizens of Kingston that the area so designated has been a military area at lease since the building of Fort Frontenac. The citizens of Kingston and visitors need a reminder of our past and our association with things military.</li> <li>- I do not believe that designating this area in honour of those who have served in the Canadian Forces in any way detracts from the fact that the First Nations occupied this area long before the arrival of the Europeans</li> <li>- I have used red for the lettering on the sign as a means of keeping the painting as simple as possible. The other alternative would be to use black writing since there will have to be a bit of black if the poppy is used</li> <li>- The only addition I can think of which would increase the cost of the sign but nevertheless make the sign truly visible, would be the use of what has become a standard symbol representing the City - the Murney Tower which I would place on top of the Valour sign. (It might make the sign stand out but would it be too cluttered, I leave it to the committee to experiment.</li> <li>- It is my understanding that both the Legion has the copyright on the poppy and the Federal Government,</li> </ul>

	<p>which has some control over the use of the Maple Leaf, have both given their approval to the use of both of these symbols as long as they are honourably used.</p> <p>Further Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I noticed that the proposed Valour District sign writing is only half the size of the street name below it. I am repeating myself but the reality is that few people are aware of the "University District" sign because the writing is too small and the colour scheme makes it difficult to read the words "University District". Please make the writing on the sign at least the same size as the street name below.</li> <li>- I really believe that the Maple Leaf should be used in addition to the poppy - please read my explanation above.</li> <li>- Do keep in mind that the Canadians identified themselves in World War I with the use of the Maple Leaf on their cap badge. That is why I am repeating myself when I say that the Maple Leaf should be part of the sign.</li> <li>- Remember the Red Poppy is worn in remembrance of those who died in the military service of Canada; it does not glorify war.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">[See Attachment C-1]</p>
<p>98.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City has sought opinions on this signage.</li> <li>• I find the divisive nature of this unsettling. The City of Kingston is a city not a conglomeration of discrete pieces but a communal place.</li> <li>• I am opposed to what might be a creeping of separate and distinct spaces. It has started - with the "University District." Thank you for seeking input!</li> </ul>
<p>99.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would like to go on the record as being opposed to naming my neighborhood as the "Valour District". I find it offensive that our military efforts would be lauded above all other contributions made by people in living in this area. Furthermore, any costs incurred by such a designation would be a waste of money when there are so many more important issues that deserve funding.</li> </ul>
<p>100.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I grew up in West-Germany and my generation, the so-called 'Dritte Generation' (grandchildren of the war-generation), was taught to mistrust war; to question military conflicts and especially to question military rhetoric - exactly the kind that is reflected in the motion about the Valour District.</li> <li>• We learned that it is dangerous for a society to focus on ones military accomplishments and to promote ideas of military valour as it will invariably lead to more military conflicts. It may be easier for me as a German to denounce this kind of militaristic rhetoric - I do not have the 'luxury' of being able to claim a 'just' war and am a product of the Allies' efforts to denazify and re-educate German society. An effort that was to ensure that my generation was taught to mistrust a society/government that valourizes war.</li> <li>• So, ironically, as a product of your country's efforts to create a more peaceful Germany, I am writing to you today to let you know: I learned the lessons you taught us and I am asking you to do the same. Question the</li> </ul>

	<p>value of war and mistrust its rhetoric. Please vote against the motion to create a Valour District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When I first heard about this plan during last month’s council meeting, where councillor Osanic and Deputy Mayor Boehme proposed the motion it refers to, I was - well, flabbergasted! I was shocked by the rhetoric used and by the unconditional and unquestioned support it got from all councillors. Granted, it was late in the evening and only asked staff to look into the issue. I therefore trust that with the benefit of more time to reflect on this, you will be more critical in reviewing this proposal and will vote against it.</li> <li>• There are many reasons why I think this is a bad idea. Here are some of my thoughts that I share with you in the hope to convince you to vote against the motion.</li> <li>• First of all, there is no shortage of memorialisation of Kingston’s military history. And, as far as I understand, RMC already has a Valour District. So, why do we see the need for this district, for this way of remembering the past?</li> <li>• In “The inconvenient Indian” Thomas King says “Most of us think history is the past. It is not. History is the stories we tell about the past.”</li> <li>• As such I have to ask: Why the emphasis on Kingston’s military history? It comes, necessarily, at the expense of other ‘histories’ we could be telling about our community. For example, where are the women in this town? Do we really think they have never done anything worth mentioning? And who was instrumental in building peace in our community? What is the role of First Nations? Are these not stories worth telling? What would some symbols of hope be that we would promote in order to promote and cultivate peace - in our community and in the world? I am not just saying do more of this. I am saying, do less of the other.</li> <li>• The question needs to be asked: Who is served by the ‘glorification’ of war? I use the word ‘glorification’ intentionally - valorizing war is glorifying war. The war to end all wars did not end war. Neither will more war end war nor will it be able to create lasting peace.</li> <li>• This emphasis on military culture and its accomplishments is of concern as we have seen where such emphasis can lead. Ironically, the wars remembered by these ‘valour signs’ were only made possible because of the militarization of the participating nations that snuffed out dissent and called those striving for peace and opposing the war(s) ‘unpatriotic’. World War I in particular was an unnecessary slaughter of millions of young men on all sides. Why do we want to glorify their supposed valour instead of mourning the fact that they were not given the chance to live peaceful lives - as husbands and fathers, as teachers and all the other ways they could have contributed to our communities.</li> <li>• I hope my reflections will help you decide against the motion to create the “Valour District”.</li> </ul>
<p>101.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am a strong supporter of the naming of a Valour District with a Red Poppy in our city. Kingston has a strong military presence and history and such representation would be well appreciated by both serving and retired military members.</li> </ul>

102.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I vote for Skeleton Park District; that's what EVERYONE calls it.</li> </ul>
103.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This should be passed. Valour District would honour all Kingstonians who went to war and the families who supported them at home.</li> </ul>
104.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I think the Valour district is a good idea and it would be better with red poppies as that is what is worn and the colour would show up better on the street signs.</li> </ul>
105.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Doesn't Kingston already have sufficient war memorials, especially those that tend to glorify war rather than grieving it as a terrible tragedy? Who will be consulted about the proposed valour district? What about those who actually live nearby?</li> <li>I understand that Kingston has placed a moratorium on new commemoration initiatives until we have a fresh commemoration policy in place. The new policy has been subject to widespread community consultation, with consultants hired and surveys circulated. How does this proposal fit into that?</li> <li>Is there a way of commemorating this particular part of Kingston to include the first peoples who used the place?</li> <li>Please reconsider this unwise proposal.</li> </ul>
106.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you for soliciting feedback on the Valor District Proposal.</li> <li>I don't think the proposed boundaries of the Valor District make sense. I was trying to write something but then came across this comment from [deleted] (below), who puts it very well. I agree with what she has written about the inappropriateness of the proposed boundaries and hope you will reconsider this proposal.</li> <li>Thank you for your consideration of this issue.</li> <li>"The proposal to rename part of our neighbourhood a "Valour District" seems out of step with the current reality. There are really only two elements in this neighbourhood that connect with commemorating 20th century events: the Armouries and Fort Frontenac. Everything else connected with military history is substantially older: Ordnance, Barrack, Place d'Armes and Artillery Park all had their names by the 1840's. The reasons for their names have largely disappeared, as the focus of Kingston's military community has shifted east across the river. If there is to be a "Valour District", it would seem more appropriate to have it encompass Royal Military College, the Canadian Forces Base and the neighbourhoods of people who identify strongly with 20th and 21st century military history and valour.</li> <li>Kingston's "University District" includes not only Queen's main campus but also extends north and west of the campus. The street signs with "University District" above the street name reflect modern-day reality; many students live in that neighbourhood. Students endorsed the idea with a future-looking focus as seen here: <a href="http://www.myams.org/news/city-of-kingston-and-ams-implement-new-university-district-street-signs.aspx">http://www.myams.org/news/city-of-kingston-and-ams-implement-new-university-district-street-signs.aspx</a>. If it had been focused on history, it would have been a much smaller district.</li> <li>Naming districts for their current look and neighbourhood composition can be a really great idea. But naming them for their disappeared (or nearly disappeared) pasts doesn't honour the living and might just confuse the tourists. A tourist to Kingston focused on military history may be interested in the Armouries and Fort Frontenac</li> </ul>

	<p>but would doubtless spend more time at the RMC museum, Fort Henry and the CFB Military Communications and Electronics museum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the proposal goes through as currently proposed, it might lead to the creation of the city's most tourist-puzzling street sign: a sign for The Tragically Hip Way with the words Valour District above it. What would TTH write and sing about that?"</li> <li>• Source: <a href="https://skeletonpark.wordpress.com/2015/03/21/will-our-neighbourhood-soon-become-valour-district/#comments">https://skeletonpark.wordpress.com/2015/03/21/will-our-neighbourhood-soon-become-valour-district/#comments</a></li> </ul>
107.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am writing to express my opposition to the Valour District proposal in its current form. While a Valour District may be a way to recognize Kingston's military history, I don't see the proposed neighbourhood being that closely tied with Canada's military. I think that a Valour District that included RMC would make more sense. I also think there are many ways that the proposed neighbourhood could be recognized without attempting to tie it to the military.</li> </ul>
108.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I applaud the idea of Valour District, however the area selected appears to exclude Fort Frontenac, the original military site of Kingston and the former home of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, the Royal Military College, Camp Barriefield; the former home of the Royal Canadian Electrical &amp; Mechanical Engineers and the home of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals (the first signal corps in the British Empire).</li> <li>• As a former naval person, the Royal Canadian Navy also appears to be excluded. RCNVR Kingston/HMCS <i>Cataraqui</i> attested over 3000 officers, ratings and wrens during World War Two. Of these volunteers, 50 officers and ratings lost their lives. They have been honoured in the Memorial Passageway onboard HMCS <i>Cataraqui</i>.</li> <li>• The Kingston Shipyards built warships for the Royal Canadian Navy during World War One and World War Two.</li> <li>• During World War One, 6 TR Class ships and 2 Battle Class trawlers were built; while 8 corvettes were built for the Royal Canadian Navy which two were lost: HMC Ships <i>Charlottetown</i> and <i>Trentonian</i>, other warships were built for the Royal Navy and United States Navy.</li> <li>• The shipyard also built 7 Warrior Class tugs.</li> <li>• Norman Rogers Airport was another vital naval connection to Kingston. As part of the British Commonwealth Air Training Program, Norman Rogers Airport trained pilots for the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy.</li> <li>• Lieutenant (A) Hampton Gray, VC, DSC, RCNVR, the Royal Canadian Navy's only Victoria Cross winner trained in Kingston.</li> <li>• During this time 27 pilots were killed, one was interned in British Columbia, 3 were never recovered from Lake Ontario and the remainder are buried in the Cataraqui Cemetery.</li> <li>• Even the airport has been named in memory of Norman Rogers, who was Minister of National Defence when his plane crashed killing him and the entire crew.</li> <li>• This year marks the 70th Anniversary of the end of the Battle of the Atlantic, the longest battle fought continuously from the 3 September 1939 to 8 May 1945.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You might also consider including the veterans of the Korean War.</li> <li>I have two suggestions for your consideration; include other military site in the Kingston area with some sort of identification marker such as attachment of the proposed Valour District and the second suggestion, you might what to include people other than city staff to assist in this honourable project.</li> </ul>
109.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am writing to make some comments on the proposed Valour District.</li> <li>I am somewhat perplexed by the proposed location/area identified on the map on the City's website for a number of reasons.</li> <li>First, in the fall of 2011, I along with several other historians and experts on the military history of Kingston, prepared a briefing note at the request of then heritage planner on the justification for Barrack Street to retain its name for it's entire length - I am including that document for your review. It notes, over nine pages including historic maps, the military history from the start of the French period in 1673 to the present and the importance of the visual and toponymic link, as well as typonymy of Barrack Street.</li> <li>Second, more than half of the proposed area has never had a link with military activity. Not during the French period, the coming of the Loyalists and founding of British Kingston or British military period of the late 18th through 19th centuries, and certainly never in the 20th century. I include the proposed area plan denoting the non-military areas outlined in blue.</li> <li>Third, the two military facilities that have long associations with British military and subsequently Canadian military in the late 19th and into the 20th centuries, the Tete de Pont Barracks-Fort Frontenac and the Royal Artillery Park (which historically included the Armouries and further west), are not included in the proposed area. This seems extremely odd, given that they are the facilities from which troops departed and arrived for the time period being commemorated. I do note that the description on the website does not in fact coincide with the map.</li> <li>Further, I hope that the Heritage Committee will have some input into this as a committee of Council with particular expertise. I find it somewhat ironic that over 300 years of military history in Kingston, could not continue to be commemorated through a long-established traditional street name, and yet an area with no particular association with the First and Second World Wars should now be commandeered to commemorate those wars on the 100th anniversary of the first troops' departure. What of the soldiers and sailors who fought to establish and maintain Canada from 1673 to 1814, including the French, First Nations, British - do they not also deserve an appropriate commemoration?</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">[See Attachments C-2.1 &amp; C-2.2]</p>
110.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I oppose the proposal to name a district in Kingston the Valour District. I think there is a sufficient variety of war memorials throughout Kingston to mark the effort of Kingstonians in the various wars they've been involved in</li> <li>I'm sure veterans of those wars would treat this proposal like my father would. He fought and was badly</li> </ul>

	<p>wounded in WWII, and preferred never to discuss his war experience. But to the extent he did, we know he enlisted to fight for a better world. We know too he'd be dismayed if he saw how all levels of government are not ensuring money is available just to protect the services we have (e.g., health, housing, education), never mind to create the ones we should have (child care, long term care, denticare).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I believe the time and money spent on the Valour District proposal would be better spent on working towards the kind of society our soldiers were fighting for.</li> </ul>
111.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Here are some questions I have about the Valour District proposal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is it appropriate to use the words from the Victoria Cross in this way? The Victoria Cross is the highest award within the Canadian military's honour system. It is given for "the most conspicuous bravery, a daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice or extreme devotion to duty, in the presence of the enemy". Winnipeg's Valour Road is named after three soldiers who received the Victoria Cross and lived on the same block. Two of the three did not return home from the First World War battlefields. Is Kingston claiming a status it is not entitled to claim by suggesting that the district was home to soldiers who received the Victoria Cross?</li> <li>- Is the correct spelling "valor" – the way the word would apparently have been spelled in Canada in 1915 – or "valour" – the way we spell the word today?</li> <li>- Is the outlined district the appropriate district to cover? How were the boundaries determined? Why is RMC left out? What is the logic behind the boundaries? Do they stand up historically?</li> <li>- Is it appropriate for Council to establish a "district" and name it without holding a public meeting in the area involved so that residents can easily express their views?</li> <li>- Is it beneficial to social harmony within the city to name districts? Promoting a sense of community is very important. Will the naming of this area enhance a sense of community among the people who live there and elsewhere in the city or detract from it?</li> <li>- What is the true cost of putting up street signs etc. and doing the staff work related to this idea? Is this really a priority use of staff time and taxpayer dollars now? I think the focus should be on road repairs, street sweeping, and park maintenance as well as moving ahead on other more critical city work.</li> <li>- Is it wise to proceed with this plan as a "one-off" project? Would it be better to think comprehensively about Kingston's military past, the First Peoples who lived here, historical social realities, etc. and come up with a proper plan to recognize areas that should be recognized, or decide that this kind of naming is divisive rather than community building?</li> <li>- What message does City Council want to send to residents and visitors? Was every soldier valiant? Are all wars just? Are our enemies of 100 years ago our enemies or allies today?</li> <li>- Is this hasty action by City Council unfortunately politicizing remembrance?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
112.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would like the Council to know that I wholeheartedly support the Valour District concept. Surely, if the city can honour a group of musicians by renaming a historic garrison street, Barrack Street, after them, then the city can</li> </ul>

	name this historic area in honour of the generations of Kingstonians who have served Canada. In my family's case, that is three generations of Canadian soldiers serving Kingston and Canada from 1914 to 1992.
113.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Let's see...just about every park downtown has a war memorial. Some have many. Statues, plaques and cannons abound in this city. The Kingston Memorial Centre is, yes, a memorial. The 401 has been dubbed "Highway of heroes". We've got legions, we have streets, we have schools with walls of remembrance, we have fortresses scattered about this city to remind us of those who went to war. Remembrance day has morphed into Remembrance week. We have a perfectly good war memorial in the nation's capitol just two hours away. Seriously....do we need any more? Visitors from another country would have to be forgiven if they thought we were obsessed with all things military, especially with the grandiose and misguided sabre rattling of our current government. It's a waste of money and we don't need it. Stop the military madness and fix the damn streets.</li> </ul>
114.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naming a Kingston neighbourhood "Valour District" in honour of local young men who enlisted in past wars glorifies war and those who enlist. This emotional association is used by [deleted] who encourage lost young men to find identity and passion by enlisting in a "valorous" cause. Let's not encourage shallow thinking and the romanticization of war.</li> <li>World War 1 was bloody, brutal and pointless. There are virtually no diaries or oral histories of WWI soldiers who were glad to have participated. We should ask ourselves how the local men who enlisted and died would want their deaths to be acknowledged. I doubt that they would want their enlistment to be valorized and promoted as encouragement for others to waste their lives in such a useless and profoundly traumatic experience.</li> <li>In 2013, many Kingstonians contributed money to purchase a granite stone in City Park to commemorate the International Day of Peace. Why should we have to raise over \$2000 to promote peace when City Council is considering using tax dollars to promote war?</li> <li>Kingston is a city with strong military, educational and peace-promoting communities. We should be working to celebrate commonalities, not differences. Naming a neighbourhood to celebrate the valour of war fails to recognize the diversity of our citizens' values.</li> </ol>
115.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have a personal objection to the incessant need to name things (bridges, buildings, parks, culverts) after someone or something instead of its geographic location.</li> <li>For this proposed district, I propose another name other than Valour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remembrance.</li> <li>It works not just for those who marched off to war, those who were conscripted, those who died or were maimed, those who were left behind, but also for those who were once in this area that we have forgotten.</li> <li>Let us remember the horrors of armed conflict and oppression so maybe, just maybe, we will learn from it.</li> <li>Don't dress it up.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

116.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regarding signage, naming and symbols for proposed Valour district, City of Kingston. I strongly support this venture on the part of the City which will serve to recognize the long and valorous history of military service by Kingstonians. I do however <b>Only</b> see the <b>Red Poppy</b> symbol and <b>Never</b> the White Poppy on these signs. This City will at the same time be honoring the many thousands of military personnel from all across this great nation, the Commonwealth, and others who have served in Kingston and worldwide. A considerable number of them died on service, or of wounds, during Active Service and in Peacetime. We will be recognizing all who served and all who died. <b>The Red Poppy</b> serves by tradition to mainly symbolize those who died.</li> </ul>
117.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I strongly support using the red poppy as part of the identity of the Valour District. A white poppy does not have the same meaning at all. Let us not defile this recognition of an important district!</li> </ul>
118.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I strongly support naming the Valour District and <b>the proposed sign with a Red Maple leaf.</b></li> </ul>
119.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am signing the petition to say Yes not No.</li> </ul>
120.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please accept my comments regarding the recent Motion for Valour District.</li> <li>I live on Redan Street which is located on the fringe of the proposed Valour District.</li> <li>Looking around the neighbourhood, I can't help but note the various street names and facility names that already commemorate the military. Case in point, Redan is a type of military fortification. Also, it is apparent from a quick review of the current news headlines that our Veterans and Military Families need something more than another monument or commemoration. I think making small improvements to local infrastructure used by Veteran's, Military Families and Kingston residents would be better than erecting some new street signs.</li> <li>Please consider simple improvements to public spaces in the proposed Valour District such as nearby McBurney Park and/or Riverview Park. For example, an outdoor chess table, concrete ping pong table or volleyball net could enhance recreation and socializing activities in public spaces and improve the quality of life in these districts. This, in my opinion, would give Veterans, Military Families and everybody else something they can actually use to enhance their quality of life.</li> </ul>
121.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I support the Valour District Red Poppy project. Great way to remember and support or fallen.</li> </ul>



VALOUR DISTRICT



Fort Frontenac, Military Reserve, Tête de Pont Barracks

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The following are key reasons for maintaining Barrack Street as both a name and physical form in the City of Kingston. This is followed by general context and archival images including maps and illustrations, as well as documentary sources.

- Barrack Street is contained within an area that has been in use by the military with barracks for soldiers since the establishment of the first fortification and trading post in 1673.
- Barrack Street has existed in its current physical form and place since the 1783/4 survey by John Collins, which established both the Military Reserve and current street grid.
- Barrack Street has always been the southern boundary of the British Military Reserve.
- Barracks were contained within the French fort from 1673 to 1758, and within the ruins of the French fort from 1783 to c. 1820.
- Under the direction of Major John Ross soldiers barracks and officers' quarters were constructed on the French barrack foundations in 1783-84.
- Barracks were constructed along the northern edge of Barrack Street within the Military Reserve between 1801 and 1815.
- Barrack Street linked the Tête de Pont Barracks (today's Fort Frontenac) with the Artillery Park Barracks (built in 1843, extant).
- Barrack Street has retained its name for over 200 years.
- Barrack Street is the only street in the area that maintains its original 18<sup>th</sup> century name, apart from Queen Street between King and Ontario and King Street between Brock and Barrack.

- Barracks within the current Fort Frontenac, at the foot of Barrack Street, as well as the surviving Artillery Park building once used as a barracks, continue to give relevance to the name.

The following information is excerpted from several sources regarding Fort Frontenac, the establishment of the Military Reserve and the Tête de Pont Barracks. It illustrates the almost continuous military use of the area adjacent to the inner harbour and along the outflow of the Cataraqui River since the French and Fort Frontenac from 1673 to 1758, the British Military from 1783 to 1870 and Canadian Army from 1871 to the present.

From “A Matter of Time: Five Centuries at Fort Frontenac” by Susan Bazely in *Historic Kingston Vol. 52* 2004

In late August 1758, Lieutenant-Colonel John Bradstreet led a combined force of British regulars and American Colonial troops in an attack on the fort. The vastly outnumbered French garrison surrendered after a three day siege. The British did not occupy the fort but simply ransacked it, removing or destroying the vast quantity of goods and supplies stored within the fort.

After a period of abandonment which lasted approximately twenty-five years, the British re-occupied the post at the mouth of the Cataraqui River in 1783. Cataraqui was considered as a place for the re-settlement of the Mohawk people and it was subsequently chosen for the Loyalists, after the American Revolutionary War.

A survey of the remains of the French fort and surrounding lands was conducted by Lieutenant John Frederick Holland for the purpose of moving the British military base from Carleton Island to Cataraqui. W. Tinling’s “State of the Works & Buildings at this place as they now stand” note 22 October 1783:

1<sup>st</sup>. The Walls of the Old Fort remain in the same state we found them - except the North Curtain, and the Old French Ravelin, both which are now repaired.

2<sup>nd</sup>. A Pile of Soldiers Barracks Consisting of Eight large Rooms, Sufficient to contain from forty to fifty Men each - Complete.

3<sup>rd</sup>. One Pile of Officer’s Quarters consisting of Six Rooms, Now Habitable, and Another of Twenty four, Nearly Complete.

4<sup>th</sup>. A provision Store two Storeys & a Shed, Hospital, Bake House, Lime Kiln, Commanding Officer & Engineers House Built. -  
NB Powder Magazine

Town lots were laid out to the west of Fort Frontenac, which was partially re-built and merchants began to construct warehouses and wharves. The British garrison used the fort until the construction of the Tête de Pont Barracks.

### 19<sup>th</sup> Century

Development on the Military Reserve prior to the War of 1812 was limited. A major series of public works projects were undertaken by the British Military during the decade after the War of 1812, most of which involved the demolition of remaining sections of curtain walls and bastions associated with Fort Frontenac.

Between 1816 and 1820, the British military undertook to replace the temporary facilities which had grown up in and around the ruins of the French fort with more permanent structures. As part of this re-development, the Place d'Armes or parade ground was laid out and sections of the military reserve were sold for civilian use. Structures were now laid out according to the town grid established in 1784. Water Street, now Ontario Street was extended through the Military Reserve to the shore of Cataraqui Bay and the gate to the new barrack facilities faced on to the Place d'Armes. Starting around 1820 the limestone buildings forming the Tête de Pont Barracks were constructed, including La Salle, De Noyan, and Vincent Blocks.

The loop-holed barrack wall was begun in 1820. The main gate was located along the mid-point of the wall and projected into the street. Construction within the Barracks Square was completed by about 1846. Demolition of the last remnants of the French fort occurred around 1832.

Confederation had a major impact on the British military presence in North America. In 1870 the British government withdrew all military support from Canada. The last British Regiment to occupy the Tête de Pont was disbanded in 1870. The newly created "A" Battery of the Canadian Artillery occupied the Tête de Pont Barracks starting in 1871, and the existing buildings seemed to accommodate the Canadian Artillery without any major changes being required.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Century

After the Royal Canadian Field Artillery participated in the South African War at the end of the previous century it was realized that changes had to be made at the Tête de Pont Barracks. New brick stables were constructed in 1912 in the form of an H-shaped building on reclaimed land north of Ontario Street, the current location of Normandy Hall.

The Royal Canadian Horse Artillery participated in the First World War. In their absence the Tête de Pont was used as a training facility for artillerymen, additional stables were constructed and work begun on the adjacent Cataraqui Bridge in 1913, was continued until its completion in 1917. After WWI, life at the Tête de Pont gradually returned to normal.

In the 1930s and 1940s many changes occurred at the Tête de Pont Barracks, all related to the change from Horse Artillery to mechanized. Many of the buildings were no longer suitable for the rapidly changing needs of the Canadian military. The macadamized

pavement of the Barrack Square was deteriorating from the heavy traffic of trucks and gun carriages. A new office building, Ross Block, had been completed in 1937. In the spring of 1938 improvements were begun along the waterfront with the area being graded, the shoreline extended and the Barrack Square being restored that summer.

During the Second World War Fort Frontenac became an accessory District Depot. Several framed buildings were torn down in 1940 and new structures built in their place. Several temporary wooden buildings were erected in 1943 and 1944 to accommodate activities during the war. Since the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century little has been done in the way of new building at Fort Frontenac.

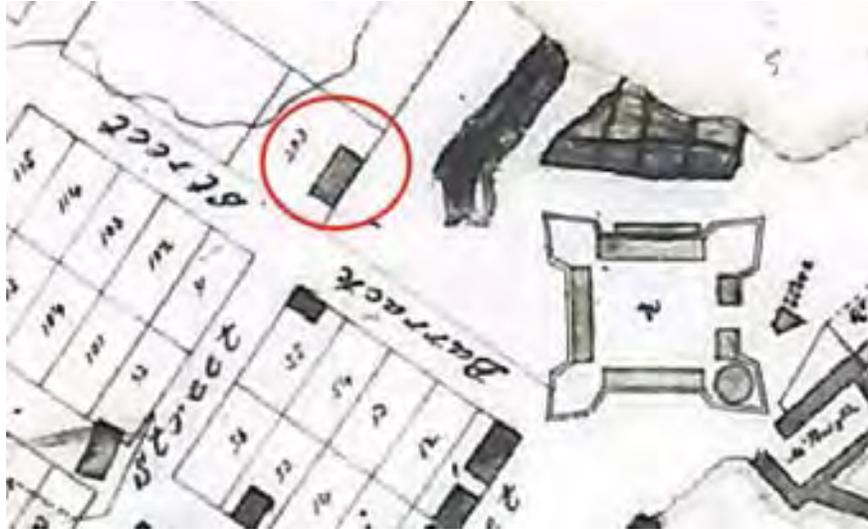
Additional information specific to Fort Frontenac is found in Fort Frontenac a French Stronghold on the Great Lakes (2007) and Fort Frontenac Bastion of the British (2007) by Susan M. Bazely. Today, Fort Frontenac serves as the Canadian Forces Staff College.

The following section discusses the Military Reserve and is taken from “Stage 2 Archaeological Excavations North Block BbGc-8 & BbGc-78 Part One Kingston, Ontario” (Susan M. Bazely and Rachel R. Brooks, 2006).

#### Military Reserve

The remnants of the French fort were re-utilized by the British military starting in 1783, as indicated by Holland’s 1784 plan. The Military Reserve (MR) included the fort and the surrounding spit of land. At this time there was no bridge connecting the newly laid out town with the east side of the Great Cataraqui River. Both the north and east sides of the MR were bounded by water, while the west side ended at the Quarry Street (Wellington) alignment, and the south at what became Barrack Street. Equal-sized town lots had been surveyed to the south, but to the west were a series of odd-shaped parcels of land and larger lots extending around the inner harbour. It should be noted that King Street did not extend north of Barrack Street ending at the Cartwright property. It is unclear why this parcel existed within the military reserve.

A series of log barracks appear along the eastern edge of the Cartwright property and several buildings along the south edge by 1815. These limits are enclosed by a picket fence with a “Barrack Gate” where Barrack Street meets Front or Water Street (Ontario). Front Street does not extend through the MR at this time. By 1820 the Place d’Armes has been laid out, the land to the west of Water Street is divided into lots and sold to civilians. King Street is extended north to the water. The lots on the block bounded by Barrack, King, Ontario Streets and the Place d’Armes start with lot 1 in the southeast to lot 5 in the southwest and lot 20 in the northeast to lot 16 in the northwest. By 1828 there is a building on the northeast corner of lot 20. The military buildings disappear from the block and the character of the area gradually changes. The most significant change comes in 1858 when the Grand Trunk Railway line is constructed along Ontario Street, followed by the



1801 Plan of Kingston (NMC 16334)

Kingston and Pembroke line which cuts diagonally through lots 1 and 19 by 1876.

#### Cartwright Property

In preparation for the re-settlement of Loyalists after the American Revolution, the British Government surveyed out the town plot of Kingston in 1784 (NMC 11375). The town was laid out in a grid pattern with numbered lots, however a variety of earlier structures such as the remains of Fort Frontenac and various buildings including the Indian store and Commanding Officer's quarters, did not fit the grid. Most of the lots were of uniform size with a standard frontage of one chain, or 66 feet and a depth twice this or 132 feet. A double-sized lot, OS Lot 263, measuring 132 x 132 feet was located midway along the south edge of the Military Reserve, which was established to the west of Fort Frontenac. It was located at the north end of King Street.

#### Additional Documentary and Visual Material

The 1784 Holland plan (NMC 11375) shows the new barracks built within the French Fort and the surveyed town lots including the right-of-way for Barrack Street on the southern edge of the military reserve. Major Mathews writes to on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1783 “ . . .There is now finished, Barracks for more than 300 men and six Rooms for officers also the Ravelin Powder Magazine and Bomb Proofs are put in repair, more officers Barracks are in great forwardness and then there will be only one side of the square unfinish'd, . . .”

The 1797 Aitken plan, although with later additions, clearly illustrates the name of Barrack Street. It is the first to formally name Barrack Street.

**Exhibit C-2.1**  
**Attachment 1 to Public Comment Number 109**

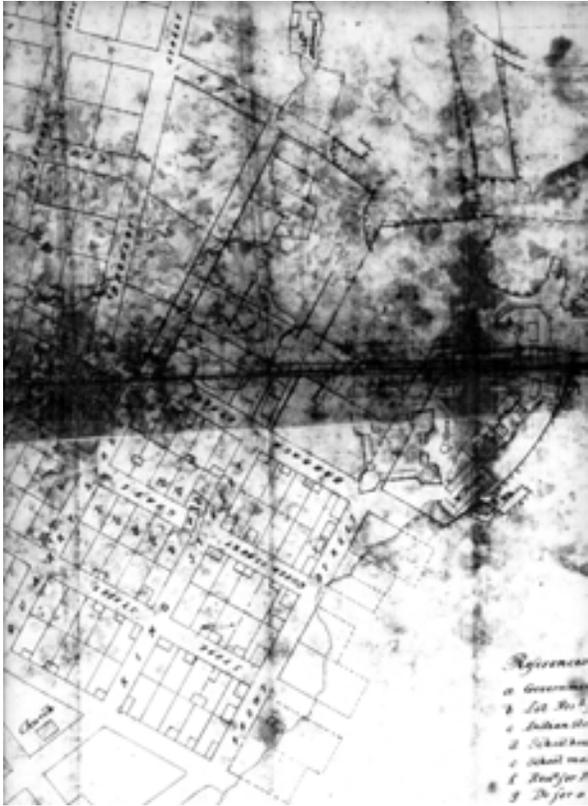
The 1801 plan (NMC 16334) also illustrates the Military Reserve and Barrack Street, which was well established by this time having been in existence for almost 20 years. In 1811 John Bateman advertises in the Kingston Gazette (2 April 1811 pg 3, col 3) for his “English School, in Barrack Street,”. By 1816 (NMC 11378), Barrack Street would have been ensconced in the nomenclature of the town.



1784 Holland plan  
(NMC 11375)  
showing the barracks  
buildings



Detail from James Peachey, A Southeast View of Cataraqui Taken in August, 1783 (LAC C1511)  
showing the state of construction



1797 Aitken plan (with 1865 additions) (AO)



1801 plan (NMC 16334)

Kingston Gazette, 2 April 1811, pg. 3, col. 3

it is considerably damaged.  
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**The subscriber in-**  
forms the public in general, that he has this  
day opened an **ENGLISH SCHOOL**, in  
Barrack Street, where *Orthography, Reading,*  
*Writing, Arithmetic* and *English Grammar*, in  
their various branches, will be taught to per-  
fection. Those who are pleased to favor him  
with their pupils, may rely that the greatest  
assiduity will be used, by  
**JOHN BATEMAN.**  
*Kingston, April 1, 1811.*

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1816 plan (NMC 11378) cropped showing additional barracks along Barrack Street and what would be the extension of King Street

It is important to note that our current historic street names such as Princess (Store), Ontario (Front), King (Church), Wellington (Grass), Bagot (Rear), Rideau (Brewery), Lower Union (School), Gore (Point) and Earl (Centre) came after 1831. Only William, Johnson, Brock, Queen, Clergy, Place d'Armes and Barrack along with North and West (the original town boundaries) are named by this time.



1831 plan (LAC RG8 Series II v. 31)

1850 Gibbs plan (NMC 49293)

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By the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, although the Military Reserve is partly occupied by residential and commercial structures and activities, the Tête de Pont Barracks and Royal Artillery Park, linked by Barrack Street, remain as dominant features on the landscape.

The 1855 Whitehead (LAC 320B) lithograph depicts the Tête de Pont Barracks and Barrack Street, while the 1850 Gibbs (NMC 49293) plan illustrates the Barrack Street link between the two.



1855 Edwin Whitehead (LAC 320B)

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