



General Sir Arthur Currie Armoury Serving and Dining Room Renewal Project



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Dear Currie Armoury Users and Supporters:

A project is underway for the renewal of the serving and dining room at the General Sir Arthur Currie Armoury (Currie Armoury) on Bay Street in Victoria, British Columbia. The “Renewal Project” is being managed by a committee comprising representatives of the two resident Regiments and friends of the Currie Armoury.

For more than 110 years, the General Sir Arthur Currie Armoury has served as the home of military units and veterans, cadets and community organizations. Many of you have used the Currie Serving and Dining Room for military functions, regimental activities, veteran events, cadet programs, commemoration events, meetings, and community gatherings. The community support provided by The Department of National Defence (DND) through approved use of the Currie Armoury to the people of Greater Victoria, British Columbia and Canada has been significant.

The Need for Renewal

Unfortunately, the serving room has now reached a point where much of the equipment is no longer functional or suitable for modern food preparation requirements. Without renewal, our ability to support events and provide food preparation for caterers and food-safe qualified volunteers will continue to decline. In addition, the Currie Dining Room requires upgrades and restoration to reflect its heritage nature for the next century. This will include new heritage-style lighting, vintage table refinishing, wall and ceiling refinishing as well as windows coverings.

To address this issue, the Canadian Scottish Regimental Association and the 5th (BC) Field Artillery Regiment Foundation have launched the Currie Renewal Project. The goal is to restore the serving and dining room to appropriate, modern, and functional facilities that are capable of supporting the user communities even more in the future than they have in the past.

Project Cost and Funding Overview

The attached Project Cost and Funding Overview provides a series of tables that show the components and estimated costs of the Serving and Dining Room projects. Work has begun on the Serving and estimates have been replaced by actual cost where the work has been completed or items have been purchased. The total cost of this component is estimated at close to \$30,000. Planning for the Dining Room component is in the early stages and while estimates are still being sought, the total is anticipated to be approximately \$100,000.

Approximately \$11,000 has been raised or promised for the Serving component. Fundraising for both components is now underway to close the gap.

Why Doesn't DND Fund This Project?

The Department of National Defence (DND) owns and maintains the Currie Armoury building including major building systems and infrastructure. However, DND funding priorities are focused on operational military requirements, priority building maintenance, and nationally funded capital projects. DND is committed to providing safe and functional spaces, however, sourcing heritage style fixtures and finishings adds considerable complexity to project requests.

The servery equipment, furnishings, food-service improvements, and many of the enhancements required to restore the facility, fall outside of current DND funding priorities and budgets. As a result, organizations that directly benefit from the facility-including regimental associations, foundations, veterans, community groups, and other armoury users have a vested interest in raising funds to improve and enhance these shared-use spaces.

This approach is common across armouries and military heritage structures throughout Canada. This requires community partners to work together to preserve and improve facilities while respecting the heritage nature and traditions of the building.

How You Can Help

Some of the ways companies, organizations and individuals can assist in supporting this renewal project include: making donations; sponsoring a specific piece of equipment or renovation item; encouraging your organization and members to contribute; donating goods, services, or expertise; supporting fundraising events and activities.

Donations can be made through Canada Helps at this link (when donating, please apply your donation to category No. 6 Supporting the Servery):

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-canadian-scottish-regimental-heritage-foundation/

For information and assistance with donations using cheques, cash or VISA and for tax receipts, please contact Rob Dodds of the Canadian Scottish Regiment Heritage Foundation at: cscotrhf@gmail.com

For information on in-kind donation and general information on the project, please contact Patrick Bulmer at: patwbulmer@gmail.com

Every contribution, regardless of size, will help ensure that the Currie Servery and Dining Room remain available to support military members, veterans, cadets, families, and the broader community for years to come. With your support, we can restore this important facility and preserve its value for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the Currie Armoury community.

Sincerely,

Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Jamie Hammond, OMM, CD

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