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22 July 2025

His Worship Andy Fillmore  
Mayor of Halifax Regional Municipality  
PO Box 1749  
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Your Worship,

On Friday, 8 August 2025, a Memorial Ceremony will be held at Point Pleasant Park to honour fallen members of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) and Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), including a tribute at the Halifax Memorial and a tribute to Canadian naval aviation casualties. The ceremony will include a special emphasis on Lieutenant (Lt) Robert Hampton Gray, VC, DSC, RCNVR. Lt Gray was a naval aviator who died during a heroic attack on a Japanese vessel in Onagawa Bay, Japan, on 9 August 1945. Lt Gray was the last Canadian killed in action during World War II and was the only member of the RCN to be awarded the Victoria Cross. His name is inscribed on the Halifax Memorial as one of Canada's naval war dead, and he stands as a symbol of the sacrifice made by Canadian naval aviators. Notably, HMCS Robert Hampton Gray, the RCN's sixth Arctic and Offshore Patrol Vessel (AOPV) is scheduled to be commissioned on 9 August 2025, coinciding with the 80th Anniversary of his final mission; reinforcing the significance of his commemoration during this event.

The ceremony will consist of a military parade through Point Pleasant Park and a brief service of remembrance at the Halifax Memorial. The event will include the fly past by one or more Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) aircraft, pending availability.

In preparation for a fly past by the RCAF, it is requested that the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) grant permission for the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) to fly RCAF assets in formation over Point Pleasant Park as per the enclosed diagram (routed from sea and turning inland to fly directly over the memorial), at an altitude of 500 feet above the highest obstacles. This event will occur at 09:15 a.m. on 8 August 2025.

Subject to the city's authorization, the CAF will execute the release of Notice to Airmen messages (NOTAM) and public advisories of the over-flight activity.

The continued support of the HRM to enable events of remembrance of our shared history is very much appreciated. In due course, invitations to the ceremony will be forwarded to you and your staff. Should your team have any questions, please do not

hesitate to contact Captain Christopher Rector at [REDACTED] or Captain Margaret Crowell at [REDACTED]

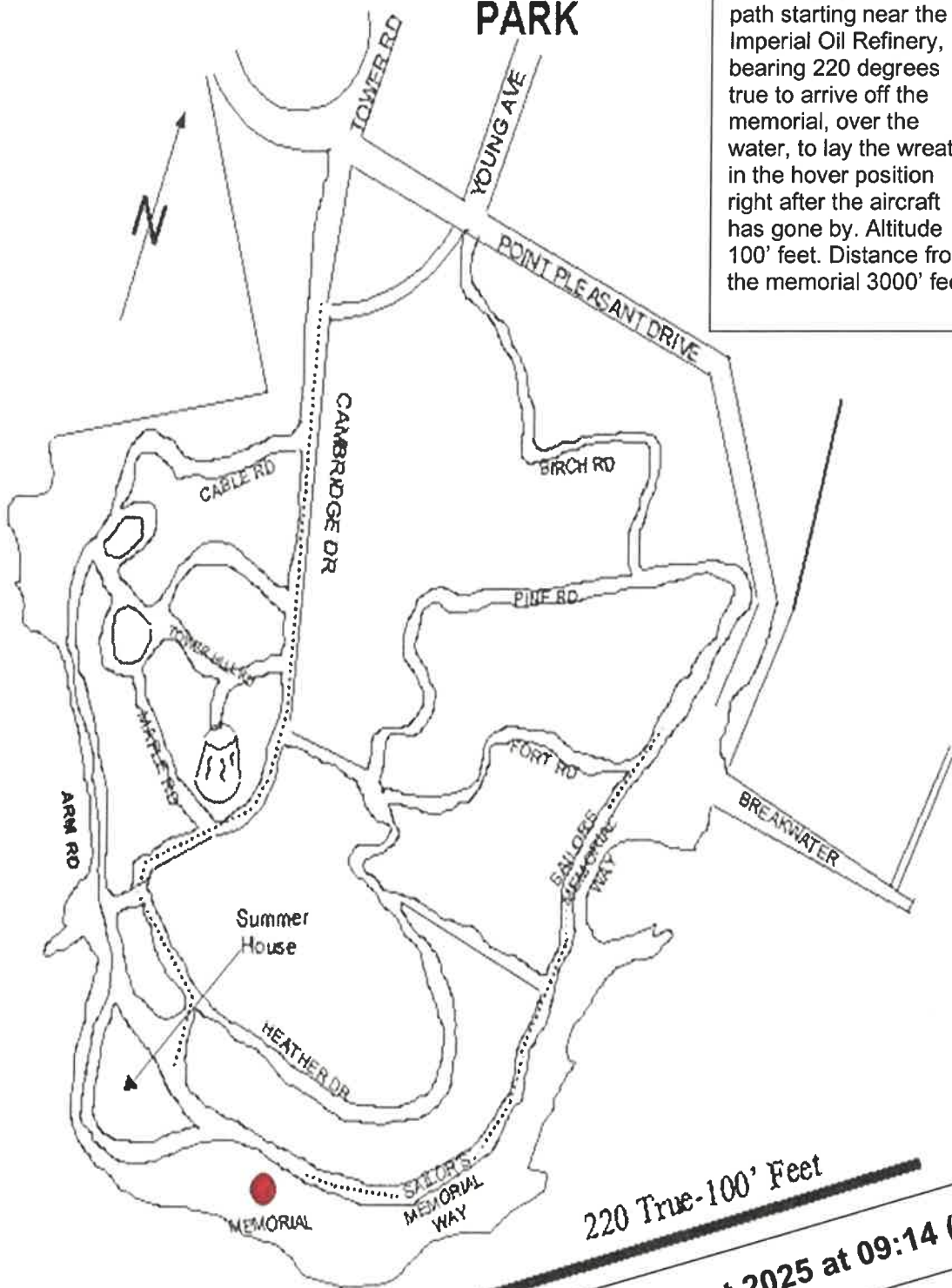
Yours Respectfully,

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Matt Dukowski  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
Acting Wing Commander  
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Enclosures: 2

# POINT PLEASANT PARK

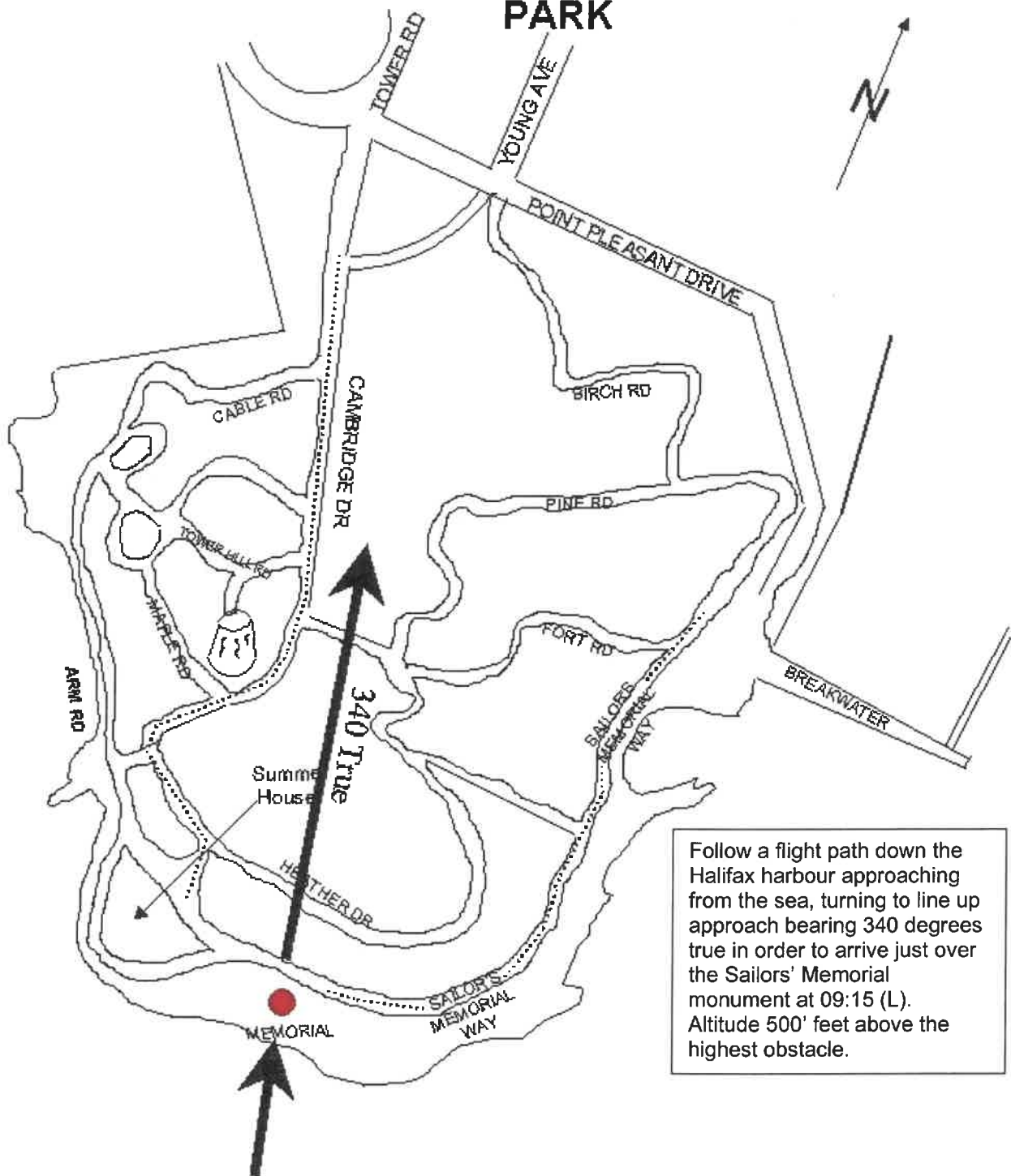
While the aircraft makes its approach to Point Pleasant Park, begin proceeding on a flight path starting near the Imperial Oil Refinery, bearing 220 degrees true to arrive off the memorial, over the water, to lay the wreath in the hover position right after the aircraft has gone by. Altitude 100' feet. Distance from the memorial 3000' feet.



220 True-100' Feet  
8 August 2025 at 09:14 (L)



# POINT PLEASANT PARK



Follow a flight path down the Halifax harbour approaching from the sea, turning to line up approach bearing 340 degrees true in order to arrive just over the Sailors' Memorial monument at 09:15 (L). Altitude 500' feet above the highest obstacle.