

Good afternoon,

On behalf of Veterans Affairs Canada, I am writing to request the illumination of the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge on May 8, 2025, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

We propose lighting the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge as part of a national campaign supporting the in-Canada celebrations for the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day and the Liberation of the Netherlands. Veterans Affairs Canada is hoping to have the CN Tower and other national icons lit as a beacon of peace, symbolizing the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of war. This initiative would align with the National in-Canada celebration organized by Veterans Affairs Canada, which will bring together Second World War Veterans, military personnel, government officials, representatives from our wartime allies, and members of the public.

The lighting ceremony would serve as a powerful and visible reminder of the sacrifices made both on the battlefield and the home front during the Second World War.

Victory in Europe Day marks the moment when Allied forces accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany in 1945, ending five and a half years of conflict in Europe. This anniversary is an important occasion to honor the enduring legacy of peace and the sacrifices that paved the way for it.

We believe that a national illuminating campaign on this significant day will not only pay tribute to the past but also inspire future generations to reflect on the importance of unity and peace.

We are proposing a red and white lighting scheme.

- Red to represent the ultimate sacrifice made by brave men and women.
- White to represent the "light of peace" that emerged from years of darkness and conflict.

Thank you for considering our request. I would be happy to discuss this further at your earliest convenience.

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## Landmark Lighting Request Form

Please complete the form and scan/email to [corporate@whistler.ca](mailto:corporate@whistler.ca) along with your cover letter addressed "To Mayor and Council" with information regarding your campaign or cause.

We will contact you to confirm the status of your request.

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<b>Brief description of the event associated with your request - 75 words or less</b> <i>(Information here will be used for communications and the sign on the bridge. RMOW will edit copy if necessary.)</i>	80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day and the Liberation of the Netherlands. The lighting ceremony serves as a powerful and visible reminder of the sacrifices made both on the battlefield and the home front during the Second World War. Red represents the ultimate sacrifice made by our brave men and women and the white represents the 'light of peace' that emerged from years of darkness and conflict.
<b>Optional: Social Media Campaign Title (include hashtags)</b>	#CanadaRemembers
<b>Landmark Choice</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge</b>
<b>Date of Event</b>	May 8, 2025
<b>Colour Request</b>	Red and White

**Signature:** Wotton, Nicole Digitally signed by Wotton, Nicole  
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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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