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The Homes For Heroes Newsletter July 2022

Winnipeg Village Announcement

On May 25th, Homes For Heroes was joined at the headquarters of the Winnipeg Kinsmen by representatives of all three levels of government to publicly announce our Veterans' Village in that city and the launch of our Capital Fundraising Campaign to fund the project.



Left to right: Cameron Diggon, Director of Fund Development, Homes For Heroes Foundation; Trevor Smith, Past President, Winnipeg Kinsmen Club; Bradley Robertson, Assistant Vice-President, Mechanical Car, Canadian Pacific; David Howard, CEO, Homes For Heroes Foundation; Kevin Klein, Councillor, City of Winnipeg; Len Isleifson, Special Envoy for Military Affairs for the Province of Manitoba. Credit: Jeff Hiebert GNW

The Kinsmen Club of Winnipeg were the first to commit to the project, agreeing to donate \$1 million to support the project and, as a result, the Village will be named the “Winnipeg Kinsmen Veterans’ Village”. With the encouragement, assistance and constant support from Councillor Kevin Klein, the City of Winnipeg agreed to sell the \$1 million parcel of land on Transcona Blvd. to Homes For Heroes for a technical fee of about \$80 thousand.

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supporter of Homes For Heroes since our start and, in this case, have contributed \$660 thousand to fund the central Resource Centre. The Brick will once again donate all of the furniture and appliances for the Village. The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has provided \$100 thousand in Seed funding to the project (and we are counting on far greater support in the future!).

These announcements combine to represent over 40% of the total capital cost of siting, designing, planning, permitting, constructing and commissioning the Village – we are well on our way! But we are not there yet! We still need your assistance in order to make this Village a reality for our Veterans-in-need.

The 1800

Every home in our Village features a commemorative plaque that pays tribute to one of Canada's Military fallen. To assist us in funding our Veterans' Villages each home is sponsored by an individual, a service club, a corporation or a foundation who contribute \$100 thousand to support the project. Few are able to provide this level of support and we receive contributions in a variety of amounts ranging (to date) from \$1 to over \$1 million – and we value and appreciate every single dollar that you reach into your pocket to donate. So, in recognition of the 1,800 individual donors who have contributed from \$1 to \$100 to support Homes For Heroes, and whose contributions add to up to over \$100 thousand, one of the homes at our Edmonton Village is named after "The 1800".

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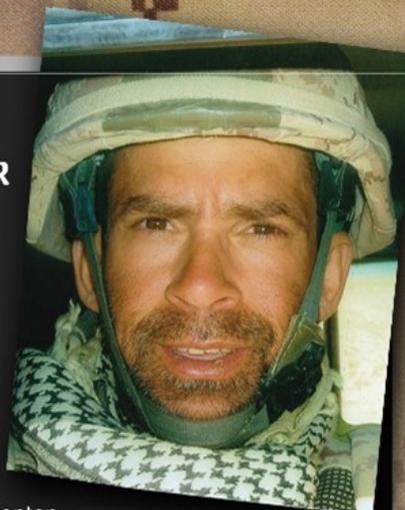


LT. WILLIAM TURNER

AGE 45

TORONTO, ONTARIO

13 APRIL 1961 - 22 APRIL 2006



Born in Toronto and raised in southern Ontario, Bill joined the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves on April 25, 1991 with the 11th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery as a Second Lieutenant. He was promoted to Lieutenant in October, 1993 and subsequently transferred to the 20th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery in 1996 after moving to Edmonton.

On February 1, 1999 Bill transferred to the Supplementary Reserves. In February, 2005 he reactivated his military service by accepting a position with the Civilian Military Cooperation Unit (CIMIC) serving with the Land Forces Western Area headquarters. As a CIMIC Officer, Bill was deployed to Afghanistan in January, 2006 as part of Operation Archer, Task Force Orion.

Serving his country, Bill (along with three fellow team members) was tragically killed by an IED near Gumbad, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan on Saturday April 22, 2006 doing what he loved, as an Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces. He was a proud Canadian, a Soldier's Soldier, and very dedicated to the CIMIC mission he was on, Operation Enduring Freedom, helping to make the lives of the Afghani people he met better.



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20TH Fd REGT ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY - EDMONTON, AB
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"The 1800"

The home has been sponsored by the approximately 1,800 individual donors whose donations, ranging from \$1 to \$100, have cumulatively provided the funds necessary to build this Veteran's home.

We, and our resident Veterans, truly appreciate everyone's support, in whatever amount. To all our donors, including "The 1800", a mighty thank you!

Progress in Kingston

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announce the selection of our team of key construction partners for the project.



Northern Shield Development Corp. has been retained as the Tiny Home Builder for the Village. Located in Innisfil (near Barrie), Ontario. Of the companies we assessed, we believe that they are most capable of producing the quality and

innovative flavour that has been a hallmark of our Villages to date. Incorporated in 2010, their focus is on building affordable, safe and energy efficient modular housing – a perfect partner for Homes For Heroes.

A local Kingston construction management company, **Bourgon Construction**, will provide construction



management services, coordinating all activity at the beautiful Provincial Campus site. Bourgon is one of Eastern Ontario's leading builders specializing in community projects of all budgets and purposes. Bourgon's Kingston-based team has recently delivered beautiful new facilities for organizations such as the City of Kingston, the Kingston and Frontenac Housing Corporation, Queen's University and the Kingston Boys & Girls Club. "This project energized my whole team," said Bourgon Construction's Chris Markell. "Our team is made up of project managers and skilled builders that love to put together innovative and unique buildings that serve the community well in the long run. Our team is particularly excited about two aspects of the Homes For Heroes Kingston project: providing veterans with innovative, quality housing, and demonstrating that well-planned, higher-density housing can work well in our community."



With offices located in the City of Kingston, **WSP – Engineering** believes that acting locally means being present in our communities. The firm is well placed, and well-able to provide the engineering services required for the project.

And, of course, we are most pleased to welcome back our tried and trusted partners from the Calgary and Edmonton builds: NAK Design Strategies, who will provide Landscape Architecture services

and Hunter Tristan Design who will provide conceptual and design Architecture input.

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Meet Our New Village Staff Members

Kyle Clapperton, our Director of Village Operations has been busy over the last few months identifying and retaining staff to ensure that our wrap-around program of counselling, training and services is helping our resident Veterans to the greatest extent possible on their journey from homelessness back into main street society. These individuals work on our “front lines”, interacting on a daily basis with our residents. When it comes to achieving our mission, this is where it takes place. We welcome these new, talented staff members and wish them the best of luck in their new duties.

Tate (Veteran Services Manager, ATCO Veterans Village, Calgary)



Tate is a Veteran Services Manager with the Homes for Heroes Foundation at the ATCO Calgary Veterans Village. He has an educational background in social work from the University of Calgary, and extensive experience working with vulnerable populations, with a particular focus on homeless and substance use populations in a frontline setting.

Prior to joining H4HF, Tate worked at the Calgary Alpha House Society in the shelter and on the outreach team. He went on to work as a caseworker at the demographically designated women’s building through Alpha House Society. Before transitioning into social work, he worked with Alberta Health Services for ten years in the inpatient pharmacy at Foothills Medical Centre. Tate is honoured to continue his work and pursue his passion working in the homelessness sector with the Homes for Heroes Foundation.

Mark (Veteran Case Worker, ATCO Veterans Village, Calgary)

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during life's challenges. He also assists residents in accessing various resources such as community and government assistance and retraining programs, legal aid, and healthcare.

Prior to joining the team at Homes for Heroes, Mark was a supervisor at the Calgary Food Bank for 12 years, coordinating its nation-wide distribution network. Passionate about social justice, he is currently pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Calgary. He is honoured to be working at Homes for Heroes, as it was the Canadian Forces that saved his father's family by liberating their hometown during World War II.



Beth (Veteran Services Manager, ATCO Veterans Village, Edmonton)



Beth is honoured to be one of the Veteran Service Manager's with Homes for Heroes Foundation at the ATCO Edmonton Veterans Village. She joins H4HF with an educational background of Social Work from Mount Royal University and since has gained years of experience working with various populations, including vulnerable seniors, students, youth in the justice system and victims of crime.

Beth brings with her numerous years of Social Work experience and a passion for working with the homeless community throughout the City of Edmonton. She has provided advocacy and support to clients needing access to services for various complex challenges including housing, mental health, substance use, income support, and domestic violence. Beth is both honoured and humbled to play a role in H4HF's mission to end Veteran homelessness.

Delia (Veteran Case Worker, ATCO Veterans Village, Edmonton)

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with Homes For Heroes, and graduating with her Bachelor's degree in Social Work. Delia works with our residents, assisting them in achieving their goals and in creating a plan for learning or reigniting the skills they need for independent living, with a focus on building community and healthy relationships.



We Still Need Your Help!

Homes For Heroes continues to be blessed by donors right across the country who support our mission of ending homelessness among Canada's Veterans. You have read in the article above about "The 1800" and how their donations, from \$1 to \$100, added up to the cost to fund one of the Veteran's homes in our Evansdale Veterans' Village. We do truly value every single dollar donated in support of this worthy cause. But theirs is only one good news story:

- There are "The 300" donors who have provided between \$100 and \$250, whose combined contributions also provided funding for a Veteran's home.
- Or the next "300" who donated between \$250 and \$400 and also funded a home.
- "The 225" who donated between \$400 and \$600 and also funded a home.
- "The 250" who donated between \$600 and \$2,000, and also funded a home.

These good news stories keep going. The point is, regardless of how much you are able to donate, you and those who similarly care about our Veterans-in-need are all building Tiny Homes in one of our Veterans' Villages.

But the work goes on, and so does the need. We have already acquired land for Villages in Kingston, Ontario and Winnipeg, Manitoba and are busy conceptualizing, designing, planning, permitting and, starting early in 2023, building and opening those Villages to local homeless Veterans. **We won't be able to complete these projects without your help.**

So here is to you! Here is to the next "1800", the next "300", the next "250", the next "225", whose cumulative assistance will provide a private, warm, comfortable space for one of those who Stood-On-Guard for us, and now needs our help!

Please help us. Please donate now.

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On behalf of the Homes For Heroes team we hope you remain healthy and well.

Sincerely,

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