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Veterans honoured with street banners

Wasaga Beach – Six banners, each containing the image of a local veteran, will go up along Main Street in Wasaga Beach just in time for the town’s Remembrance Day service on Sunday, Nov. 4.

The banners are part of the Mayor’s Memory Project and will remain up throughout the month of November. Additional new banners along the street will sport the Canadian Flag.

“We owe a debt of gratitude to all our veterans,” Mayor Brian Smith said. “These banners are a terrific way to highlight the veterans in our community who have given so much for our country. It’s my hope this project will continue in the future until all of our local heroes are recognized.”

Proceeds from the 11th annual Mayor’s Charity Golf Challenge, held in August, helped pay for the banners.

“I’m so pleased the tournament was able to support such an important community project,” Mayor Smith said. “I want to once again thank everyone who took part in the tournament. Your help made these banners possible.”

Cut-out replicas of the banners will be on display at town hall, 30 Lewis St., during the municipality’s Remembrance Day service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4.

The replicas will also be on display at the Wasaga Beach Public Library, 120 Glenwood Dr., during its Remembrance Day service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11.

Also, the replicas of the banners will be at the RecPlex, 1724 Mosley St., during a Royal Canadian Legion dinner commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. The dinner takes place on Sunday, Nov. 11, starting at 6 p.m.

The six veterans featured on the banners are: **Edgar John Branch, Jack Stapleton, Rowland Brooks, Jim Lupton, Robert Foster Crozier, and Tony Beresford.**

“I just want to express my thanks to Mayor Brian Smith and everyone at the Town of Wasaga Beach for taking on this project. I think it is a great idea. My dad was proud of his service and often spoke of those who never came back,” Bonnie Jones said.

Her father, Edgar John Branch, died in June 2018. He was 97. Branch served as a pilot officer with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War.

“It really means a lot to me to see Dad recognized like this,” Jones said.

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