PROCLAMATION
VETERAN'S WEEK
NOVEMBER 5-11 2026

WHEREAS Veterans' Week provides an opportunity for Canadians to honour those who have served, remember those who have died in service, and recognize the lasting contributions of Veterans to our communities; and

WHEREAS generations of Canadians and Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have answered the call to serve in times of war, conflict, and peace, serving in the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, peacekeeping operations, Afghanistan, and other military missions, demonstrating courage and a willingness to place the needs of others before their own, and the continued dedication of those serving today in the Canadian Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador holds a distinct and deeply felt history of service, reflected in the legacy of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, the Royal Naval Reserve, the Merchant Navy, forestry units, nursing services, and the many others who supported the war effort overseas and at home, and the losses suffered at Beaumont-Hamel on July 1, 1916, remain an enduring part of our province's collective memory, reminding us that the consequences of war reach far beyond the battlefield into families, homes, and communities; and

WHEREAS we remember those who did not return, those whose resting places remain unknown, and the families who have carried their loss across generations, the return and burial of an unknown Newfoundland First World War soldier at the Newfoundland National War Memorial in 2024 renewed our province's connection to those who served and reinforced our responsibility to preserve their memory; and

WHEREAS the Town of Pouch Cove honours the Veterans and serving members connected to our community, remembers our fallen, and recognizes the families, volunteers, and organizations who help sustain remembrance and support those who have served, and recognizes that military service can carry lasting physical, emotional, and psychological effects, and our collective gratitude must be accompanied by compassion, understanding, and support for Veterans and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS our War Memorial is a place of reflection and shared remembrance, where residents of all generations can gather to honour service, acknowledge sacrifice, and renew their commitment to peace, and passing these stories and traditions to young people helps ensure that remembrance remains a living responsibility, expressed through learning, participation, and care for one another;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Brad Richards, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, do hereby proclaim November 5–11, 2026, as Veterans' Week in the Town of Pouch Cove, and encourage all residents to honour this week through reflection, learning, and acts of gratitude; to support Veterans and their families; to participate in local remembrance activities; to observe two minutes of silence at 11:00am on November 11th in memory of those who gave their lives in service; and to honour their courage with a continued commitment to a more peaceful world.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF POUCH COVE INCORPORATED 1970

Mayor Brad Richards

Oct 26, 2026

Dated