

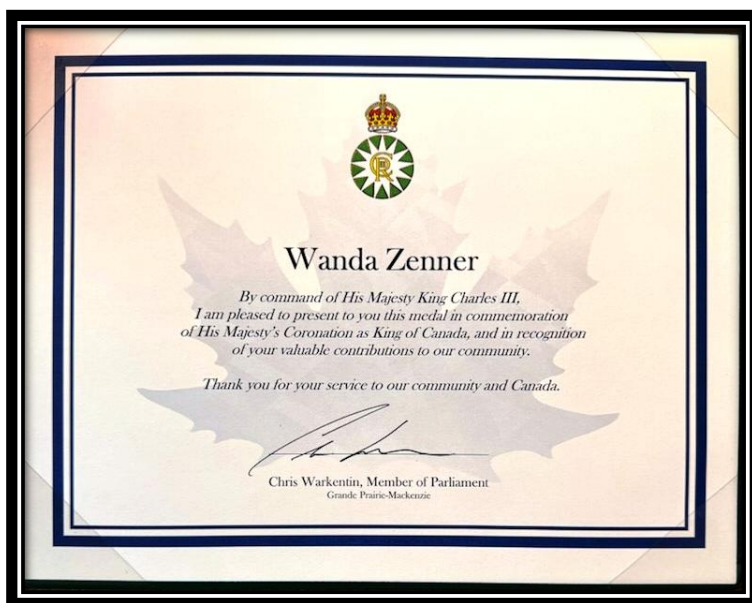
# Local Resident Recipient

## of King Charles III Medal



**Wanda Zenner** was presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal by MP Chris Warkentin on May 20, 2025 in Grande Prairie. To say it was a surprise would be an understatement. She had received an email from the MP's office to see if she would be available to meet for lunch. After managing to resolve scheduling issues, Chris & Michelle and Chris's Constituency Assistant Krista met with Wanda for a lovely afternoon at Earl's. It was a laid-back presentation filled with storytelling, reminiscing and of course reiterating the criteria that had to be met in order to be a candidate for such a prestigious award. Such an incredible honour to receive.

The medal program was first announced just before the Coronation, on May 3, 2023, by the Prime Minister. The design of the medal and the details of the program were announced by Rideau Hall on May 6, 2024, the first anniversary of the Coronation. The medal was designed by Cathy Burse-Sabourin. The medal is struck in nickel-silver and lacquered to prevent tarnishing. It is manufactured by the Royal Canadian Mint. On the obverse, a crowned and robed effigy of His Majesty The King of Canada, facing right, circumscribed with the inscriptions "CHARLES III DEI GRATIA REX" and "CANADA". On the reverse, the 13 shapes allude to Canada's provinces and territories, and their circular arrangement conveys the idea of inclusion for all Canadians. Over this background appears the Canadian Royal Cypher in the center, the date of the Coronation, 6.V.2023, on the left and the words "VIVAT REX" meaning Long Live The King, on the right. This ribbon is identical to the British Coronation Medal ribbon and is inspired by the King Edward VII's Coronation Medal ribbon from 1902, which was the first Coronation Medal suspended from a ribbon.



And of course you can never go wrong with a beautiful bouquet of flowers!



Wanda Zenner has often referred to the famous quote by Winston Churchill, **"Never in the field of human conflict, has so much been owed by so many to so few"**.

Her continuing efforts to honour veterans and their families are in direct correlation to the quote.

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