

Mayor Nenshi and Members of Council:

In November of 1991 I was the president of the Signal Hill community association and fully supported the efforts and success of members of the armed forces, (some of whom were at that time retired) in the re-creation and dedication of Battalion park in Signal Hill. This also had the support of then alderman David Bronconnier and MLA Karen Kyrnscka (sp?) This culminated on November 3, 1991 in the dedication and opening of Battalion Park. The two representatives of both levels of government were present at this opening ceremony as were members of the armed forces and cadets who placed the stones in the original position as we see them today. I had the honor and privilege of giving the opening address.

As I stated close to thirty years ago, the soldiers who were trained on Signal Hill and were sent overseas to fight in World War One, not only represented Calgary, they fought for Canada. This was an exhibition of national pride as well and local pride to their specific battalions. These were soldiers who truly were dedicated to the cause and today we still benefit from their efforts and dedication. The least we can do have have their actions and memory honoured by requesting that a NATIONAL Historic designation be bestowed on Battalion Park.

Also please note that to my knowledge this is only the second location worldwide where stones representing battalions has been erected. This would be the only location in Canada of this kind.

I am writing to you simply to state that we owe this to the soldiers of these battalions, and as they represented more than just their own battalions, they represented our nation. I wish to express my unconditional full support for this motion.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Aizenman

