

Community Celebrates Edmonton's Military History

Edmonton, September 11, 2005 –Land Force Western Area and Canada Lands Company today celebrated the military history and legacy associated with The Village at Griesbach. This special event featured the unveiling of a magnificent statue of Major General Griesbach, the showcasing of Patricia Lake, and the announcement of the names of 11 streets that will be named after military heroes and events.

Over 300 guests, including Brigadier General Tim Grant, Lieutenant-Governor Norman Kwong and City Councillors Kim Krushell and Ron Hayter attended the ceremony to celebrate a piece of Edmonton's civic and military history. The event was also attended by military veterans and their families, and family members of the many heroes who were recognized: Alex Decoteau, Colonel James Stone, Cecil Kinross V.C.

"This event is a great addition to Alberta's Centennial celebrations because it highlights the proud tradition of service and sacrifices by our local heroes," said Edmonton City Councillor, Kim Krushell. "The redevelopment of this historic site is an example of how Canada Lands doesn't just develop properties across Canada, it builds strong and vibrant communities."

"Touring the property, it is great to see that the site's heritage is showcased throughout," stated Stephanie Felesky, Board Member, Canada Lands Company. "Edmonton remains a proud military city. This history is carried on by the brave Canadians who make up: the Loyal Edmonton Regiment; the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry; and Edmonton's proud military engineers. All groups have called Griesbach home."

Canada Lands is a federal Crown corporation reactivated in 1995 to optimize the financial and community value obtained from surplus properties no longer required by the Government of Canada. The company is self-financing, pays applicable taxes at all levels of government, and implements innovative property solutions to enhance the quality of life in communities where it operates. Since its inception, the company has distributed hundreds of millions of dollars to the government as dividends, cash acquisitions, and payment for properties.

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