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Niagara-on-the-Lake Celebrates the Cenotaph Centennial

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On Saturday, June 4, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 124 and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake hosted a 100-year celebration of the Cenotaph, with a parade on Queen Street and a service at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Courthouse.

Located in the center of Old Town, the Cenotaph was initially utilized to signal the time to residents during the 1920s and 1930s. Now, the Cenotaph is one of Niagara-on-the-Lake's most recognized and beloved historical features.

"It was a great honour to celebrate and recognize the historical significance of the Cenotaph," stated Lord Mayor Betty Disero. "On behalf of Town Council, I want to extend a huge thank you to Her Honour Madam Elizabeth Dowdeswell, the 29th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and representative of Her Majesty the Queen, for joining us this past weekend."

The Town's unique Cenotaph, dedicated to community members lost in war, was unveiled on June 24, 1922, by a previous Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honourable Henry Cockshutt.

"Thank you to the Town's Cenotaph Committee, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 124, and Town Staff for organizing and planning this momentous occasion," stated CAO Marnie Cluckie. "The Town is so privileged to have had Her Honourable Madam Elizabeth Dowdeswell attend the Cenotaph Centennial Celebration and we are grateful for her presence at the event."

The Town is continuing to accept donations to perform important maintenance to the structure. If you wish to make a donation to the Cenotaph, please visit https://www.notl.com/recreation-events/community-initiatives-events.

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