

# **Municipality of North Grenville**

**Report No.** CS-008-2018

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Agenda Date:	September 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 – Committee of the Whole
Subject:	Sites of Remembrance Project
Attachments:	Appendix 1: Project Request from Roy Brown Appendix 2: Heritage Advisory Committee Resolution of Support

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The following recommendation is provided for the Committee of the Whole's consideration:

That Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that staff be directed to implement the North Grenville Sites of Remembrance website project.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In the fall of 2017, Roy Brown sent correspondence to Council outlining his idea for a special North Grenville Sites of Remembrance project and requesting that the Sites of Remembrance be featured on a page of the Municipal website. (**Appendix 1**) Council referred the request to the Heritage Advisory Committee for a recommendation and, pending the Committee's response, a report from staff.

At the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Committee responded with a recommendation to implement the request (**Appendix 2**) and staff advised an administration report on implementing the project would be coming to Committee of the Whole.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The Municipality currently contracts the design and creation of its websites to a local firm as we do not have the knowledge and expertise on staff. However, once the pages have been designed, in-house staff can populate and maintain the information.

Our contractor estimates that the project will cost around \$2,000 and take approximately 2-3 days to complete. In addition, there will likely be about 1½ days of Municipal staff time required. Given the fact that the information contained on the Sites of Remembrance page won't need to be updated or changed on a frequent basis, there likely won't be any other costs, in-house or contracted out, associated with the project.

Due to prior commitments of the contractor and the Municipal election taking place in October, the timeline for the website to go live would be sometime in late November or December if Council directs the project to go forward this year.

This project was not anticipated in the 2018 Municipal budget, however, after reviewing the year-to-date expenses, staff are confident that the cost will be able to be included as part of the Heritage budget allocation.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

- 1. Not move forward with the project. This is not recommended as the Heritage Advisory Committee has advised Council of their support for the initiative.
- 2. Move forward with the project in 2019 pending budget approval. This is a viable option, however, as there is room in the 2018 budget, staff recommend that the project move forward in a timely manner.

#### FINANCIAL/STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

This item has been identified in the current budget: Yes  $\square$  No  $\mathbf{X}$  N/A  $\square$  This item is within the budgeted amount: Yes  $\mathbf{X}$  No  $\square$  N/A  $\square$ 

As noted, this project, with an estimated cost of \$2,000, was not anticipated in the 2018 budget. However, there is enough money available within the budget allocated to Heritage to cover the cost of the project.

Staffing implications, as they relate to implementing Council's decision on this matter, are limited to the existing staff complement and applicable administrative policies as approved by Council.

## **LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

According to Section 5.1 of the Plan, the Municipality will work with partners to create opportunities for local residents to be artistically expressive and to celebrate local culture and heritage.

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# North Grenville Honour Roll Project

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October 25, 2017

Attention:

Mayor David Gordon, Deputy Mayor Barb Tobin, Councillor Donovan Arnaud, Councillor

James Bertram, Councillor Frank Onasanya.

Reference:

North Grenville Sites of Remembrance Project.

Mayor Gordon,

The enclosed documentation is a special project I have developed as part of my continuing efforts to research, identify and preserve information on our North Grenville Military Heroes both past and present.

This project, entitled "North Grenville Sites of Remembrance" is a collection of buildings and places within our community that honour and pay tribute to those that served in the Royal Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Canadian Air Force, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve and the Military Nursing Sisters, many of whom lost their lives in service of the King, Queen and Country.

What I would like to see done is to have municipal staff design and create a special webpage on the Municipal website, to accommodate the photographs and information contained in the project brief. There are several options available and the webpage could include the photographs and accompanying script as written or condensed into smaller information packets with or without the photographs.

This also gives rise for the opportunity to gradually enhance the webpage at a future date by expanding it to include the backgrounds of several of the names listed at the Sites of Remembrance. For example, I have most of that information at hand, resulting from research projects over the past decade that relate to the Kemptville Cenotaph, Veterans Way, Veterans Way Memorial Park and my on-going North Grenville Honour Roll Project. A further option would be to create and establish a "North Grenville Route of Remembrance" or "North Grenville Ceremonial Route" with geographic mapping to guide visitors from site to site similar to the locator map contained on page twenty-five of the project brief.

#### Link to the Community Strategic Plan, June 2013

#### 5.1 Arts, Culture and Heritage

<u>Theme Statement</u>: The Municipality will work with partners to create opportunities for local residents to be artistically expressive and to celebrate local culture and heritage.

In keeping with the theme statement, I believe this culture and heritage project will effectively contribute towards the achievement of the following strategic goals:

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Link to the Community Strategic Plan, June 2013 - continued...

#### 5.1 Arts, Culture and Heritage - continued...

- build community pride and promote the built heritage and environment within North Grenville,
- celebrating the community's collective culture and heritage, remembering the past,
- arts, culture and heritage are integral to community and quality of life, increasing the sense of place and creating a feeling of belonging to something special,
- include the arts, culture and heritage in our efforts to make the downtown a community focal point.

#### Notes:

As of this date, I am continuing my efforts to canvas some of the outlying deconsecrated Churches and other sites within our community that may have or house Honour Rolls or additional information that could be included in the project.

And further, a full copy of this documentation will be provided to Dr. David Shanahan, Society Historian, for the North Grenville Historical Society Archives.

In closing, may I suggest and propose that this project be considered an in-house and collaborative effort on the part of the Municipality, staff and myself as <u>North Grenville's Canada 150 Tribute to the Military</u>. If approved in principle by Council, I recommend that the project be launched by way of a Municipal Media Advisory as a work in progress and timed for a release date just prior to this year's Remembrance Day, Saturday, November 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy C. Brown

Attach. (9)

Copies provided for:

North Grenville Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Council Members, Brian Carré, Chief Administrative Officer, Cahl Pominville, Director of Corporate Services and Clerk, Mark Guy, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, Philip Gerrard, Director, Planning and Development.



# North Grenville Sites of Remembrance

# **Draft Copy For Review**

Submitted to North Grenville Municipal Council by: Roy Brown

October 25, 2017

# **Premise**

A visit to the Municipality of North Grenville would not be complete without a tour of local Sites of Remembrance and Tributes to Canadian Veterans of all Wars and Military Conflicts.

# North Grenville Sites of Remembrance

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#### **VETERANS WAY**

#### 275 County Road #44 Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0

#### National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials - Registration Number 35041-073

Map Reference 1 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 01.506' / W 075° 39.367'



Veterans Way is a one kilometre secondary Municipal roadway within the Ferguson Forest Centre that links Leeds-Grenville County Road #44 to Honour Way to the east. Stroll along Veterans Way and take a moment to pause and view the names and military service of local Veterans that are cast in commemorative bronze plaques and placed at the bases of trees lining both sides of the roadway.

The individual Veterans Way commemorative bronze plaques are listed in groupings of four under of the following National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials (NICMM) registration numbers: 35041-012, 35041-014, 35041-016, 35041-017, 35041-021, 35041-037 and 35041-045.

#### **Veterans Way Background Information**

The original concept for a "Living Memorial" came to the forefront when local resident Owen Fitz'Gerald, Past Chairman of the Ferguson Forest Centre Corporation Board of Directors, made a battlefield pilgrimage to Normandy, France. Fitz'Gerald was emotionally drawn to the many rows of graves and markers in Remembrance of the Fallen. The sight both haunted and inspired him, which resulted in his idea and recommendation for a tree-lined memorial roadway at the Ferguson Forest Centre.

Based upon his vision and active participation, an existing roadway at the Ferguson Forest Centre was designated and named Veterans Way, with the full support of the Municipality of North Grenville, the Ferguson Forest Centre Corporation Board of Directors and the Royal Canadian Legion Kemptville Branch #212.

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#### VETERANS WAY - continued ...

On May 25, 2002, special guests representing various civil and military organizations, along with members of the general public, were in attendance at the official dedication of Veterans Way. A special plaque honouring military personnel who served during the First World War was unveiled and the first memorial tree was planted by the Leeds-Grenville Federal and Provincial Members of Parliament.

As of September 30, 2017, there are twenty-eight commemorative bronze plaques spaced along the Veterans Way roadway, which serve to recognize and honour thirty local Veterans who paid the Supreme Sacrifice or saw service with the Canadian, British and United States of America Armed Forces.

A binder containing their stories is available for public viewing by visiting the Reception Desk at the Ferguson Forest Centre Administration Building. A second copy of the binder is held by the North Grenville Historical Society at 15 Water Street, Kemptville, Ontario, Map Reference 6.

#### **North Side Commemorative Plaques**

SERGEANT THOMAS C. FITZ'GERALD CHIEF PETTY OFFICER HUGH E. TAYLOR MAJOR COLIN D. MUNROE and NURSE SHIRLEY S. MUNROE RIFLEMAN KENNETH A. EWING FLIGHT SERGEANT ARTHUR C. EWING PRIVATE LYMAN WADEY **GUARDSMAN THOMAS W. GREEN** LIEUTENANT KEN D. WALLACE WARRANT OFFICER DAVID A. PATCHELL PRIVATE WILLIAM R. TUSHINGHAM CAPTAIN WILLIAM T. THORPE **ROGER LAJOIE** CORPORAL ERNEST W. DIXON FLYING OFFICER BERNARD McMAHON SERGEANT ARCHIBALD C. DELANEY FLIGHT SERGEANT FRANK C. BOYD KENNETH E. BRUCE FLYING OFFICER WILLIAM BUCHANAN SERGEANT JAMES F. STACE WILLIAM STUART H. BROOKS PETTY OFFICER DOUGLAS A. GIBSON WARRANT OFFICER TERRY SMART

Source: "History of Veterans Way" by Roy Brown.

#### **South Side Commemorative Plagues**

LANCE CORPORAL JAMES M. FITZ'GERALD EDWARD ALLEN GRAHAM
J. STANLEY FLYNN and
CHRISTINE ROSS FLYNN
JOHN M. GRAHAM
PRIVATE REUBEN H. BUCKLAND
WARRANT OFFICER J. LEO GIROUX

#### **VETERANS WAY MEMORIAL PARK**

# 275 County Road #44 Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0

#### National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials - Registration Number 35041-076

Map Reference 2 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 01.519' / W 075° 39.356'



The Veterans Way Memorial Park is a special site of Remembrance and Reflection that was created to honour all those that served, and continue to serve, in the Canadian, British and United States of America Armed Forces. The Memorial Park forms part of the western gateway to the Ferguson Forest Centre and is located at the intersection of Leeds-Grenville County Road #44 and Veterans Way.

#### **Veterans Way Memorial Park Background**

The concept for a Veterans Way Memorial Park was brought to the attention of North Grenville Municipal Council through a Site and Business Plan that was developed by the Veterans Way Memorial Committee, comprised of Owen Fitz'Gerald, Chairman, Roy Brown, Communications Officer, Councillor Tim Sutton, Municipal Council representative and Douglas Brunton, member.

The Site and Business Plan was unanimously approved and adopted by Council on August 8, 2011 under "By-Law No. 55/11, a By-Law to Establish a Public Park to be Known As Veterans Way Memorial Park."

During the years that followed, three flagpoles proudly flying the Canadian, Royal Union (Union Jack) and United States of America flags were added to the site, along with park identification signage, two steel park benches, and finally, an M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer Memorial Monument.

#### Site and Furnishing Sponsorships

# Canadian Flagpole

#### Municipality of North Grenville:

In recognition of our Canadian military personnel and their service to Canada and the Commonwealth.

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VETERANS WAY MEMORIAL PARK - Site and Furnishing Sponsorships - continued ...

#### Royal Union Flagpole (co-sponsorship)

#### **Cheryl Brown:**

In Honour and Remembrance of her father, Royal Canadian Air Force Flight Sergeant James Albert Shipman, who served during the Second World War.

#### Roy Brown:

In Honour and Remembrance of his grandfather, Royal Canadian Army Company Sergeant Major Christopher George Brown, formerly of the British Royal Horse Artillery, who served during the First World War, and his father, Lance Corporal Clarence Frederick Brown, who served with the Canadian Armed Forces during the Second World War.

#### Owen Fitz'Gerald:

In Honour and Remembrance of his father, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps Lance Corporal James M. Fitz'Gerald, who served during the Second World War, and his brother, Sergeant Thomas C. Fitz'Gerald, who served with the American 82nd Airborne during the Korean War.

#### Ernest Poliseno, OBE (Order of the British Empire recipient):

Who is remembered for his service with the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second World War.

#### **United States of America Flagpole**

The executive and members of the Royal Canadian Legion Kemptville Branch #212.

#### Site Signage

Provided by the Veterans Way Memorial Committee.

## Steel Park Benches with Bronze Sponsorship Plaques

Owen Fitz'Gerald as an individual, and,

The Ferguson Forest Centre Corporation Board of Directors of the day, including John Wilson, President, and Directors Alf Campbell, Douglas Brunton, Carl Doucette, Owen Fitz'Gerald, Nadene Grattan, Sally Hamilton, Adam Shewchuk and Chief Operating Officer Ed Patchell.

#### M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer Memorial Monument

The Veterans Way Memorial Park features a Canadian Armed Forces M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer Memorial Monument and Gate Guard, which was made available to our community through the "Guns for Monuments Program" offered by the Department of National Defence. The decommissioned and demilitarized Howitzer bears CFR# 68-34837, Serial Number 2487.

By way of a brief backgrounder, this Howitzer was part of a fleet of seventy-six (76) guns that served with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiments of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1RCHA & 3RCHA) and the 5<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada (5RALC). The Howitzers were deployed at Military Bases in Canada and Germany from 1968, until they were declared surplus to the needs of the Canadian Armed Forces and withdrawn from service in 2005.

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VETERANS WAY MEMORIAL PARK - M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer Memorial Monument - continued...

A video of the delivery and placement of the Veterans Way Memorial Park M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer can be viewed in an eighteen minute YouTube presentation that may be accessed by using the following internet link: <a href="http://youtu.be/MH8z0ZLH-jY">http://youtu.be/MH8z0ZLH-jY</a> or by entering "Howitzer of North Grenville" in an Internet Browser search field.

#### Walk-Around Perspective

The M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer has an all-welded armoured <u>aluminium</u> hull and turret designed to protect the crew from small arms fire and shrapnel.

Driver control access is made through a hatch cover on the top left front of the hull, with three M45 periscopes that provide a forward line of sight when the hatch is closed.

The engine and transmission compartment is positioned to the right front of the driver's position just forward of the turret.

The gunner is normally seated inside the turret and to the left of the cannon, while the assistant gunner occupies a seat to the right side of the cannon. Both gunnery positions have hatches on the left and right sides of the turret that open rearward. The turret is capable of rotating in a 360 degree radius and is equipped with an M27 periscope for viewing targets and terrain when the top hatch is closed.

The commander's position has a hatch cover on top of the turret (cupola) that opens towards the rear of the Howitzer. A pintle bracket for an M2 HB .50 calibre machine gun for secondary air/local defence is mounted on top of the turret to the front of the commander's hatch.

There are two outward opening doors at the rear of the turret equipped with a honeycomb-like rack, which was used to house a supply of on-board ammunition. Another set of larger doors at ground level at the rear of the hull served to provide access to the interior for the gunners and ammunition loaders.

The vehicle could be stabilized when firing the gun by manually lowering two large retractable "spades" located on the left and right rear outside corners of the hull.

M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer Specifications				
Crew	Commander, two gunners, two ammunition handlers and the driver			
Weight (empty)	23,586 kilograms	51,998 pounds		
Combat loaded	24,938 kilograms	54,978 pounds		
Overall Height	3.0 metres	10 feet - to top of turret		
Overall Width	3.0 metres	10 feet		
Overall Length	9.1 metres	30 feet - including armament (cannon)		
Primary Armament	M178 155mm cannon			
Secondary armament	M2 HB .50 calibre machine gun (commonly referred to as "Ma Deuce")			
Maximum Speed	56.3 kph with a range of 349 km. / 35 mph with a range of 217 miles			

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#### VETERANS WAY MEMORIAL PARK - continued ...

#### **Veterans Way Memorial Park Dedication Ceremony**

The Veterans Way Memorial Park Dedication Ceremony was held on Sunday, September 27, 2015 and began with a field concert performed by the prestigious Central Band of the Canadian Armed Forces. The ceremony was well attended by local dignitaries, special guests and Veterans representing the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada (ANAVETS), Provincial and Zone Command officers of the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL), the NATO Veterans Organization of Canada (NVOC), along with retired and serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces, their families and friends.

During the ceremony, a dedication plaque erected on a podium style base in front of the M109A4+ Self-Propelled Howitzer was unveiled, which reads as follows:

"This Memorial Monument was donated to the Municipality of North Grenville and the Veterans Way Memorial Committee by the Department of National Defence, and is dedicated to the memory of those that have served, and to those that continue to serve, the noble cause of Freedom and Democracy as members of the Canadian Armed Forces."

# **Veterans Way Memorial Park Commemorative Tree Plantings**

The Veterans Way Memorial Park site is maintained by way of a mutual agreement with the Ferguson Forest Centre Corporation Board of Directors. In conjunction with the wishes of the Veterans Way Memorial Committee, the Ferguson Forest Centre Nursery Operations staff planted several large calliper trees and ornamentals as memorial tributes to those that have paid the Supreme Sacrifice.

Most recently, seven commemorative trees were added to the central area of the Memorial Park just north of the flagpoles:

- 1 Six Nations Tree of Peace Eastern White Pine / Pinus strobus
- 2 First World War White Oak / Quercus alba
- 3 Second World War Red Oak / Quercus rubra
- 4 Korean War Bur Oak / Quercus macrocarpa
- 5 Persian Gulf War Red Maple / Acer rubrum
- 6 Afghanistan Hard Maple / Acer saccharum
- 7 United Nations and NATO Peacekeeping Silver Maple / Acer saccharinum

Note: The seven trees are planted in a "V" for Victory configuration and are individually identified by way of a legend plague erected on a post in front of the Six Nations Tree of Peace.

A formal Tree Dedication Ceremony was held on Saturday, June 24, 2017, which was presided over by the Ferguson Forest Centre Board of Directors.

Source: "History of the Veterans Way Memorial Park" by Roy Brown.

#### NORTH GRENVILLE MUNICIPAL CENTRE

285 County Road #44 Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0 Telephone: (613) 258-9569

Map Reference 3 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 01.460' / W 075° 39.276'



#### **Background Information**

North Grenville residents Warrant Officer Jason Ritchie and Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class David Cox of the Canadian Armed Forces made a joint presentation to North Grenville Council in June of 2010, requesting that they be provided with a North Grenville Municipal flag to hoist at the entrance to Camp David Smith in Afghanistan during their tour of duty at the Base.

On the conclusion of their rotation, the soldiers returned the flag to our community and formally presented it to Mayor David Gordon and Municipal Council during a special Flag Repatriation Ceremony held during the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, February 14, 2011.

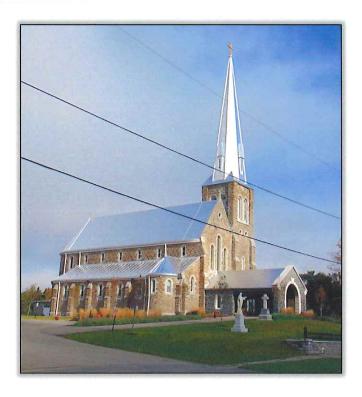
A framed glass display case containing the flag is located in the Municipal Centre main lobby area above the entrance doors on the north wall, along with a photograph and information plaque that is affixed to the east wall near the access doors to the Municipal Arenas.

Source: Courtesy of Roy Brown.

#### **HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

503 Clothier Street West Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0 Telephone: (613) 258-4660

Map Reference 4 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.720' / W 075° 39.204'



The front lawn of the Holy Cross Church property features a grey granite statue of Jesus Christ with outstretched arms. The north side of the base of the statue facing the Church has an inscription which reads:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOSE WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE IN TWO WORLD WARS

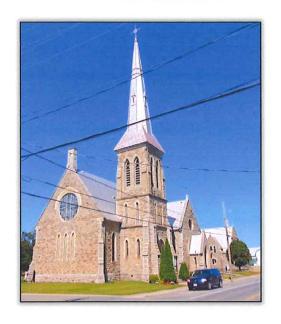
Source: Courtesy of Reverend Andrew B. Shim, Pastor.



#### ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

35 Clothier Street West Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0 Telephone: (613) 258-2562

Map Reference 5 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.939' / W 075° 38.921'



#### IN REMEMBRANCE

St. James Anglican Church has two large brass plaques that honour members of the congregation who volunteered and served during the First and Second World Wars.

The following information and names are engraved on the Honour Rolls:

#### 1914 - 1919

IN LOVING AND HONOURED MEMORY OF THOSE FROM THIS PARISH WHO SERVED THEIR KING AND COUNTRY IN THE GREAT WAR.

#### IN MEMORIUM

HARRY J. CARSON THOMAS J. BECKETT HARRY M. MAXWELL GEORGE GRAY CHARLES W. HURLBERT

#### **HONOUR ROLL**

NURSE BERTA E. SMITH

ALBERT E. BALL
HARVEY C. BARNES
J. MERRITT DOW
CLARENCE L. DICKINSON
CHARLES F. DUKE
JAMES ELIGH
CLIFFORD A. FIELDING
WILLIAM E. FLOYDE
JAMES A. HERLBERT
HAROLD BENNETT THOMPSON

NURSE ISABEL WILLIS

GEORGE W. KING
J. HARRY LANGSTAFF
ISAAC M. MAXWELL
FRANK E. McLELLAN
JOHN A. McCORMICK
WILLIAM A. McCLENAGHAN
GEORGE W. TRICKETT
J. HAROLD WYLIE
NORMAN WYLIE

"THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE"

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#### ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH - Honour Rolls - continued ...

#### 1939 - 1945

IN LOVING AND HONOURED MEMORY
OF THOSE FROM THIS PARISH
WHO SERVED THEIR KING AND
COUNTRY IN THE SECOND GREAT WAR

#### IN MEMORIUM

DAVID D. TAYLOR EDGAR LEACH GUY J.H. McELROY

#### HONOUR ROLL

LENNUS L. ANDERSON LESLIE L. ANDERSON E.L. BARNES, NS J.C. BOND S.R. BURTON C.W. CHRISTIE G.C. CONNELL C.B. COWDY, MM J.J. DAVIS K.M. DAVIS A.J. DICKINSON H.B. DICKINSON W.T. DILLON J.A.DOBSON P.J. DOUGHERTY J.A. DOLAN E.M. EVOY C.F. EVOY J.S. FLYNN J.A. FRISBY J.R.C. GAW K.W. GOODE D.T.J. HARRIS F.J. HIGGINS W.J. HOY D.A. IRELAND G.H. KINGSTON J.G. LANGSTAFF T.A.K. LANGSTAFF, MBE

H. LANGSTAFF G.W. LATIMER A.H. LOGSDAIL E.G. MAUD C.F. MARTIN S. McCAPPIN W.H. McELROY J.A. McINTOSH W.J. McLENAGHAN F.J. PARISH C.M. QUINN G.A. REDDICK T.R. ROSS, P.O.W. W.E. SADLER A.M. SPARKS W.H. STOREY C.F.E. STOREY R.J. STEVENSON W.E. STEELE N.A. TAYLOR J.H. THOMPSON W.W. THOMPSON D.L. THOMPSON W.H. VANVOLKENBURG C.E. VANVOLKENBURG REV. A.G. WAKELIN, L.Th. GARNET R. WORKMAN, CG GORDON R. WORKMAN

# THE PEOPLE WILL TELL OF THEIR WISDOM AND THE CONGREGATION WILL SHEW FORTH THEIR PRAISE

NS Not Known

MM Military Medal

MBE Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

CG Croix de Guerre

Source: With the assistance of Doug MacDonald, Church Historian.



#### NORTH GRENVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Old Kemptville Town Hall / Courthouse 15 Water Street - Second Floor Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0 Telephone: (613) 258-4401

Map Reference 6 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.986' / W 075° 38.722'



The North Grenville Historical Society (NGHS) has a collection of North Grenville military history, research materials and artefacts that are available for viewing during normal business hours.

More information and hours of operation may be obtained by calling the office or by visiting the North Grenville Historical Society website at <a href="https://www.northgrenvillehistoricalsociety.ca">www.northgrenvillehistoricalsociety.ca</a>.



#### PTE. BLAKE WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL HALL

#### Formerly known as the Armoury Building 25 Reuben Crescent Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0

#### National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials - Registration Number 35041-077

Map Reference 7 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.865' / W 075° 38.777'



#### Historical Background Information on the Pte. Blake Williamson Memorial Hall

Erected at the edge of Riverside Park about 1912, Sir Sam Hughes Armouries, was built by Robert Beggs of Hallville and possibly designed by David Ewart. It is very similar in design to Armouries in other Canadian towns. In the fall of 1919 the Kemptville Branch of the Great War Veterans Association was formed and they were allowed to hold their weekly meetings here. There was a firing range in the basement where the High School Cadets had rifle practice and the hall was sometimes used for dances.

In 1968, the Fire Hall was moved here from the Town Hall, and the building was renovated to accommodate the trucks. It remained a Fire Hall until 2009.

An historical information plaque was erected at this site by the Municipality of North Grenville and it is located to the right of the hall entrance on the south east side of the building.

Source: Municipality of North Grenville Walking Tours / Dr. David Shanahan. http://www.explorenorthgrenville.ca/prescott-street

#### Note:

This building is currently used by the Navy League of Canada as a Base and Training Facility for the 338 Defiant Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps and the Assiniboine Navy League Cadets Corps.

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PTE. BLAKE WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL HALL - continued ...

#### Namesake: Private Blake Neil Williamson, age 23 years Canadian Armed Forces Royal Canadian Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Charles Company

Private Williamson was a former resident of North Grenville who was killed by shrapnel from a rocket-propelled grenade attack on October 14, 2006, while serving with the Canadian Armed Forces in the Panjwa'i District of Southern Kandahar, Afghanistan. Following his death, he was honoured on several occasions by this community as indicated below:

A "Wreath Laying Ceremony" in Williamson's honour was held on Friday, October 20, 2006 in the Kemptville Armoury and was attended by his family, friends and members of the community. During the Memorial Service, Remembrance Tributes were offered by Gord Brown, MP, Leeds-Grenville, Bob Runciman, MPP, Leeds Grenville and North Grenville Mayor William G. Gooch.

In late 2006, Mayor Gooch suggested that the Municipality have Williamson's name inscribed on the Kemptville Cenotaph, in conjunction with a joint funding restoration application that local resident Roy Brown had filed with the Veterans Affairs Canada Cenotaph/Monument Restoration Program. The application was approved by Veterans Affairs Canada and financially supported with joint funding from that agency and the Royal Canadian Legion Kemptville Branch #212 Poppy Trust Fund. The Municipality, as promised, provided funding to cover the expense of adding Williamson's name to the back panel of the base of the statue.

It should be noted that the Williamson inscription was the first name to be added to the Kemptville Cenotaph since the Second World War.

The restorative work and addition of Williamson's name was completed in the Spring of 2007, well in advance of the Kemptville Cenotaph Rededication Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2007. Williamson's officers, Padre and fellow soldiers of the Royal Canadian Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Charles Company were in attendance.

During the ceremony, Williamson's mother, Heather Anderson-Benedict, stepped forward and presented a framed portrait of her son to the Royal Canadian Legion Kemptville Branch #212 on behalf of the family members. The portrait is displayed in the Upper Hall of the Legion building and Williamson is the only member of the military who died in battle that is honoured in this manner by Branch #212.

On April 17, 2016, the Municipal Clerk's Office received correspondence from Councillor Donovan Arnaud, requesting that consideration be given to naming the Armoury Building after Private Williamson. Municipal Council reviewed and discussed his request, which met the conditions and intent of *By-Law 72-12, A By-Law to Establish a Naming Rights Policy*. At the Regular Council Meeting of July 25, 2016, Council voted unanimously in favour of naming the Armoury Building in memory of Private Blake Neil Williamson with the passage of the following Resolution:

Resolution C-2016-096 - "That the Armoury Building located at 25 Reuben Crescent in Kemptville be named "The Pte. Blake Williamson Memorial Hall."

On Remembrance Day, Friday, November 11, 2016, a formal Dedication Ceremony for the renaming of the Armoury Building was hosted by the Municipality of North Grenville, presided over by members of Williamson's former regiment. A dedication plaque located to the left of the hall entrance on the south east side of the building was unveiled by North Grenville Mayor David Gordon and Major-General Omer Lavoie, Commanding Officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Division (Williamson's former commanding officer) on that date.

Source: Courtesy of Roy Brown.

#### **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - KEMPTVILLE BRANCH #212**

100 Reuben Crescent Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0 Telephone (613) 258-5734

Map Reference 8 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.864' / W 075° 38.748'



A brief history of the Kemptville Branch #212 Building

Historically speaking, the Royal Canadian Legion Kemptville Branch #212 was granted a Charter, dated April 17, 1932, under the authority of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League as it was known at the time. During the early days of membership within this National Veterans Organization, members held their meetings and social events in the Armoury Building and at other public venues in the Town of Kemptville.

As the local membership base increased, the Kemptville Legion members took that opportunity to design, fund and erect their own meeting hall. The Town of Kemptville Municipal Council kindly provided a parcel of land for the proposed structure at the entrance to Riverside Park and the Legion members began sourcing materials and building supplies to commence erecting the building. It is interesting to note that the majority of the lumber and other building materials came from a military "H" hut at a former Army Camp in Brockville, Ontario, which was dismantled piece by piece and transported to the Kemptville Legion site.

Volunteer labour, donations in kind and fundraising were essential in covering the costs to erect the building and work slowly progressed between 1953 and 1956. The official opening of the Legion Building and Hall took place on Saturday, July 6, 1957. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the Kemptville Centennial Celebrations and in honour of the July 6, 1944 Anniversary of D-Day. However, a cornerstone or dedication plaque signifying the importance of that event, or who or what the building was dedicated to, was not laid or attached to the structure at that time.

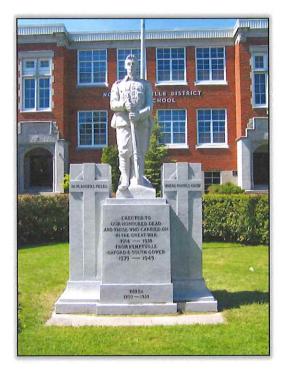
On Saturday, April 29, 2017, the executive and members held a Dedication Ceremony in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Building and Hall. To mark the occasion, a special Dedication Plaque was affixed to the building in honour of the courageous men and women of the Town of Kemptville, Oxford-on-Rideau and South Gower, who gave up their lives in military service to Canada and the Commonwealth. The plaque was formally unveiled by Sharon Murray, President, Branch #212, Gord Brown, Member of Parliament for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes and North Grenville Mayor David Gordon. The plaque is located to the left of the main entrance doors.

Source: Courtesy of Roy Brown.

#### **KEMPTVILLE CENOTAPH**

# National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials - Registration Number 35041-018 304 Prescott Street (County Road #44) Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0

Map Reference 9 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.871' / W 075° 38.606'



The Kemptville Cenotaph is located at the former site of the North Grenville District High School on the west side of Prescott Street.

#### **Kemptville Cenotaph Background Information**

The Kemptville Cenotaph honours local military personnel who paid the Supreme Sacrifice, and those that served, during the First and Second World Wars, Korea and most recently, Afghanistan.

The Cenotaph was designed and manufactured in 1921, using seven blocks of Stanstead grey granite from the Beebe, Quebec quarry and includes the statue of a young soldier, bases and shafts.

The following is an excerpt from a speech made by Reeve Dr. W.F. Storey that was published in the local Weekly Advance, dated Thursday, November 10, 1921, entitled "Lest We Forget."

"He was reminded that just a year ago the president had gently reproved the civic fathers for their procrastination in the erection of a memorial, but was pleased to announce

that through the co-operation of the Women's Institute, the Town Council, the Oxford Township Council, and, he hoped, the Council of the Township of South Gower, the ground had been broken, a memorial monument ordered and he hoped that before long it would be completed and erected."

The reference to "President" refers to Corporal H.F. O'Callaghan, who was the President of the local Great War Veterans Association (GWVA).

During the month of May the following year, the Kemptville Cenotaph was erected on the north side lot of the old Kemptville Post Office, through the combined efforts of the Women's Institute of the day and the Town of Kemptville, Oxford-on-Rideau and South Gower Councils.

An unveiling ceremony for the Cenotaph was planned by the Great War Veterans Association and held on Saturday, June 3, 1922. From that day forward, the Town of Kemptville and surrounding Townships had an official monument in Honour and Remembrance of the Fallen. The Cenotaph continues to be the site of Remembrance Day Services during the years that followed.

In November 1969, the Kemptville Town Council had the Cenotaph relocated to the front lawn of the North Grenville District High School, as the Post Office building was scheduled to be demolished the following year.

Several binders containing information on the individuals whose names are inscribed on the Kemptville Cenotaph are available for public viewing by visiting the North Grenville Historical Society Archives at 15 Water Street, Kemptville, Ontario, Map Reference 6.

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#### KEMPTVILLE CENOTAPH - continued ...

#### HONOUR ROLL

ERECTED TO
OUR HONOURED DEAD
AND THOSE WHO CARRIED ON
IN THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918
FROM KEMPTVILLE
OXFORD & SOUTH GOWER

1939-1945

KOREA 1950 - 1953

#### North Shaft | 1914 - 1918

## MAJOR H. HUTCHINS CAPT. J.H. MacDIARMID LIEUT. A.E. OAKES SGT. A. DILLANE SGT. J. BENNETT SGT. R.P. BARR, D.C.M. D.C.M. Distinguished Conduct Medal

PTE. G. GREY
PTE. R. MacKEY
PTE. H.J. CARSON
PTE H. MAXWELL
PTE. N.B. LAPLANTE
PTE. C.D. O'LEARY
PTE. A. ARCAND
PTE. T.A. ARCAND
PTE. H. ANDREWS
PTE. J.E. ARCAND
PTE. W. STEWART
PTE. C.A. HURLBERT

#### North Shaft | 1939 - 1945

L/BDR. H.W. COWIE GNR. A.S. ROBINSON PTE. D.L. CRAWFORD PTE. S. BLACK PTE. G. WAGNER PTE. J. SHEARER

# Rear Base of Statue - Afghanistan

PTE. B. WILLIAMSON

Source: "History of the Kemptville Cenotaph" by Roy Brown.

#### South Shaft | 1914 - 1918

PTE. M.L. CARLIN PTE. J. MORAN PTE. T.J. BECKETT PTE. A. CALEY PTE, E. DAVIE PTE. G. HOWEY PTE. J.E. McCRUM PTE. H.M. McCRUM PTE. E. HASTING PTE. A. IRVINE PTE. S. HUDSON PTE. W. COPPING PTE. J.A. JEFFREY PTE. J. HUMPHREY PTE. A. MacDIARMID PTE. A. WORLDS PTE. A. SCOTT PTE. I. COOPER PTE. J.A. STEWART

#### South Shaft | 1939 - 1945

P/O W.L. BUCHANAN F/SGT. H.L. BROWN F/SGT. G.J.H. McELROY F/SGT. D.D. TAYLOR SGT. P.R. ROACH CPL. E. LEACH



#### ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

319 Prescott Street (County Road #44) Kemptville, Ontario K0G 1J0 Telephone: (613) 258-4136

Map Reference 10 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.853' / W 075° 38.539'



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church proudly displays First and Second World War Honour Rolls and records from the North Grenville Presbyterian Pastoral Charge, including the former St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Oxford Mills and St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, East Oxford. Also stored on site are a series of binders researched and prepared by Donald Messenger, which contains background information on the names listed who made the Supreme Sacrifice. The following names on this page are engraved on a small brass plague:

IN MEMORY OF THOSE OF ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

<u>1914 - 1918</u>

HARRY CARSON HORACE HUTCHINS ARNOLD DILLANE ROY MacKEY

<u> 1939 - 1945</u>

WILLIAM BUCHANAN

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HONOUR ROLLS - continued ...

## ST. PAUL'S PREBYTERIAN CHURCH HONOUR ROLL

VETERANS OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR 1914 - 1918

#### MEMBERS WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

HARRY CARSON

ROY MacKEY

ARNOLD DILLANE

ARCHIBALD McDIARMID

HORACE HUTCHINS JOHN McDIARMID

#### HONOUR ROLL

LINDSAY ANDERSON
HARRY CARSON
HARRY CURTIS
ARNOLD DILLANE
A.C. HIGGS
HORACE HUTCHINS
STUART HOLMES
LEONARD MacINTOSH
ROY MacKEY

WILLARD MacKEY
ELIHN MARSTON
ERROL MARSTON
LOUIS MARSTON
ANNIE BRODERICK McDIARMID
ARCHIBALD McDIARMID
COLIN McDIARMID
JOHN McDIARMID

J.J. SWAIN ERNEST VAN ALLEN C.K. WALLACE ANSON WOOD

THOMAS McMILLAN

ARTHUR MORGAN

J.W. NICHOLSON

**DOUGLAS SWAIN** 

ST. PAUL'S PREBYTERIAN CHURCH HONOUR ROLL VETERANS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR 1939 - 1945

ERNEST McLEOD

CHARLES ADAMS
REV. B.D. ARMSTRONG B.A., D.D.
R.D. ARMSTRONG
INEZ ASHTON
FRED BOAL
SECORD BOAL
CHARLES BRAYMAN
P.C. BRAYMAN
WILLIAM BUCHANAN
RONALD COLE

JAMES DOOL

ALLAN GORDON
KENNETH GORDON
ROBERT GRAHAM
O. GRICHEN
C.G. HELMER
LESTER KERR
DONALD MacPHAIL
REGINALD McGUGAN
EWAN MORRISON
JAMES RINTOUL
DAVID ROBERTSON

J.S. HANKS
D. SOMERVILLE
H. SOMERVILLE
ROBERT TURNER
D.S. VALCOUR
ROBERT VALCOUR
ORLAND WHALEY
GARNET WOOD
D. DIBB, J. DIBB 1
G. VAN DER VAART 2
1 - BRITISH / 2 - DUTCH

FOR KING AND COUNTRY MEMBERS OF ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OXFORD MILLS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR ACTIVE SERVICE WITH CANADA'S FIGHTING FORCES 1914 - 1918

#### HONOUR ROLL

ERNEST RUPERT DAVIE....
Paid the Supreme Sacrifice April 5, 1917
WILLARD STANLEY SLOAN
HOWARD BERNICE HENDERSON
WILLIAM LINDSAY ANDERSON
RALPH SMITH MUNRO

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HONOUR ROLLS - continued ...

#### ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OXFORD MILLS 1939 - 1945

#### **HONOUR ROLL**

HOWARD BERTRAM HENDERSON THOMAS DOUANE HENDERSON CHARLES ARTHUR HENDERSON RALPH SMITH MUNRO DONALD ALBERT MUNRO LAWRENCE HECTOR MUNRO WILLIAM GARNET WRIGHT JOHN PERRY MCNEIL
WILLARD STANLEY SLOAN
DONALD THOMAS LINDSAY
JAMES HARRIS LINDSAY
KEITH PHILLIP LAPLANTE
WILLIAM HAROLD ANDERSON
CLIFFORD LLOYD BRIGGS

#### ST. MATTHEW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EAST OXFORD

WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR ACTIVE SERVICE WITH CANADA'S FIGHTING FORCES

1914 - 1918

#### MEMBERS WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

JOHN E. McCRUM
Killed in Action - August 18th, 1917
ROBERT PERCY BARR
Killed in Action - October 30th, 1917
H. MILLBURN McCRUM
Killed in Action - October 30th, 1917

#### **HONOUR ROLL**

MELTON BARR MURRAY BARR SIDNEY DOUGHERTY HARRY GORDON CLIFTON A. JOHNSTON FORD H. KING

#### ST. MATTHEW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EAST OXFORD

WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR ACTIVE SERVICE WITH CANADA'S FIGHTING FORCES 1939 - 1945

#### MEMBER WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

JOHN SHEARER

#### **HONOUR ROLL**

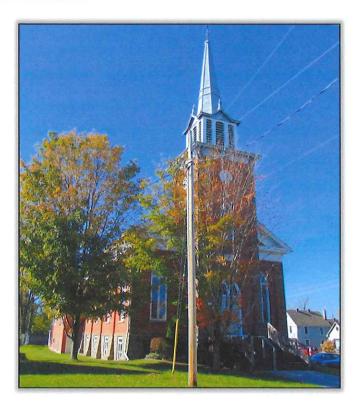
STANLEY W. McDONALD CARMEN NEWANS ELMER POLL SIDNEY SMITH JOHN SHEARER EDWARD EARLE HARVEY McFADDEN

Source: With the assistance of Donald Messenger, Church Historian.

#### ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

400 Prescott Street (County Road #44) Kemptville, Ontario K0G1J0 Telephone: (613) 258-3259

Map Reference 11 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 00.838' / W 075° 38.535'



St. John's United Church has a combined First and Second World War Honour Roll on display at this site which lists seventy-two parishioners who voluntarily served and are remembered by the congregation.

See page 23 for the list of names and the order in which they were recorded.

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#### ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH - continued ...

# WITH GREAT PRIDE AND DEEP GRATITUDE WE RECORD THE NAMES OF OUR MEMBERS ENLISTED IN THE SERVICES OF OUR KING AND COUNTRY

#### HONOUR ROLL

ATCHIE, THAYER BEAMISH, DR. O.F. BROWN. LYLE BRUCE, LLOYD BRUCE, K.E. CHRISTIE, DON CURRY, ERIC CURRY, BYRON CONSTABLE, A.A. COTNAM, CLIFFTON COTNAM, HAROLD COOPER, OLIVER CRAWFORD, DON DAVIS, ERIC DAVIS, WILSON DAVIS, BRUCE J. DEWAR, KEITH DEWAR, ROEL DANGERFIELD, INEZ DANGERFIELD, ERROL DOUGHERTY, EARL EARLE, DALTON EARLE, STANLEY

TARLING, ARTHUR

ELLIS, ALYMER FRISBY, JAMES GUEST, WILLIAM HARVEY, ROBERT HUTTON, ROBERT HALPENNY, THEO A. HALPENNY, HAROLD R. HURLBERT, GORDON HURLBERT, ARNOLD JACKSON, WILLIAM KEEGAN, RODNEY KINGSTON, GEORGE LEVERE, FRED LEVERE, JOHN McINTYRE, EARL McFARLANE, FRED McFARLANE, STANLEY PATTERSON, HAROLD PAYNE, GERALD REDDICK, HAROLD RUBY, DR. R.A. SUTHERLAND, ERIC SHIPMAN, JAMES SHIPMAN, GARNET

SHIPMAN, MERVIN SEYMOUR, DON SEYMOUR, WM. J. SAYEAU, HARRY THOMPSON, BOWER THOMPSON, CARMAN VANALLEN, DWAIN WILLIAMS, DR. OLIVER WILSON, JOHN BOWEN, GLEN DRISCOLL, GEORGE EDWARDS, EDWARD FICKO, VERNA GILES, ALLAN LUTHER, GORDON MILNE, HAROLD REDDICK, GERALD ROBINSON, STEWART PEARSON, WILLIAM SEYMOUR, CECIL VANALLAN, DOUGLAS McNICOL, BRUCE STEWART, GARFIELD VANALLEN, HARRY

Source: With the assistance of Reverend Lynda Harrison.



#### **VETERANS' COMMEMORATIVE PARK**

#### National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials - Registration Number 35041-055

Map Reference 12 / GPS Coordinates: N 45° 04.926' / W 075° 37.857'



The Veterans' Commemorative Park is situated along The King's Highway 416 / Veterans Memorial Highway at the Exit 40 juncture with the Rideau River Road (County Road #19).

## **Veterans' Commemorative Park Background Information**

The Veterans' Commemorative Park is a legacy project that was created during the 1999 International Year of Older Persons celebrations, with the intent of honouring Ontario Veterans for their military service. It came about through the collective efforts of the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command District G.

This site of Remembrance and Reflection features monuments, seating and gardens and is used for the annual District G Remembrance Day ceremonies and other Legion activities.

#### KING'S HIGHWAY 416 - VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

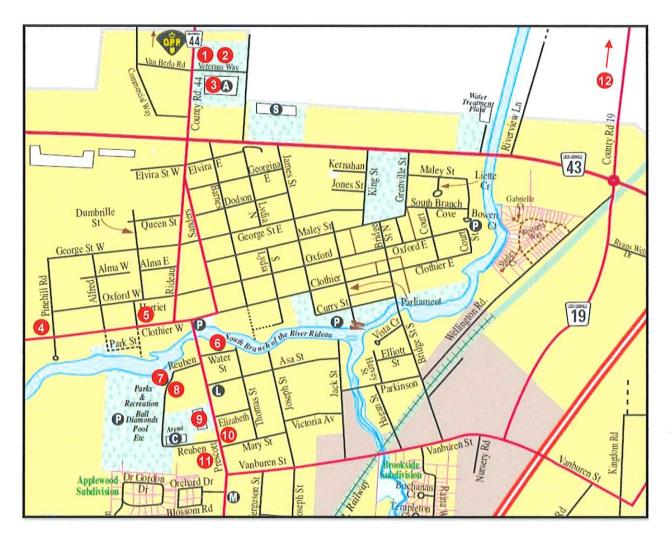
#### National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials - Registration Number 35050-006

The King's Highway 416, commonly referred to as Highway 416 and the Veterans Memorial Highway, is a multi-lane north/south Provincial Highway that links Highway 417 (Trans Canada Highway) in Ottawa with the Highway 401 at interchange at Johnstown.

Source: Courtesy of Roy Brown.



#### NORTH GRENVILLE SITES OF REMEMBRANCE - REFERENCE MAP



**Map Reference Points** 

Мар#	Site	Street Address
1	Veterans Way (Memorial Plaques)	275 County Road #44 / Ferguson Forest Centre
2	Veterans Way Memorial Park	275 County Road #44 / Ferguson Forest Centre
3	North Grenville Municipal Centre	285 County Road #44 at Depencier Street
4	Holy Cross Church	503 Clothier Street West at Pinehill Road
5	St. James United Church	35 Clothier Street West at Harriet Street
6	North Grenville Historical Society	15 Water Street at Prescott Street
7	Pte. Blake Williamson Memorial Hall	25 Reuben Crescent (west of Prescott Street)
8	Royal Canadian Legion Branch #212	100 Reuben Crescent (west of Prescott Street)
9	Kemptville Cenotaph	304 Prescott Street at Elizabeth Street
10	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church	319 Prescott Street at Mary Street
11	St. John's Anglican Church	400 Prescott Street at Mary Street
12	Veterans' Commemorative Park	King's Highway 416 and County Road #19



# Municipality of North Grenville Heritage Advisory Committee

Date:	January 11, 2018	
Moved By:	Councillor Jim Bertram	
Seconded By: <u>Kenneth Mews</u>		

Be it resolved that:

The Heritage Advisory Committee of the Municipality of North Grenville respectfully request the following:

that Mr. Brown's request be implemented by municipal staff and that the necessary funding be allocated, and that copies of Mr. Brown's work are circulated to the archives, the local libraries and the Canadian War Museum.

**CARRIED**