

Honouring Legacy: 94 New Stones Added to OPP's Pathway of Memories and Milestones

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On September 8, 2025, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the OPP Youth Foundation (OPPYF) unveiled 94 new memory stones on the Pathway of Memories and Milestones (PoMM) at OPP General Headquarters in Orillia, adding to a tradition that celebrates service, dedication, and community impact.

The Pathway of Memories and Milestones serves as a tribute to current and former OPP members, their families, and organizations that have helped shape the history and legacy of the OPP. Each stone is donated and engraved with a personalized message, then placed along the front lawn of the Memorial Avenue headquarters, where it stands as a tribute to its honouree.

Funds raised through the purchase of these stones support the OPP Youth Foundation, a volunteer-driven organization that empowers Ontario youth. From bursaries to camps, the foundation provides opportunities for young people who might not otherwise have access to fun and engaging experiences.

The OPP Association Vice-President (now President) David Sabatini attended to honour this significant occasion, remarking: "The Pathway of Memories and Milestones is more than just stones; it is a testament to the commitment and service of our members. It is rewarding to know that through this

initiative, we're also giving young people the chance to grow, learn, and thrive. Every stone along the pathway tells a story of service, family, and community. Being present to celebrate these contributions reminds us that our work doesn't end with our own achievements, it extends to inspiring and supporting the next generation."

The unveiling ceremony brought together family and friends, donors and recipients, alongside OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique and PoMM Chair Joe Evans. For many attendees, it was their first chance to see the new stones in place.

"The OPP extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed a stone to the Pathway of Memories and Milestones," Commissioner Carrique said. "Each one honours members of our organization and others whose impact continues to shape our story. With the support of the OPP Youth Foundation, countless underprivileged youth are given opportunities that inspire growth, hope, and meaningful change in their lives."

Since the first stones were unveiled in April 2017, the Pathway of Memories and Milestones has grown to 726 stones, each with its own unique story. The public is welcome to view the pathway on the terrace of the front lawn at OPP General Headquarters, offering a moment to reflect on the legacies celebrated and the brighter futures being built through the OPP Youth Foundation.



David Sabatini, OPP Association Vice-President (now President), walks alongside fellow delegates as the Pathway of Memories and Milestones ceremony gets underway.



Carl Dalton (left), CEO of Dalton Associates Mental Health Services, and OPPA Vice-President (now President) David Sabatini stand with hundreds of attendees as they honour the lasting impact of OPP members and supporters.