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Subject: FW: Shubenacadie War Memorial

Councillors and Warden,

After watching last weeks meeting it seems some are still having a hard time understanding why it was wrong to move the Shubenacadie War Memorial. And it's sad to say that one of those is the councillor and deputy warden Carl MacPhee.

To those who voted in the end to bring forward proposition number 5 to this week's meeting, thanks you. To the rest, shame on you all. Please, look deeper inside yourself. And do the right thing on Wednesday , September 24th and right this wrong.

You see , since last weeks meetings , it has come to light that Carl was again caught in email simply making decisions because he didn't agree with others comments. (you really should stay away from email Carl, you've been caught a lot sneaking in the background and calling names due to it). Not a good way to lead Carl, not a good way to be in the good graces of your constituents , although, at this point after referring to them as dogs and finding out your multiple shady aspects of this whole situation, I feel that ship has sailed.

It also doesn't help when you so obviously gave your little buddy on the council a knowing tap on the leg when he voted along your line Carl, I guess true old boys clubs never die do they? But hey, at least the gallery saw it and the cameras caught it :)

I'd start making an exit plan Carl. Your days on council are numbered to the next election date. That much is quite obvious.

To the warden, maybe you should realize you're on the wrong side of this debate. And your little scolding of those for calling Carl out for his outright lies and deception was weak at best. Please, be a leader the municipality needs and do better. Everyone saw through it , it was paper thin.

Looking at all available references and points, the OVERWHELMING MAJORITY in the community believe that option 4 from last weeks meeting was the best. The only ones who do nkt not are Carls flunkies.

Now, personally, id rather see option 4 come to fruition, but, I can actually understand the sense in using option 5 as well.

Here is my suggestion:

1) the war memorial be moved immediately back to its former place. And as part of that, a new plan be made to locate it on the same general area , in the upper parking lot, so therefore parking spaces can be made as wanted and suggested in the lower parking lot. The entire memorial base and trees and the steps and the hand rail, everything be moved to the upper spot and have it face the road for all to see and cherish, like it has been for over 100 years. It will face the ball field and the site of the former. Residential school. And on top of that another memorial should be installed as a reminder of the children and families torn apart and brought to Shubie by those trains and made go to that awful residential school. I remember my parents waking us up the night it burned to watch it, it's a core memory for me, much like the memories of our beloved war memorial. It can be a site of remembrance for both. That would be best. Let's bring the communities together.

2) everyone talks money. Well, the money is there and usable. Let's use it to right an obvious wrong.

3) someone noted in the meeting that cenotaphs / memorials are normally located at legions. That's demonstrably false. We need look no further than Enfield. I have travelled the world and across this great country of ours for my career. Tell me, and millions of other Canadians, our most revered war memorial, where the national Remembrance Day ceremony is held every year in Ottawa.....is it at a legion site? No, it is the tomb of the unknown soldier, right smack dab in the middle of the city. If you haven't visited it, I highly recommend you do. Please, stop telling lies and half truths to try and fit an agenda. It is insulting to those of us who have actually been to these places.

4) your meeting also said that the children of the Shubie Elementary school can see the memorial every day, That's little more than a not even a half truth. Maybe 1-2 classrooms can, the rest are not on that side of the school. And they are not allowed to be there during break times. I went to that school. My siblings did too. Now my nieces and nephews and friends children pass through as well. Maybe drive by during break times and count how many children can actually see it. Please, stop using half truths to make a point. Stop using lies to fit a narrative. Stop using children to aid in your feeble attempt at hanging on to something you know is a loss and you are wrong in.

Much like my email last week, I will end with this. Carl, just admit you didn't wrong and make it right. Warden, admit you are wrong and make it right. I ask both Carl and Eleanor together, in a massive show of humility and respect for soldiers and serving members, My mother, Carol Conley, the mother of a current serving soldier, is sitting in that gallery, please, walk out to the gallery and let her know you are sorry and that you know what you did was wrong and that you'll make it right. Look the mother of a soldier in the eyes and see the pain you've caused with these uncalled for actions that are to the detriment and harm of the community as a whole.

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