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To : East Hants CAO and all councillors

Just back from attending the council meeting discussing the Shubenacadie Cenotaph. We had a decent amount of supporters in the gallery. The dog is not sleeping.

We got a half hearted apology and a scolding from the warden. Perhaps the Warden should go through the info we received from the Foipop and she can read the lies.

For it being said “it was never about parking” there was an awful lot of talk about parking? Greedy, now want 25 spots when 12 were in the original design?

Have the councillors driven through Shubie? There are no businesses and no place to put any. People are not going to lug a hamper of dirty clothes from the proposed parking lot to the laundrymat. Better to fix up the upper lot on the other side of the monument.

The cost to move the monument back is almost double what it was to move it initially? It includes demolishing the new base at the legion? Why? Why would you not leave it and put a bronze plaque with a small remembrance.

Cost seems to be a factor to councillors from other communities that don't want their constituents to pay. I'm paying for a sportsplex and pool that I've never set foot in. And truly how much would that increase be? Federal money paid to move it to the legion, (housing money?) Maybe tell the Feds, whoops we screwed up and we need to move it back. Fundraising is always a thought but we didn't move it so why should we pay to put it back?

Several times it was put out there about a group of people that want it left where it is, at the legion. Why aren't they coming forward? Maybe they are the same group that the municipality mentioned in their press release they told they were going to move it to begin with? We have over 400 signatures wanting it back.

After Councillor Hebb spoke initially Carl MacPhee reached over and patted him on the knee?! Very unprofessional. It came across as “Good boy, that's what I wanted you to say.”

There will be 2 Remembrance Day services this year in Shubie. I've been contacted by at least 3 dozen people that will be at the original site, where the families of those named on the cenotaph wanted them remembered. How does that factor into the liability issue warden?

The maintenance at the legion is being done by a neighbor across the street. He's mowing and picking up the syringes. Meanwhile the original site has never looked tidier than it does this year.

Hebb and Roulston said it's not where the monument is that's important, it's the remembering those named. It IS about where the families put it 104+ years ago. There was no legion then. The legion was established as a good old boys club where veterans could go to have a drink and tell war stories. We are willing to take this as far as it needs to go to return the Cenotaph to its original spot.

You've admitted a mistake was made, Make it right.

Carolyn & Stephen Nelson