

Media Report 15 May 2020

This weeks media reports will cover and answer great questions veterans are still asking such as Frequently asked questions regarding COVID-19 in Ottawa. Due to ongoing and evolving COVID-19 pandemic, callers may experience increased wait times when calling the Government of Canada Pension Center. Callers may also experience dropped calls, as all telecommunication networks across Canada are presently facing capacity challenges. and local Media Articles and This chapter provides criteria used to rate permanent impairment resulting from endocrine disorders and disorders of metabolism. The endocrine system is composed of the hypothalamic-pituitary axis, the thyroid gland, the parathyroid glands, the adrenal glands, the islet cell tissue of the pancreas and the gonad. Common endocrine disorders and disorders of metabolism assessed within this chapter include:

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Second postponement of NVOC General Meeting

We postponed our General Meeting and tentatively marked our calendars for Saturday 16 May. We are not yet able to physically meet and we will not likely be able to meet until September. The votes on the issue of electing the Board of Directors and the termination of the NVOC Flag project had already been voted upon. The General Meeting is a statutory requirement. We will hold the meeting when we can ."

FORMER CDS General (Retd) Paul Manson, OC, CMM, CD, KStG, former Chief of the Defence Staff, Canadian Armed Forces, AND RMC PRINCIPAL EMERITUS APPOINTED TO ORDER OF ST. GEORGE PRIORY

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On behalf of the Dames and Knights of the Order of St. George, I have the pleasure and honour to announce the appointments of General (Retd) Paul Manson, OC, CMM, CD, KStG, former Chief of the Defence Staff, Canadian Armed Forces, as an Honourary Member of the Grand Master's Privy Council and Senior Advisor Ways and Means respectively.

The GM's Privy Council is an independent advisory body reporting through the Grand Master to the Order's National Council on such matters relating to, for example, values, mission, tradition, policy, governance, membership, process, investitures, order of service, administration and external relations and such other issues pertaining to the Order's GOOD WORKS and public perception. The

Order's Patron, Vice-Patron, Dean, President/COO, Secretary and the immediate Past President are among its members.

The Senior Advisor Ways and Means is an integral and a principal advisor and contributor to matters relating to the financial requirements, support, and implementation of the Order's GOOD WORKS as well as the development and administration of the associated fundraising strategies including marketing and communications and promotion activities

Chevalier Paul Manson has been instrumental in major national and other heritage, veterans, education, health services, science and engineering projects for which each developed, led and/or participated as principals in fundraising campaigns which generated multiple millions of dollars thereby ensuring their successful fruition: General Manson, Canadian War Museum; and Dr.Cowan, WWI Hill 70 Memorial Project.

We proudly welcome this distinguished gentlemen and thank and applaud them for accepting the Order's invitation to give of their considerable talents, experience and valuable time. Their impressive CVs are presented below.

V General (Retd) Paul David Manson, OCC, CMM, CD, KStJ

General Manson served as Canada's Chief of the Defence Staff from 1986 to 1989, culminating a distinguished 38-year career with the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Canadian Forces. He attended military college at Royal Roads, B.C. (1952-54), and the Royal Military College, Kingston (1954-56), graduating as the top cadet at both colleges. He holds a BSc degree in electrical engineering.

A fighter pilot, he served ten years with Canada's NATO Forces in Europe flying the CF-100 Canuck, the F-86 Sabre, and the CF-104 Starfighter. During his years in uniform General Manson commanded at every level of the Air Force. In a key assignment from 1977 to 1980 he was Program Manager of the New Fighter Aircraft Program, leading to selection of the CF-18 Hornet as Canada's new fighter.

Following military service, General Manson entered business as the president of a large aerospace company, retiring in 1997. From that point until 2005 he served as full-time volunteer Chairman of the "Passing the Torch" campaign, which raised \$16.5 million in support of the new Canadian War Museum, which opened in 2005. During his retirement he was a frequent commentator and writer on defence and security issues. In 2003 he was named the recipient of the prestigious Vimy Award and in June 2018 he was inducted into Canada's Aviation

Hall of Fame. General Manson was invested as a Knight of the Order of St. George in 2014.

A skilled trombonist, he played in many bands and musical groups over the years. Like Margaret, his wife of sixty-three years, he is an avid golfer. They have two sons, two daughters, and five grandchildren. The Mansons reside in Ottawa.

Financial Compensation for Canadian Veterans
A comparative analysis of benefit regimes

Introduction by the Veterans Ombudsman:

This report also highlights key changes made to financial benefit regimes for disabled Canadian Veterans over the past 14 years. What is remarkable to me is the fact that despite these considerable changes to legislation and Veteran programming we still do not have a clear vision for Veterans in Canada, nor have we identified clear Veteran outcomes (financial, social, health, employment, etc.). When I consider this fact I am reminded of the following Yogi Berra quote: "If you don't know where you are going you'll end up someplace else."

Overall the five major changes made to Veterans' legislation over the past 14 years, as well as countless modifications to existing programs, can be seen as a positive development. Indeed, government investment in Veterans programming over this period has benefitted many Veterans and their families. However at the same time a complex system has resulted, one as this report finds has created inequity for some Veterans and difficulty for many of those trying to navigate it. It also suggests that we still do not "know where we are going" when it comes to supporting Canada's ill and injured Veterans and their families.

Accordingly, I urge Government to initiate a national conversation to identify a clear vision and clear outcome for Canada's Veterans and their families. Doing so would not only inform future changes to Veteran programming, but would also better enable us to determine whether, or not, we are truly meeting the needs of Canada's Veterans and their families.

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<https://ottawacitizen.com/pmnn/news-pmnn/canada-news-pmnn/watchdog-blasts-compensation-regimes-for-disabled-veterans-calls-for-overhaul>

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“New Veterans Charter” and “Report”

As-it-happens update · May 15, 2020

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[Watchdog blasts compensation regimes for disabled veterans, calls for overhaul](#)

Subject: Fwd: Ontario Government Approves Free Fishing for CAF Members and Vets/Le gouvernement de l’Ontario approuve la pêche gratuite pour les membres et les vétérinaires des FAC

Hi All

Please note this message is intended for Ontario residents only, if you live in another province please check with the ministry of that province to see if it has similar approval for servicemen and veterans. Also you may require an Outdoors card which is separate from fishing licenses.

Enjoy the fishing,
Tom Tomaso

Ontario Government Approves Free Fishing for CAF Members and Vets/Le gouvernement de l’Ontario approuve la pêche gratuite pour les membres et les vétérinaires des FA

Almonte Legion Pipe Band play for Seniors

Matt and I have missed being able to join our Comrades at the NVOC meetings at Kemptville Legion due to the state of emergency surrounding this unprecedented situation. The Ottawa / Gatineau Chapter of the NVOC have been very good to the Almonte Legion Pipe Band so I thought that it prudent to let you know what our Pipe Band have been up to over the last couple of months and how your generous donation to the band is helping Veterans and Seniors in our area

On a positive note I did want to let you know that our Almonte Legion Pipe Band has been looking at ways that we can help Veterans and Seniors in our community. One of the Care Homes in our community is Almonte Country Haven, they have been hit very hard by Covid-19 and deaths to date stand at 23. In accordance with physical distancing protocols we had two pipers go along to play outside the Country Haven Seniors Residence to show our support and solidarity with all the care staff and residents. This small act was hugely appreciated by the staff and residents and was picked up by one of our local newspapers. The video of the pipers has gone viral with over 20,000 views and can be seen in the attached link.

<https://us6.campaign-archive.com/?e=41b374d3bf&u=ea47112702d4ff6c32c71dea3&id=0106425420>

Following such a positive response we now have a number of pipers play every Wednesday evening at all of the Senior residences in Almonte, Carleton Place and Carp. This is a total of 10 Senior Residence homes around our immediate area and the response and appreciation shown by all the care homes has been overwhelming. We are glad that we are able to help in some small way, and I wanted to share this information with you. Here is a link of some Pipers suitable physically distanced playing at the Fairview Manor at Almonte General Hospital this week.

Covid Pipers at Fairview Manor - https://youtu.be/Gz_DRuyaxl

We were all divested to learn of the sad loss of the Helicopter crew from HMCS Fredericton. This one was very close to home for me personally as I lost 20 of my very close friends during cross decking by Sea King from HMS Hermes to HMS Intrepid on 19th May 1982 during the Falklands War. So I decided we needed a Tribute to all those lost in the Ionian Sea. See the YouTube link below for our Tribute at the Almonte Cenotaph last Wednesday.

Helicopter Tribute - <https://youtu.be/2cEVbgM997Y>

Today is obviously a very special day as it was Victory in Europe and we could let that pass without a celebration and a Tribute to all our fallen Comrades, so we decided to hold a short ceremony at the Almonte Veterans Memorial Walkway.

VE Day Parade - <https://youtu.be/yJBKW5eCAF8>

We have been very busy every week in particular with all the care home in Almonte, Carleton Place and in Carp. For our members who do have access to Facebook please check out our Almonte Legion Pipe Band Branch 240 Facebook page. I would encourage everyone to like the pages and share with your friends, These are unprecedented times and we are all doing what we can to help cheer those less fortunate than ourselves.

Take care and stay safe

Endocrine and Metabolic Impairment

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Introduction

This chapter provides criteria used to rate permanent impairment resulting from endocrine disorders and disorders of metabolism.

The endocrine system is composed of the hypothalamic-pituitary axis, the thyroid gland, the parathyroid glands, the adrenal glands, the islet cell tissue of the pancreas and the gonads.

Common endocrine disorders and disorders of metabolism assessed within this chapter include:

- hyperthyroidism
- hypothyroidism
- hyperparathyroidism
- hypoparathyroidism
- hyperadrenocorticism (e.g. Cushing's disease)
- hypoadrenalism (e.g. Addison's disease)
- diabetes mellitus

- hyperlipidemia
- metabolic bone disease (e.g. osteoporosis).

Also assessed within this chapter are hypothalamic-pituitary axis disorders and Paget's disease of the bone.

The pituitary gland, influenced by the hypothalamus, releases several hormones which control the activity of other endocrine glands or directly effect tissues of the body. The hormones released include:

- thyrotropin (TSH) controls activity of the thyroid gland
- corticotropin (ACTH) controls the activity of the adrenal glands
- luteinizing hormone (LH) and follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) control the activity of the gonads
- growth hormone (GH)
- prolactin
- antidiuretic hormone (ADH)
- oxytocin.

Disorders of the hypothalamic-pituitary axis may affect one or several of these hormones. Each affected hormone may result in permanent impairment.

Paget's disease of the bone is a non-metabolic bone disease; however, for assessment purposes, this condition is rated by using the criteria contained within [Table 15.3](#).

A rating is not given from this chapter for conditions listed below:

- Gonad (ovarian and testicular) impairment is rated within [Chapter 16](#), Urinary, Sexual and Reproductive Impairment.
- Mammary gland impairment is rated within [Chapter 16](#), Urinary, Sexual and Reproductive Impairment.

If ratings are applicable from both [Table 15.3](#) and [Chapter 16](#) for a hypothalamic-pituitary axis disorder, the ratings are added.

Impairment from malignant endocrine conditions is rated within [Chapter 18](#), Malignant Impairment. Follow the steps contained within the Malignant Impairment chapter.

Rating Tables

This chapter contains two “Loss of Function” tables and one “Other Impairment” table which are used to assess the impairment from entitled endocrine and metabolic disorders.

The tables within this chapter are:

Rating Tables		
Table	Loss of Function	Other Impairment
Table 15.1	Loss of Function – Diabetes Mellitus	This table is used to rate impairment from diabetes mellitus.
Table 15.2	Other Impairment – Diabetic Foot Ulcers	This table is used to rate impairment from diabetic foot ulcers.
Table 15.3	Loss of Function – Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders (Excluding Diabetes Mellitus)	This table is used to rate impairment from endocrine and metabolic disorders other than diabetes mellitus.

Loss of Function – Diabetes Mellitus

[Table 15.1](#) is used to rate impairment from diabetes mellitus. Only one rating may be selected. If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

Diabetes mellitus may result in permanent impairment of other organ systems (e.g. diabetic retinopathy, diabetic neuropathy, diabetic foot ulcers, diabetic nephropathy). If this is the case, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s). Diabetic foot ulcers are rated within this chapter from [Table 15.2](#).

If non-entitled conditions or conditions rated within another chapter/table of the Table of Disabilities are contributing to the overall impairment, then the Partially Contributing Table (PCT) must be applied to arrive at the rating which is due to the entitled condition(s) rated within this table.

Other Impairment – Diabetic Foot Ulcers

[Table 15.2](#) is used to rate impairment from diabetic foot ulcers. Only one rating may be selected. If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

Any resulting amputation is rated using the Amputation Table in [Chapter 17](#), Musculoskeletal Impairment. The ratings from [Table 15.2](#) and the [Chapter 17](#) rating are compared and the highest selected.

If diabetic foot ulcers and peripheral vascular arterial disease are both entitled, the conditions are bracketed and one rating is obtained from [Table 13.2](#) within [Chapter 13](#), Hypertension and Vascular Impairment. No rating is taken from [Table 15.2](#).

Diabetic foot ulcers may result in permanent impairment of other organ systems (e.g. chronic osteomyelitis). If this is the case, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s).

If non-entitled conditions or conditions rated within another chapter/table of the Table of Disabilities are contributing to the overall impairment, then the Partially Contributing Table (PCT) must be applied to arrive at the rating which is due to the entitled condition(s) rated within this table.

Loss of Function – Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders (Excluding Diabetes Mellitus)

[Table 15.3](#) is used to rate impairment from endocrine and metabolic disorders other than diabetes mellitus. One rating may be selected for each entitled condition (excluding diabetes and hypothalamic-pituitary axis disorders). If more than one rating is applicable for an entitled condition, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

In the majority of cases, treatment will completely control or permanently correct endocrine and metabolic disorders. If activities of daily living are affected despite optimal treatment or if optimal treatment cannot be provided due to other medical conditions, a rating will be determined from [Chapter 19](#), Activities of Daily

Living. If a rating is applicable from both [Table 15.3](#) and the Activities of Daily Living (ADL) chapter, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

Endocrine and metabolic disorders may result in permanent impairment of other organ systems. If this is the case, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s).

If non-entitled conditions or conditions rated within another chapter/table of the Table of Disabilities are contributing to the overall impairment, then the Partially Contributing Table (PCT) must be applied to arrive at the rating which is due to the entitled condition(s) rated within this table.

Table 15.1 – Loss of Function – Diabetes Mellitus

Only one rating may be given from Table 15.1. If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

Each bullet (•) represents one criterion. In order for a rating to be established for Table 15.1, all criteria designated at that rating level must be met.

Table 15.1 – Loss of Function – Diabetes Mellitus	
Rating	Criteria
Four	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetes mellitus controlled by restricted diet and exercise.
Thirteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetes mellitus controlled by restricted diet, exercise and use of oral hypoglycemic medication(s).
Twenty-one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetes mellitus requiring the use of insulin.
Thirty-four	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poorly controlled diabetes mellitus despite optimal therapy; and • Complications intrinsic* to diabetes mellitus are present on a regular basis.

* Intrinsic complications – pruritus; transient skin infections; hypoglycemic reactions; ketoacidosis.

Table 15.2 – Other Impairment – Diabetic Foot Ulcers

Only one rating may be given from Table 15.2. If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

Each bullet (•) represents one criterion. In order for a rating to be established for Table 15.2, all criteria designated at that rating level must be met.

Table 15.2 – Other Impairment – Diabetic Foot Ulcers	
Rating	Criteria
Nine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetic foot ulcer(s) involving one foot.
Twenty-one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetic foot ulcers involving both feet.

Table 15.3 – Loss of Function – Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders (excluding Diabetes Mellitus)

One rating from Table 15.3 may be given for each entitled endocrine and metabolic disorder (excluding diabetes mellitus and hypothalamic-pituitary axis disorders). If more than one rating is applicable for a disorder, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

In cases of entitled hypothalamic-pituitary axis disorders, one rating from Table 15.3 may be selected for each resulting endocrine abnormality. If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are added.

Each bullet (•) represents one criterion. In order for a rating to be established for [Table 23.1](#), follow the "and(s)" and "or(s)".

Table 15.3 – Loss of Function – Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders	
Rating	Criteria
Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asymptomatic; and • No requirement for treatment; or • History of endocrine or metabolic disorder permanently corrected by treatment.
One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endocrine or metabolic disorder requiring regular injections less than

monthly.

Two

- Endocrine or metabolic disorder requiring regular injections on a monthly basis; **or**
 - Endocrine or metabolic disorder requiring a specific diet.
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Three

- Endocrine or metabolic disorder requiring continuous oral or nasal medication; **or**
 - Endocrine or metabolic disorder requiring regular injections more than once per month but less than weekly.
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Four

- Endocrine or metabolic disorder requiring injections on a weekly basis.
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Nine

- Symptomatic endocrine or metabolic disorder despite optimal treatment, but there is no difficulty with performing activities of daily living; **or**
 - Endocrine or metabolic disorder requiring regular daily injections.
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Steps to Determine Diabetes Mellitus and Diabetic Foot Ulcer Assessment

- Step 1: Determine the rating from [Table 15.1](#) (Loss of Function – Diabetes Mellitus).
- Step 2: Does the Partially Contributing Table apply? If yes, apply to the rating at Step 1.
- Step 3: Determine the Quality of Life rating.
- Step 4: Add the ratings at Step 2 and Step 3.
- Step 5: If partial entitlement exists, apply to the Step 4 rating.

This is the Disability Assessment for diabetes mellitus.

- Step 6: Determine the rating from [Table 15.2](#) (Other Impairment – Diabetic Foot Ulcers).
- Step 7: Does the Partially Contributing Table apply? If yes, apply to the rating at Step 6.

Note: If diabetic foot ulcers and peripheral vascular disease are both present, no rating is taken from this chapter. A rating is taken only from [Table 15.2](#) - Other Impairment – Peripheral Vascular Arterial Disease in [Chapter 13](#), Hypertension and Vascular Impairment.

- Step 8: Determine the Quality of Life rating.
- Step 9: Add the ratings at Step 7 and Step 8.
- Step 10: If partial entitlement exists, apply to rating at Step 9.

This is the Disability Assessment for diabetic foot ulcers.

Steps to Determine the Endocrine and Metabolic Assessment (excludes diabetes mellitus and diabetic foot ulcers)

- Step 1: Determine the rating from [Table 15.3](#) (Loss of Function – Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders [excluding diabetes mellitus]).

Note: If the condition to be rated from [Table 15.3](#) is a hypothalamic – pituitary axis disorder, one rating may be taken from [Table 15.3](#) for each resulting pituitary abnormality. If this is the case, the individual ratings are added.

- Step 2: Does the Partially Contributing Table apply? If yes, then apply to the rating at Step 1.
- Step 3: Determine the Quality of Life rating.
- Step 4: Add the ratings at Step 2 and Step 3.
- Step 5: If partial entitlement exists, apply to the Step 4 rating.
- Step 6: If activities of daily living are affected despite optimal treatment, determine the rating from [Chapter 19](#), Activities of Daily Living.
- Step 7: Compare ratings at Step 5 and Step 6 and select the highest.

This is the Disability Assessment for diabetic foot ulcers.

Canadian military postpones, curtails numerous overseas missions due to COVID-19

Bridge River Lillooet News

The Canadian Armed Forces is postponing the deployment of a warship and surveillance aircraft to help enforce United Nations' sanctions against North Korea because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The delay is one of numerous changes the Armed Forces is making to its overseas missions following a detailed analysis of the roughly 20 operations that the military is either already conducting or which were due to begin in the coming months. [READ MORE](#)

Les Forces armées retardent des déploiements

La Presse

Les Forces armées canadiennes ont retardé le déploiement d'un navire de guerre et d'un avion de surveillance en raison de la pandémie de la COVID-19 au moment où elles devaient contribuer à l'application de sanctions des Nations unies contre la Corée du Nord. [LIRE PLUS](#)

Canadian military to take part in world's largest maritime exercise as navies struggle to deal with COVID-19

Ottawa Citizen

The Canadian military plans to take part in the world's largest maritime exercise this summer even as the U.S. Navy, which is hosting the event, struggles to deal with coronavirus outbreaks that have sent two of its ships back to port. There have also been COVID-19 outbreaks on French, Belgium and Taiwanese navy ships. There are COVID-19 cases among the crews of 26 U.S. Navy ships. [READ MORE](#)

Russian Arctic military exercise draws awe and concern

CBC News

The online visuals are stunning, and they are meant to be. At a high altitude, Russian paratroopers tumble from the belly of a giant transport plane into a sky of cotton clouds and then proceed to fight a three-day mock battle in a winter wasteland. The recent exercise on Franz Josef Land, a Russian archipelago of largely uninhabited islands in the High Arctic, has set the defence and diplomatic communities abuzz, particularly in Canada, which has its own Far North island chain. [READ MORE](#)

Landmines of the future could be recharged remotely by drones

Forbes

Remote sensors exist where it is tedious, dangerous, or difficult for humans to regularly reach them. Those same characteristics make maintenance difficult, by design, and tax already-strained batteries to the edges of their lifespan. What if, instead of sending humans to maintain remote sensors, drones could fly close by and then, through radio waves, remotely recharge those same remote sensors? With such a system, sensors placed in far flung corners of everything from crop fields to battlefields could be maintained by regular contactless charging from visiting drones. [READ MORE](#)

Forces canadiennes: les opérations extérieures toujours au ralenti pour le moment

45e Nord

Après avoir retiré les membres des Forces en Irak, réduit leur contribution dans les entraînements en Ukraine et rapatrié plusieurs navires situés un peu partout autour du monde, les Forces armées canadiennes ont effectué récemment de nombreux changements aux missions outre-mer à la suite de l'analyse d'une vingtaine d'opérations déjà en cours ou qui devaient commencer dans les prochains mois. [LIRE PLUS](#)

Canadian military asks U.S. for help recovering Cyclone helicopter

wreckage it has yet to locate

National Post

The Canadian Forces doesn't yet know where the wreckage of its Cyclone helicopter is but discussions have been held with the U.S. military about possibly using deep-sea submersibles in recovering the debris. Defence minister Harjit Sajjan said last week that "we are actively working on options to recover the remaining fuselage, which will assist with the investigation." [READ MORE](#)

VE Day 75 years later: How 4 Saanichton siblings went to war

Vancouver Sun

The renowned Canadian military historian and author Tim Cook has travelled across the country talking to the children and grandchildren of Second World War veterans. He has found a recurring theme, wherever he has been: "I wish I'd asked more questions. I wish I'd taken the time to learn more." [READ MORE](#)

COVID-19 oblige: un 75e anniversaire du jour de la Victoire virtuel

45e Nord

Plus de 1 000 000 de Canadiens et de Terre-Neuviens ont servi pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale – et plus de 45 000 d'entre eux y ont laissé leur vie. Normalement, au Canada, en Europe et dans de nombreuses nations alliées, plusieurs personnes célèbrent ce jour de la Victoire en Europe pour souligner la fin officielle de la Seconde Guerre mondiale en Europe. Mais, cette année, COVID-19 oblige, les célébrations seront généralement virtuelles. [LIRE PLUS](#)

Surrey awards \$1 million contract for Serpentine sea dam design

Surrey Now-Leader

Surrey council has awarded a \$1.1 million contract for the design of the Serpentine River sea dam replacement. On the recommendation of city staff, Associated Engineering (B.C.) Ltd. received the nod at the May 4 council meeting. The replacement project was among 13 identified under Surrey's Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund program, which aims to reduce the city's vulnerability to flooding and sea-level rise. [READ MORE](#)