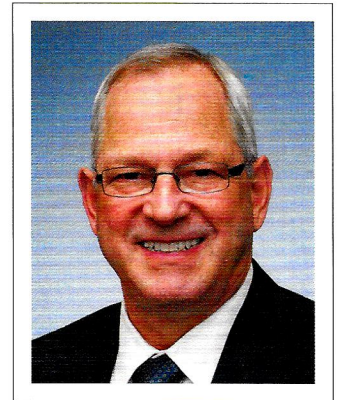


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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR JACK FROESE



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April 25, 2017

Canadian Museum of Flight  
Hanger #3, 5333 - 216 Street  
Langley BC V2Y 2N3

Attention: Dave Arnold

Dear Mr. Arnold:

**Re: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vimy Ridge**

It is with great appreciation and sincere gratitude that I am writing on behalf of the Township of Langley Council to thank the Canadian Museum of Flight and its exceptional volunteers for its enormous contribution to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vimy Ridge.

The Vimy Flight Team, builders, pilots, Air Cadets from the 746 Lightening Hawk Squadron, and everyone who played a role in replicating the two Sopwith Pup aircraft have exhibited amazing initiative in undertaking this momentous project, which has become a huge source of pride across Canada - especially here in our community. The months of hard work, unfailing dedication, and vision that went into building and testing of these aircraft and then ensuring they made the journey to France on time for the April 9, 2017 Vimy Ridge commemorative ceremony, is nothing short of extraordinary.

The Battle of Vimy Ridge was such an important moment in the history of our nation, and I am so proud that committed individuals working from the Canadian Museum of Flight at the Langley Regional Airport took on such a meaningful project to commemorate it. Your efforts and determination have captured the public's attention and will live on through the 'A Nation Soars' program.

We are very impressed by this extraordinary endeavor and appreciate everyone who helped bring the Sopwith Pup replicas – and our history – to life in such a memorable and significant way. The importance of these aircraft to our military history and the sacrifices made by so many to protect our country and our way of life, will live on in the Sopwith Pup replicas for generations to come.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with the Vimy Flight pilots as they make their way across Canada during the *Birth of a Nation Tour*, this summer, educating the public and celebrating our nation's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday before returning the replica First World War biplanes home to the Museum of Flight.

Sincerely,



Jack Froese  
MAYOR

copy to: Guy Miller, Manager, Langley Regional Airport