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## **MEDIA RELEASE – 2022 PROJECT – BOOK BY DR. ROBERT BANKS**

### ***'Warriors and Warships: Conflict on the Great Lakes and the Legacy of Point Frederick'***

The Frontenac Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce that it has received a \$15,000 grant from the **City of Kingston** and the **Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites** towards the printing costs of a book by Dr. Robert Banks.

This will be an important volume that tells a story not told before. This new publication will increase the profile of the history of the Royal Military College, the city, and the nation. By educating people about the history of Point Frederick, this will help to support and promote the protection and conservation of artefacts on this point of land. The book will be published by Dundurn Press, Toronto.

**Dr. Robert (Bob) Banks is a graduate of the Royal Military College (RMC) who became a pilot, medical doctor, and esteemed researcher in the U.S.A.** Starting with his experience as a cadet at RMC, he wished to explore and produce a book about the early history of Point Frederick. The author has researched this topic since 2014. The book describes events spanning the pre-European presence, early settlement, dockyard expansion, the War of 1812, and the post-war Royal Navy period.

While Kingstonians appreciate the RMC complex, which was established in 1874, few are familiar with the history of shipbuilding on Point Frederick, an important role during the War of 1812, and how it influenced the future "undefended border" with the U.S.A. As a prequel to the two Richard Arthur Preston books ('Kingston Before the War of 1812', and 'Canada's RMC: A History of the Royal Military College') this volume adds an important earlier chapter to local history.

The Frontenac Heritage Foundation advocates for heritage preservation in a broad geographical area centred on the City of Kingston. President Shirley Bailey comments that this book will bring attention to the early history of Point Frederick and the importance of this area prior to and after the War of 1812.

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