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To: East Hants councillors,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer break. I would like to revisit the moving of the Shubenacadie Cenotaph.

As reiterated in our presentation to council I feel strongly that the move was wrong and disrespectful to the citizens of Shubenacadie. That our input was not asked for or even considered is a bit of a slap. Our councillor who is supposed to represent Shubenacadie voted against us even giving a presentation?

When we did our presentation the first comment was that we ran over by 5 minutes. Willie Courtney, a 50 year member of the legion and named after his uncle, whose name is on the cenotaph was nervous (understandably) and ran a bit over time. I found it disrespectful for this to be pointed out. What he had to say on behalf of his aunt was important to him and if it had taken 15 extra minutes he should have been given the respect to say what was in his heart.

I hope you all have given some thought as to replacing the cenotaph to it's original site. (which is looking very well maintained this summer)

My grand daughter asked me "Nana ,why was the soldier moved? And why is he pointed the wrong way?" I don't have the answers for her.

We have had private offers to put the soldier back if dollars and cents are the issue. But it shouldn't be a dollars and cents issue, it should be a common sense issue.

I have had several people get hold of me to say they will NOT attend a Remembrance Day service at the new location. They will go to the spot where it should be. I will be with them .

Please move the soldier back to where the families of those named on it wanted it to be. If your ancestors were named on the cenotaph would you still have supported this move?

Carolyn Nelson