

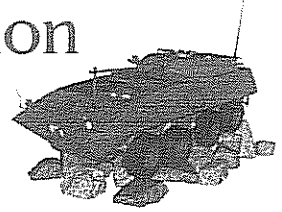


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TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

Reeve Neil G. Vincent
Township of North Huron

Your Worship Reeve Vincent,

The Huron County Afghanistan Monument Committee was formed in 2014 to honour the memory of the 158 Canadians who paid the supreme sacrifice for our enduring freedom and to honour the 40,000 service men and women who served in Afghanistan 2001-2013.

This Huron County community based project is being spearheaded by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 109 Goderich and its 13 partner Branches within Huron County. We are also seeking to identify enthusiastic community partners and ordinary Canadians who share the desire to see Huron County create a permanent memorial to recognize the sacrifice of our Veterans and their contribution during the Afghanistan Campaign.

We are working with the County of Huron to place the monument on the grounds of the Huron County Museum where it will compliment existing military displays but more importantly will become a beacon of learning for the thousands of visitors and school children who visit the museum each year. This is our opportunity to teach our children about the important contribution of our fellow Canadians who served in the Armed Forces and who made a significant contribution to world peace. Our students will also learn that the freedom they enjoy today is not without a significant cost. It is our responsibility to instill in our youth the importance of our military history, of sacrifice and of Remembrance.

We are currently writing all 9 municipal governments in our county asking for a one time donation of \$1,000. to assist with our fundraising campaign. The cost to complete the monument is approximately \$40 -50K which includes the acquisition of the monument, which is based on cost recovery for the refurbishment of the Light Armoured Vehicle which was actually used in Afghanistan and the construction of a engineered pedestal used to display the monument. Our estimate also includes legacy funding which will be used to provide maintenance for the monument.

"They served till Death! Why not we?"

If all goes according to plan we hope to have a dedication ceremony in late summer 2016 and we would be honoured to have the Township of North Huron join us a full partner in this historic project.

In closing, I would like to thank the North Huron Township Council for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



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