



Backgrounder

41 Canadian Brigade Group



The Calgary Soldiers' Memorial (Landscape of Memory Project)

The Calgary Soldiers' Memorial is a project initiated by The Calgary Highlanders in conjunction with their Centennial in 2010. The project expanded to encompass all army reserve units based in Calgary. These units include

- The King's Own Calgary Regiment
- 41 Combat Engineer Regiment
- 746 (Calgary) Communications Squadron
- The Calgary Highlanders
- 14 (Calgary) Service Battalion
- 15 Field Ambulance, Detachment Calgary

The Calgary Soldiers' Memorial is a tribute to the sacrifice and service that soldiers serving with Calgary's army reserve regiments have made in World War 1, World War 2 and Afghanistan. They leave behind a rich and honoured legacy. The names of over 3,000 soldiers who have died fighting for their country will be listed on large stone tablets with the Cap Badge of the units shown at the top.

The Memorial is being funded through a number of sources in the public and private sector. The City of Calgary has graciously made funds available through their Enmax Legacy Parks Program, and a large number of donations have been received from corporations, service clubs and individuals.

The Calgary Soldiers' Memorial design was created by the Marc Boutin Architectural Collaborative and is part of the larger Memorial Drive *Landscape of Memory* project initiated by The City of Calgary in 2004. One of the first public spaces for the larger project, The Memorial is a truly integral component of the overall *Landscape of Memory*. The actual location of the Memorial will be on the south side of Memorial Drive, approximately 100 metres west of 10th St. The Memorial will look across the Bow River towards Mewata Armoury where many of the soldiers departed to serve their country.

The *Landscape of Memory* vision statement is "The Memorial Drive corridor is both a major street in Calgary's road network and a unique urban landscape that is shaped by an understanding of its social and physical role, and by a deep respect for its commemorative history. Integral to this vision is a landscape that is supportive, safe, accessible and active, and is enriched by a unifying identity, trees and meaningful places to observe individual and collective memory." The *Landscape of Memory* consists of a nine kilometre renovation of the Memorial Drive corridor, including the development of a series of interconnected public spaces.

The Calgary Soldiers' Memorial is scheduled for unveiling in the fall of 2010 with Remembrance Week activities.

For further information, please visit: calgarysoldiersmemorial.ca or contact Captain Peter Boyle at peter.boyle@calgarysoldiersmemorial.ca or 403-470-7091.

41 Canadian Brigade Group includes all Reserve Army units in the province of Alberta.

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