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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management
Date: June 10, 2026
Subject: North Kawartha Veteran Pole Banner Program – 2026 Funding Request

Recommendation:

That Council approve funding in 2026 for the Veteran Banner Program in the amount of **\$3,240.00 plus HST** for the production of additional banners, and an estimated **\$1,250.00 plus HST** for mounting hardware and scissor lift rental;

And further, that the required funding be drawn from General Reserves, as necessary.

Background:

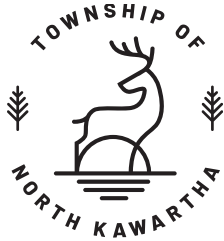
The Veteran Banner Program has been discussed by the Mayor and Council over several years. In 2024, the program was formally presented by community volunteers Bill Roter and Dylinna Brock, and received strong support from the Mayor, Council and staff.

The initial objective of the program was to recognize all Township World War II veterans currently commemorated on the Apsley Cenotaph. This recognition took the form of five-foot pole banners displayed annually for approximately four weeks surrounding Remembrance Day. The initiative serves to honour the courage and sacrifice of local veterans, as well as all Canadian Armed Forces members.

Analysis:

The Veteran Banner Program has been very positively received by veterans' families and the broader North Kawartha community.

Through the dedicated efforts of volunteer Bill Roter, with support from Kim Tucker and the North Kawartha Library, photographs and historical information were sourced for each veteran identified on the Cenotaph. As a result:



- 13 banners were installed in 2024.
- 19 additional banners were installed in 2025.

This completed the initial program objective. In cases where photographs were unavailable, banners respectfully display the veteran’s name, service details, and regimental insignia.

Following completion of the initial phase, additional unsolicited requests have been received from families of surviving World War II veterans, as well as veterans of other conflicts involving Canadian Armed Forces personnel.

The proposed 2026 funding will support the continued expansion of the program, including:

- **Production of up to 20 additional banners.**
- Associated mounting hardware.
- Scissor lift rental for installation.

If approved, volunteers intend to publish an informational article in the Apsley Backroads and share updates via social media. This outreach will provide program context and encourage community members to submit additional veteran information and photographs for future recognition.

Financial Implications:

Item	Estimated Cost
Veteran Banners (up to 20)	\$3,240.00
Lift and Hardware (up to 20)	\$1,250.00
Total (from General Reserves)	\$4,490.00 + applicable taxes

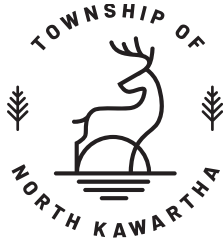
Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Governance

1. Provide Quality Community Programs and Services.
2. Provide effective, clear and transparent Township Communication.

Environment

2. Protect the Human Environment.



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In Consultation With:

Bill Roter, Community Volunteer

Attachment:

None