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Lieutenant Colonel V.L. Knox, CD
Commanding Officer
49th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA
375 Pine Street
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Knox,

RE: 49th Field Artillery Regiment name change

I am writing this letter in support of the 49th Field Artillery Regiment's request to amend the unit's title to include Sault Ste. Marie.

The regiment has been connected to this area before Sault Ste. Marie was incorporated as a municipality. The initial detachment was stationed at Fort St. Joseph back in 1802 and our community has benefited immensely from its presence. The regiment provides career opportunities and continues to shape civic minded residents to this day. Unit members selflessly serve our country and advance the cause of peacemaking. The valour displayed by your members around the world cannot be overstated.

The City presented the regiment with the Freedom of the City of Sault Ste. Marie in 1967 and the commitment was re-affirmed in 2012 in celebration of the City's 100th Anniversary. The Freedom of the City is an honour granted by a municipality to trusted members of the community. It represents the close bond a unit has with its community, and it is a symbol of the City's respect for the unit. As Mayor, I had the honour of inspecting the regiment before a Freedom of the City parade in 2016, and it was a very meaningful experience.

For all the above noted reasons, I unreservedly support the regiment's request. The City of Sault Ste. Marie would be honoured to have the City's name included in the 49th Field Artillery Regiment's title.

Yours truly,

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