

File: 400-01

June 21, 2018

Chair and Directors
Regional District Board

Re: 100th Year Anniversary of the Merville Soldiers' Settlement community

As most are aware, Merville BC is planning for the Centennial Celebration of the creation of their community in 1919 as "Soldier Settlement Lands" for Canadian servicemen returning from "The Great War". Many of the Canadians were stationed in a hamlet in the French countryside called "Merville-au-Bois" and decided to name the new community in Canada after Merville.

It is the wish of the Centennial Committee to send greetings and extend an invitation to attend the ceremonies to Mayor Marie Helen-Marcel. Mayor Helen-Marcel is the Mayor of the Town of Ailly-sur Noye which is the Hamlet where Merville-au-Bois is represented.

Further, a member of the Centennial Committee is from France and plans a trip back this fall with hopes of addressing the council and hand delivering the letter.

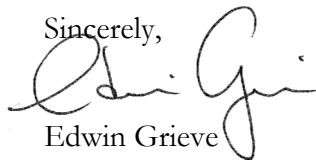
Requested Action:

THAT the Comox Valley Regional District send a letter of introduction and a brief summary of the history of the Merville Community (Comox Valley) to Mayor Helen-Marcel, Mayor of the Town of Ailly-sur Noye, to support the Merville, BC Centennial Celebrations in 2019;

AND FURTHER THAT a separate formal invitation be sent to Mayor Helen-Marcel (or an appointed councillor) to attend the Merville Centennial Celebrations in 2019.

It is hoped that the introduction letter would be sent in the next few weeks and that both communications would be in French.

Sincerely,



Edwin Grieve
Director