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Community Services Department
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Terry Fox Memorial site is being revamped

The community continues to show its generosity as the Terry Fox Memorial is scheduled to be replaced this year. Honda North has graciously donated \$5000 to help make the project a reality. "The kindness and assistance of our community continues to amaze me" says Dick Voneugen, member of the Terry Fox Memorial Committee, "the generosity of the people of Prince George is unmatched in the province".

The statue was vandalized last summer and will be replaced and installed on a higher pedestal. Lighting will be added as well as new landscaping, all in an effort to deter vandalism. The development of the site will begin this week. The replacement statue was recast from the original mold and will be installed with an official dedication ceremony later this year.

The location of the statue was the start/finish line for the 17 mile "Boston to Prince George Marathon" (now the Labour Day Classic). In 1979 several months before Terry Fox ran his Marathon of Hope, he ran this race as a trial for his cross country run. It was then that he first publicly announced his intentions to cross Canada to raise awareness and funds for cancer research.

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Media Advisory:

A photo opportunity will be available on June 18 at 10:30am at the site of the Terry Fox Statue (7th Avenue and Dominion Street)

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