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City of Vancouver to Support Victory Square 100 Banner Program

Vancouver, BC - Today, Vancouver City Council proudly passed a motion, led by Councillors Brian Montague and Lenny Zhou, to support the Victory Square 100 Banner Program. This program pays tribute to the courage and sacrifices of Canadian veterans, marking the 100th anniversary of Vancouver's Victory Square Cenotaph.

"As a city, we have a responsibility to honour those who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today," said Mayor Ken Sim. "The Victory Square 100 Banner Program not only commemorates our heroes but also celebrates the diverse contributions that have shaped our nation's history."

To help facilitate this program, the City of Vancouver will allocate a \$15,000 grant to waive banner rental fees. Of this, \$10,000 will be designated for the Royal Canadian Legion, BC/Yukon Command, and \$5,000 will support the ANAVETS Pacific Unit #280 in installing additional banners in Chinatown.

"This initiative is more than just a tribute - it's a heartfelt thank you to our veterans that will resonate with both residents and visitors," said Councillor Montague. "These banners are a powerful reminder of the bravery and sacrifices made, ensuring future generations never forget their courage."

The installation of banners will feature photographs of Canadian veterans and will be installed along major streets, including Victory Square and Chinatown Memorial Square.

"The banners in Chinatown will be a meaningful way to honour Chinese Canadian veterans," said retired Commander, RCN, King Wan, past president of Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and current president of ANAVETS Pacific Unit #280. "They reflect our community's deep respect for those who served and ensure their contributions are remembered."

Councillor Zhou echoed this sentiment, emphasizing the cultural impact of the project. "By installing these banners in Chinatown, we're sharing the stories of veterans who shaped both Vancouver and Canada, while deepening the community's appreciation for our diverse history," said Zhou.

This Mayor and Council are committed to ensuring that the Victory Square 100 Banner Program serves as an impactful tribute to the veterans who have shaped Canada, ensuring that their legacy lives on for future generations.

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