

National Monument to Canada's Mission in Afghanistan

November 2019





OVERVIEW

- In May 2014, the Government of Canada announced that a monument would be built to commemorate Canada's mission in Afghanistan.
- The monument will recognize the commitment and sacrifice of Canadians who served in Afghanistan, as well as the support provided to them by Canadians at home.
- In June 2019, the National Capital Commission's Board of Directors approved a site near the Canadian War Museum as the location of the monument.
- In August 2019, Canadian Heritage launched the first phase of the design competition (Request for Qualifications).
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BACKGROUND

- Funding of \$5 million for the construction of the monument was included in Budget 2014.
- Interdepartmental partners include:
 - Veterans Affairs Canada—mandated to promote recognition and remembrance of the achievements and sacrifices of those who served our country—is the project proponent funding this initiative;
 - Canadian Heritage—responsible for leading the development of national monuments on federal lands in Canada’s Capital Region—is the project manager; and
 - National Capital Commission—responsible for coordinating the development of federal lands in the National Capital Region—issues Federal Land Use and Design Approvals, leads project implementation (design development and construction) and assumes ownership upon completion.
- The Department of National Defence is involved in an advisory role as this monument honours current members of the Armed Forces as well as members who lost their lives in the mission.
- Ensuring the most appropriate location for the monument was critical. A number of sites were considered, site feasibility studies were undertaken and stakeholders were consulted.



NEXT STEPS: CRITICAL TIMELINES

- **November 2019:** Signing of Memorandum of Understanding by Veterans Affairs Canada, Canadian Heritage, and the National Capital Commission.

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NEXT STEPS: CRITICAL TIMELINES- CONTINUED

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Questions