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Subject: Update - Master of Ceremonies - 2021 Remembrance Day Service

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to update you on the Vancouver Remembrance Day Committee's (VRDC) search for a new Master of Ceremonies for this year's Remembrance Day Service at Victory Square.

As per my e-mail to Council on July 30, the VRDC requested your suggestions of suitable individuals to emcee the Remembrance Day Service at Victory Square. The skills, knowledge and experience required to fulfil this role is very unique and requires someone with exceptional public speaking skills, extensive historical knowledge of wars and conflicts involving Canada's military, extensive experience working with the media and on live television productions, and the ability to adhere to strict program timing and the protocols of a formal Remembrance Day service. Thank you to those members of Council who did submit suggestions. The VRDC is grateful for your interest and commitment to this special ceremony.

After discussing options with Bob Underhill, Chair of the Vancouver Remembrance Day Committee, we are pleased to advise that Mr. Jim Stanton has agreed to emcee the 2021 Remembrance Day only. Mr. Stanton is a long-time friend of Cam Cathcart and is very familiar with the Remembrance Day Service at Victory Square. Mr. Stanton also has broadcast and media experience, and as Past President of the [Royal United Services Institute](#), he also knows the military and its history. Mr. Stanton has offered to emcee this year only as a transition year until the VRDC can take the necessary time to recruit a permanent emcee.

Although from Vancouver originally, Mr. Stanton has been living in Newfoundland for the past number of years. He has agreed to come to Vancouver to prepare for and emcee the ceremony on a volunteer basis. For more information on Jim Stanton, please see the following links:

- Jim Stanton emceeing Cam Cathcart's memorial service - <https://pd.heracle.net/drive/s/IIIEBRK9VY1zBXHJdJnFFbJnFjet> [pd.heracle.net]
- Jim Stanton's bio - http://stantonassociates.ca/?page_id=2

If you have any questions, please contact Lesley Matthews at Lesley.Matthews@vancouver.ca or Mr. Bob Underhill at runder@telus.net

Best,
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