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October 24, 2017

Memorial Service Update

- Date: December 6, 2017
- Location: Fort Needham, Halifax NS
- Time: 8:45 – 9:40 am
- Event will be a solemn, respectful and reflective commemoration honouring the victims of the Halifax Explosion, the response, and the legacy
 - Program Themes: Solemn, Respectful, Reflective, Educational & Resilience

Memorial Service Update

Final Draft of Official Program

- **December 5**
 - 9:00 am – 5:00 pm – Event infrastructure load in
- **December 6**
 - 6:00 am
 - Additional event load in
 - 8:15 am
 - Greeters (Red Cross) circulating programs at multiple entrances

Memorial Service Update

- **December 6**

- 8:25 am

- Lone piper starts playing (location based on final site)

- 8:30 am

- VVIPs arrive & escorted to stage

- Proposed: Chair & Committee to receive VVIPs

- 8:45 am

- Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy

- 8:49 am

- Vice-Regal Salute – Governor General (TBD)

Memorial Service Update

- 8:50 am
 - Emcee, Councillor Smith, announces the National Anthem
- 8:51 am
 - National Anthem
- 8:53 am
 - Emcee, Councillor Smith, official welcome
- 8:55 am
 - Unveiling of Historic Sites & Monuments Board of Canada plaque & speech (confirmed details TBD)
- 9:01 am
 - First Nations Blessing
- 9:03 am
 - Councillor Smith introduces moment of silence
- 9:04 am
 - Moment of silence

Memorial Service Update

- 9:05 am
 - Parliamentary Poet Laureate, George Elliot Clarke
- 9:08 am
 - Federal Remarks
 - Prime Minister, Governor General, or Minister
- 9:10 am
 - Provincial Remarks
 - Premier of Nova Scotia, the Right Honourable Stephen McNeil, or designate
- 9:12 am
 - Rear Admiral Craig Baines, Commander Joint Task Force Atlantic & Maritime Forces Atlantic

*Emcee to introduce each official speaker

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- 9:14 am
 - Mayor of Boston, Martin J. Walsh (TBD)
- 9:16 am
 - Mayor of Halifax, Mike Savage
- 9:18 am
 - Grandson of Vince Coleman, Jim Coleman
- 9:20 am
 - Laying of Official Wreaths
 - Government of Canada
 - Government of Nova Scotia
 - Maritime Forces Atlantic
 - City of Boston
 - Halifax Regional Municipality
 - Halifax Fire & Emergency Services
 - Halifax Regional Police
 - Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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- 9:26 am
 - Emcee welcomes families of survivors, organizations and community members to lay wreaths
- 9:30 am
 - Closing Prayer, Rev. Dr. Rhonda Britton, Cornwallis Street Baptist Church (TBD)
- 9:33 am
 - Emcee closing remarks & invite to join at reception
- 9:34
 - Vice Regal Salute
- 9:35 am
 - Playing of the bells

Memorial Service Update

- CBC will live stream the event
- Sign Language Interpretive Services will be present
- Closing Union Street from 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- VIP parking/drop off available
- Accessible drop off created for December 6
- Salvation Army handing out Hot Chocolate from their emergency response vehicle.
- Final Site Plan presented at November meeting
- Special Events Taskforce presentation, November 15

Memorial Service Update

- Reception - St. Joseph A. McKay Elementary School
 - 9:45 – 11:00 am
 - 600 meter walk on level surface
 - Light refreshments
 - Students will greet guests
 - School displays on HE100
 - Additional security at school
- Comments/Questions?