



# CANADIAN TANK MUSEUM

HOME OF THE ONTARIO REGIMENT MUSEUM

# 2 MILLION DONATION

Oshawa, Ontario, December 5, 2025 — The Canadian Tank Museum, which houses North America's largest collection of operational historical military vehicles, has received an incredible boost to its internationally recognized collection this year with a donation from the Duffy Family of Tanks and armoured vehicles valued at over two million dollars.

The Duffy Historical Collection has been known as one of Canada's largest private collections of operational military vehicles for several decades and includes many historically significant pieces. The Tanks and armoured vehicles in the collection contain

the world's largest collection of British military vehicles from the 1991 Gulf War in private hands. Most significantly; these vehicles actually served in the conflict and were acquired, restored and researched by Mr Duffy over many years, which included contacting the former operators and crews and reconnecting them with the vehicles of their service.

Commenting on the donation to the Museum Mr Duffy said " It has been my passion to restore and preserve these vehicles and to keep the memory and history alive that goes along with them. There is no better organization I can entrust this legacy to than the Canadian Tank Museum. I

know that they will be well cared for and enjoyed by the public for generations to come".

The donated collection includes 20 vehicles fully restored and in working order. Most were purchased from Europe and the United States and brought to Canada. They include Soviet era vehicles such as the T-54 Main Battle Tank and BMP-1. A collection of 11 CVR(T) - (Combat Vehicle Reconnaissance Tracked) built in the UK and deployed with the British Army during "Operation Granby" in 1990-91. A British Chieftain Mk11 Main Battle Tank and a German built Leopard 1A5 just to name a few.

"Our Museum has been fortunate in the past to receive individual artifact donations, but to receive an entire private collection is an incredible boost to the size and international composition of our collection" said Jeremy Blowers, the Museums Executive Director.

Portion of the Duffy Historical Gulf War Collection Donated Tanks and Armoured Vehicles from the Duffy Historical Collection to the Canadian Tank Museum include:

T-54 Soviet Main Battle Tank ( Gulf War Veteran Collection ), BMP-1 Soviet Armoured Personnel Carrier, Chieftain Mk11 Main Battle Tank, Leopard 1A5BE Main Battle Tank,FV432 Armoured Personnel Carrier, CVR(T) Sabre,CVR(T) FV102 Striker ( Gulf War Veteran Collection ),CVR(T) FV102 Striker ( Gulf War Veteran Collection ),CVR(T) FV101 Scorpion ( Gulf War Veteran Collection ), CVR(T) FV101 Scorpion ( Gulf War Veteran Collection ), CVR(T) FV101 Scorpion ( Gulf War Veteran Collection ), CVR(T) Samson ( Gulf War Veteran Collection ), CVR(T) Scimitar ( Gulf War Veteran Collection ), CVR(T) Sultan ( Gulf War Veteran Collection ), CVR(T) Spartan ( Gulf War Veteran Collection ), CVR(T) Scimitar ( Gulf War Veteran Collection ).

The museum has come a long way. Today the local Oshawa museum has gained world recognition. With visitors coming from all over the world to see what Oshawa has to offer.

The Saturday tank demonstrations are out of this world spectacular. The tank museum is moving in the right direction when it comes to becoming one of the major tourist attractions. With the right promotion and visitor packages. Oshawa tank museum may become a Disney type attraction for all military enthusiasts.

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Emissions Reduction Leadership Award for Civic and Emergency Service

Fire Hall 2 was recognized for achieving a 23% reduction in greenhouse gas intensity between 2023 and 2024. This milestone highlights Oshawa's dedication to advancing energy performance and climate responsibility across civic operations.


Best Energy Performance Award for Community Facility

The Woodview Community Centre earned distinction for recording the lowest weather-normalized site energy use in 2024, at 0.29 gigajoules per square metre. This achievement reflects Oshawa's long-term focus on efficiency and sustainable community facilities.

Earliest Data Submission Award

Oshawa was celebrated for its proactive approach to timely data reporting, enabling greater transparency and supporting informed climate action across the region.

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