

# Last Post Fund National Field of Honour

## Issue

In March 2020, the Last Post Fund (LPF) asked the Government of Canada to take over the LPF owned National Field of Honour in Pointe Claire, Quebec.

## Context

In March 2020, the LPF wrote to the Minister of Veterans Affairs requesting that Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) “take steps to add the National Field of Honour to the other military cemeteries in Canada which it already owns and operates.”

As part of its due diligence on this request, VAC sought assistance from Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) to conduct a review of the site to determine the investment required to bring it into compliance with regulations for Crown properties. The site assessment took place from 2021 to 2023 and included site operations and management, health and safety, accessibility, heritage and the environment. The final report was received by VAC in January 2024.

The Department’s next phase of due diligence work begins in April 2025.

VAC is not presently involved in operating or funding the LPF’s National Field of Honour; however, the Department invested approximately \$1.57M in grave marker maintenance at the cemetery from 2018-19 to 2022-23. This was part of the five-year, \$24.4M commitment announced in Budget 2018 for Veteran grave marker maintenance.

The LPF was established in 1909 to ensure all military Veterans receive a dignified funeral and burial. The non-profit organization delivers VAC’s Funeral and Burial Program. In 1930, the organization created its own cemetery dedicated to Veteran burials, called the LPF National Field of Honour, in Pointe Claire, Quebec.

## Key Update

We are working with the Last Post Fund to ensure that the National Field of Honour remains a solemn place of commemoration.

The Department is continuing to conduct due diligence on this request and will continue to keep the Last Post Fund Executive informed on this important work.