

Cobourg project honours those who served in First World War

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COBOURG — Cobourg will be home to Canada's largest ceremony of the centennial of the First World War Armistice, through the Armistice18 project.

From Sept. 21 to Nov. 11, the project will honour local war heroes who have served in Canada's military and will offer a variety of showcases that include music, art installations and history exhibits, speaker series and theatre productions.

Ten years after the end of the war, Cobourg's historical Victoria Hall courtroom, modelled after London's Old Bailey courtroom, was the scene of a sensational trial that has been called "the last battle of the Great War."

The case was a libel suit brought by Sir Arthur Currie, the general who had led the Canadian Corps to victory in 1918.

The cause of his grievance was a front-page article in a Port Hope newspaper that claimed Currie had needlessly wasted Canadian lives in the capture of the Belgian town of Mons, on the last day of the war.

The trial placed Canada's entire role in the Great War under a spotlight and kept the country riveted for weeks.

"We have a great opportunity ahead of us here in Cobourg to commemorate the First World War centenary and to do so in a truly respectful and collaborative way," said Cobourg Coun. Suzanne Seguin. "It is absolutely crucial that we remember the many sacrifices that the Armed Forces and their families made, and continue to make, every day for the safety of our country."

She called Armistice18 a commemoration project that "will ensure future generations are fully aware of how their ancestors fought bravely for our country."

We encourage you to come out to one of the many plays, concerts, art and history exhibits and speaker series taking place here in Cobourg," she said.

Tickets are being sold at the Concert Hall at Victoria Hall box office and can be purchased by calling [1-855-372-2210](tel:1-855-372-2210) or visiting www.concerthallatvictoriahall.com.

Visit www.experiencecobourg.ca/armistice-18 for more information on Armistice18.