PROCLAMATION

Royal Canadian Legion Day

WHEREAS: Across Canada, the Royal Canadian Legion celebrates its 100th anniversary. In Brampton, we recognize this significant milestone because we have two long standing Branches in our city, Branch 15 and Branch 609. We also acknowledge the 100th anniversary of our local Legion Branch 15, which also celebrates its centenary this year.

Branch 15 of Brampton has always had veterans and their families as a major focus. The Branch has a history that is actually older than 100 years. Before them was the Great War Veterans Association, which later became the Royal Canadian Legion we know today. Brampton's Branch 15 is named after Major William Dwight Sharpe. Major Sharpe was a veteran of WWI, a doctor, and a Town Councillor. He also served as the National President of the Great War Veterans Association, and was instrumental in the forming of the Legion. He has a street, a park, and a Legion named after him in Brampton.

What needs to be understood is that the veteran community in Brampton is growing and so are the effects on the families thereof. Recently, two members of the Canadian Armed Forces have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the last 12 months, and there are approximately 15 to 25 members of the Brampton community currently serving in a hot zone with more being deployed in 2027.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim July 22, 2026, as "Royal Canadian Legion Day" in the City of Brampton, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion and Brampton's Major William Dwight Sharpe Legion Branch 15.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton