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THURS JUNE 14 TO SAT JUNE 16

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to British military history and first took place following the restoration of King Charles II of England in 1660, according to Mr. Calandra.

British cities were opposed to having regular standing armies, due to their warlike impression "disturbing the peace and appearing to be a threat to the ancient civic rights of the city fathers," according to Mr. Calandra's supplied information.

It, therefore, became customary for any military unit to request permission from the chief magistrate to enter a community.

"City authorities would only grant permission once they were assured of the troops' best behaviour and the purpose of (their) presence," according to Mr. Calandra's information to council last month.

As part of the ceremony, the mayor and MP will conduct a troop inspection.

Following the Horse Guards' receipt of Freedom of the Town, activities will move to Memorial Park and outside Latcham Hall.

Among the dignitaries expected to be in attendance are Lt. Colonel Glenn Develiadias, York Regional Police Chief Eric Jolliffe and Stouffville resident Dr. John Button, who is a direct descendant of Major John Button, who founded Button's Troop 1810, which is a part of the York Militia, according to Mr. Macri.

Mr. Button founded the calvary in response to anti-loyalist speeches made by some of the locals, according to Mr. Macri.

Spectators are being asked to wear red and white because "it would make a nice

addition to the pomp and circumstance of the celebration," Mr. Macri said.

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On the morning of the event, some members of the churches will gather near Stouffville's original settlement in front of the Care and Share Thrift Store on Main Street to observe their own official commemoration of local history in relation to The War of 1812.

The parade begins at 10:30 a.m., at Main and Clark streets. The ceremony is at Civic Square between 11 and 11:30 a.m., followed by a meet-and-greet with the horse guards and a military exhibition.

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The guards' calvary and band units will be in Stouffville Saturday.



A Sherman tank, circa 1952, trains in Stouffville. The Governor General's Horse Guards had a squadron of 60 to 120 men in Stouffville from 1949 to 1959.

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