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Subject: Shubenacadie cenotaph

Council members of East Hants,

I am writing today not only as a person who grew up in Shubenacadie but as the daughter of WWII veteran Lowell Barr. Our house was the one seen in the picture of the unveiling of the cenotaph, sitting up on the hill overlooking the village; on any given day one look out of the windows or from the veranda gave us a direct view of the main street of Shubenacadie and majestically with his torch held high for anyone walking, driving or passing through by train, was the soldier standing on the cenotaph.

Each one of you have heard the statements given by Carolyn, Sue, Wally and Michelle at the last council meeting, you saw concerned and angry citizens in the audience of which I was one, you hopefully have taken the time to see the number of signatures on the petition as well as read letters that were written from people expressing their dismay over the cenotaphs removal.

You have been elected to serve the people of East Hants and I feel this is your chance to do right by all of those who want to see the monument put back in its rightful place, in the center of the community. If you wish to beautify the mainstreet of Shubenacadie, what better way than to use the cenotaph as a starting point?

It is not too late to right this wrong and show respect to the veterans whose names are on that cenotaph, many of whom, never got to come home to Shubenacadie to be buried. The very definition of the word cenotaph is 'A tomb or a monument erected in honor of a person or group of persons whose remains are elsewhere.' So by moving it essentially you have disturbed their last resting place, ponder that if you will, you would never have disturbed an actual cemetery, correct?

I further ask the members from Mount Uniacke, Noel, Enfield or Elmsdale, what if this was your community, would we be even having these discussions?.

Members have stated that there will be people unhappy with the cost related to moving it back, and those who are happy with where it is now, but are those people attending council meetings and writing letter?. If only you had thought this through and brought this plan forward to some kind of public meeting, this could have all been avoided.

Show due respect to all veterans, past and present, to the citizens of Shubenacadie in 1921, who not only raised the money for the cenotaph, but who also helped shape the community and to the people who are asking you, the elected members and move our soldier back.

Regards,
Shelley Edgett