

September 23, 2025

CAO Ramsay and Council,

I am writing to you all to express my wholehearted support for the return of Shubenacadie's 104 yr old Cenotaph to its' original and rightful location in the Village Core.

The shock of seeing it moved in May has been replaced with total dismay and a significant mistrust in not only this local government but my local Legion as well. Both parties have failed in their mandates of serving their Communities, resulting not only in my lost faith, but many others.

How such a significant and historical piece of the Community could be treated like an inconvenient construction impediment baffles me. The lack of awareness of not only the history of our Cenotaph but the meaning of it, by not only the local Councilor, but the Municipality as a whole, is quite concerning.

I have yet to see any Community Cenotaph or War Memorial located anywhere but in the center of their respective towns and villages. They are placed centrally as a focal point, not only linking the past to the present, but to serve as an easily accessible place for commemorative services and daily remembrance.

Warden Roulston was quick to publicly scold the many who are passionate about Shubenacadie and our Cenotaph. Such a display was crass and quite unbecoming of someone who supposedly represents East Hants. Her actions, along with Councilor MacPhee's hollow apology, only exemplify the callousness to which they perhaps view anyone who disagrees with them or points out their errors.

A mistake was made in moving our Cenotaph. However, you now all have the opportunity to correct this error. Reinstate our Cenotaph to his proper home and let's start rebuilding our faith in one another. Let your legacy be one of integrity and not one of obstinance.

Respectively,

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