

# Churchville Cemetery 200 Years



What are we doing? How can Heritage help?

# 200th Anniversary

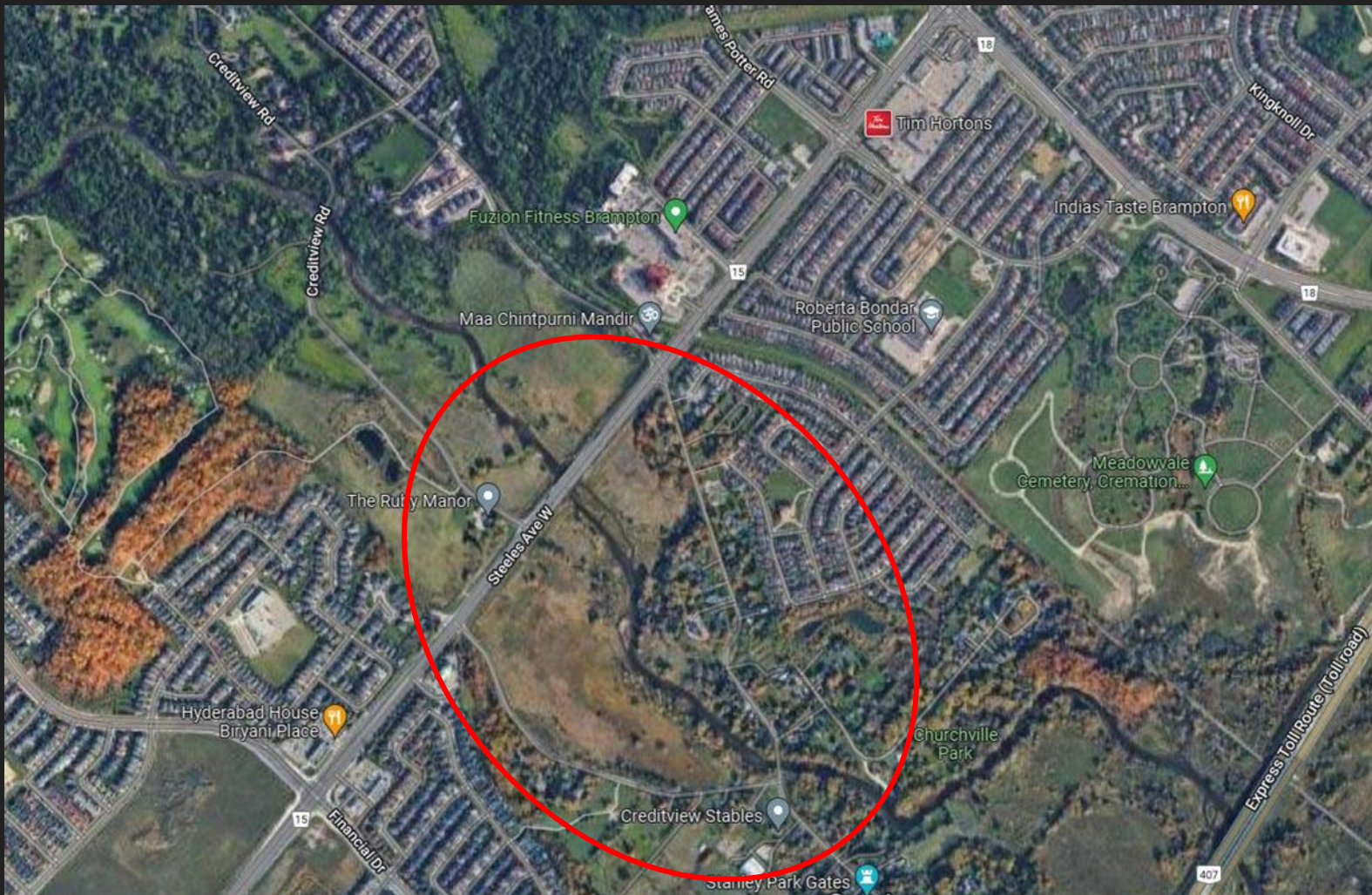


August 5th of this year, 2022, will mark the 200th Anniversary of Churchville Cemetery. The cemetery has been owned and cared for by a group of dedicated volunteers from in and around the Village of Churchville for the entirety of these two centuries. It has been both an important heritage site as well as an active and operating cemetery for all these years.



# Location of Churchville

Churchville is a designated heritage district located south of Steeles, east of Mississauga Road, west of Mavis, and north of the 407.



# A (very) Brief History of the Village

- Founded in 1815 by Amaziah Church
- Church built a gristmill along the Credit River
- Original settlement built on the floodplain of the Credit
- Village grew to include a school, churches, shops, blacksmiths, slaughterhouses, wooden sidewalks and train stops
- Amalgamated with Brampton in 1974 when 'Peel County' was restructured into the 'Regional Municipality of Peel'



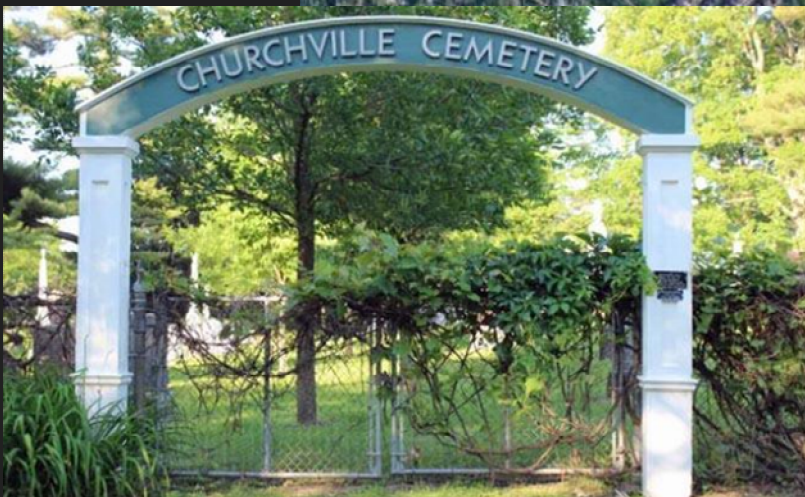
**“The Churchville Heritage Conservation District (HCD) was established in 1990, and was one of the first heritage conservation districts in the Province. It remains Brampton’s only heritage conservation district. As Brampton continues to grow, it is increasingly important that the distinct heritage character of Churchville continue to be preserved and enhanced.” - Brampton.ca**

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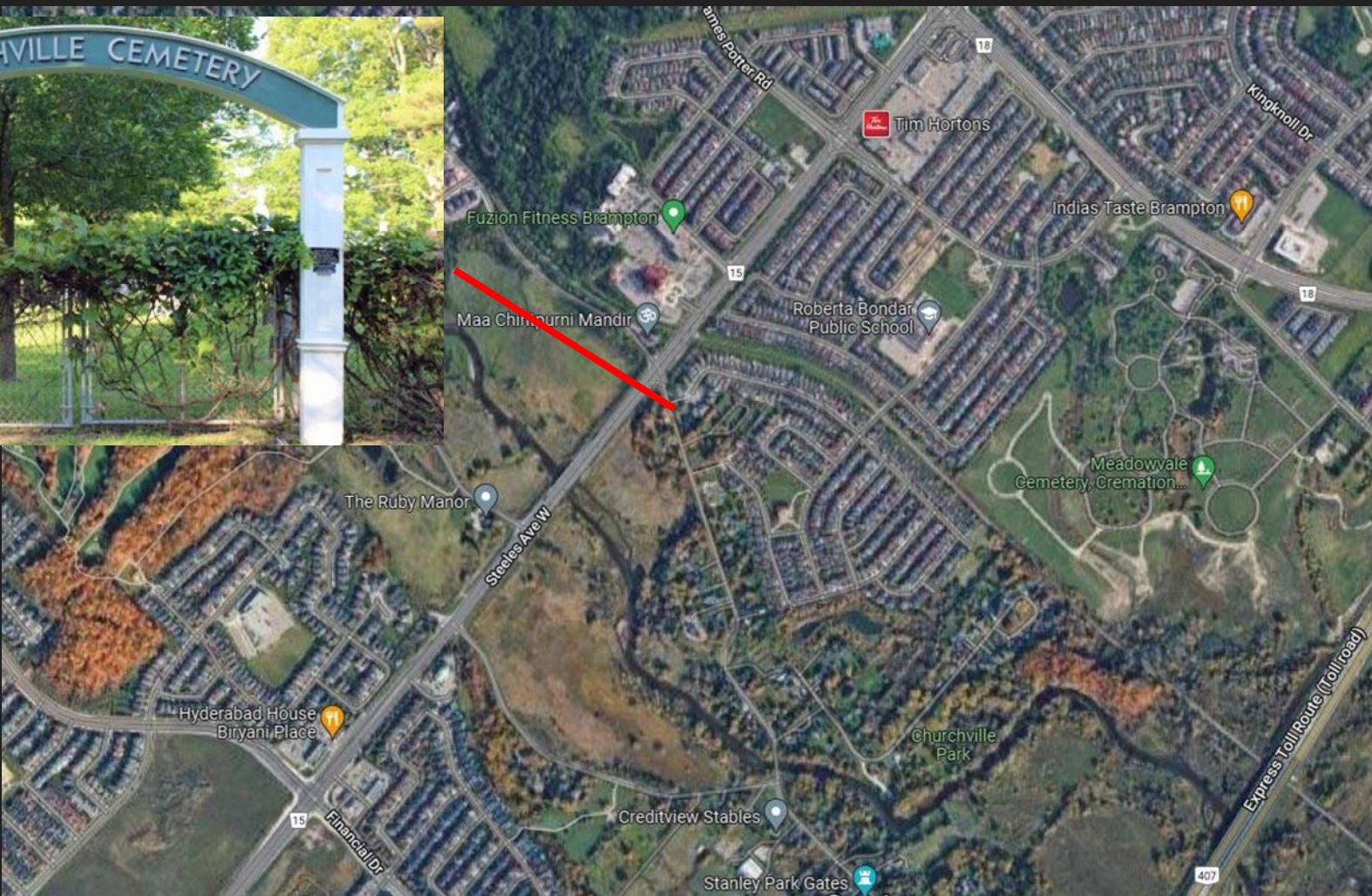


This historic heritage site is located near the south-east corner of Steeles Avenue & Churchville Road in Brampton.



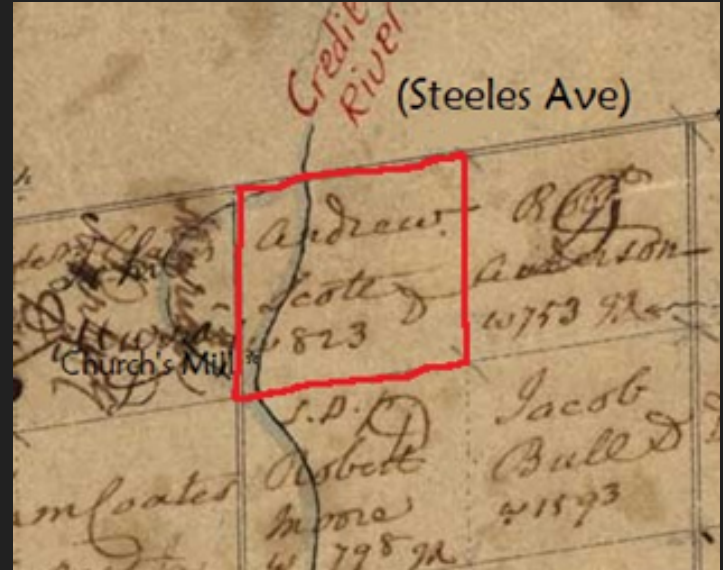


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# 1822

- Andrew Scott, the original Crown grantee of the land that the cemetery resides on, sold his land to John Beatty in 1822.
- Beatty subsequently designated a portion of it to be a public cemetery for the surrounding area
- At the time of this sale the Churchville Cemetery Board was noted as having its very first meeting
- Cemetery designated a Historical Site on June 17, 1991





# Churchville Cemetery

- Has been owned and cared for by a long lineage of dedicated volunteers who have roots tying them to the Village of Churchville for nearly two centuries
- August 5th of this year will mark the 200th anniversary
- Both a historical / heritage site, and an active, operating cemetery



Members of the current Board of Trustees



# 1892 Cemetery Survey

Here is the official survey of the cemetery done on linen in 1892. This is still the plot map we use to lay out burials today.

# Notable Memorials

There are many memorials & monuments of note at Churchville cemetery, including:

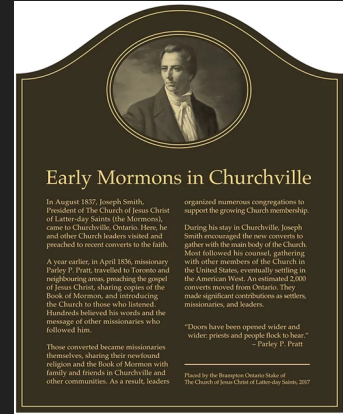
- Village Founder Amaziah Church
- Mrs. T. Frank Wright: 1st ever woman elected to Civic Body in St. Catharines, ON
- Stanley Hall: Halton M.P.P. from first half of 1900s
- Gooderham family members



# Notable Memorials



- Long-time Brampton City Councillors John Hutton and Susan DiMarco
- Maurice Bolyer: “King of the Banjo”
- Lancelot Hardy, great-grandfather of noted Group of Seven artist A.J. Casson
- Memorial Garden honouring early Mormon Settlers in Churchville
- Numerous community members that helped settle and establish the surrounding areas of Churchville, Meadowvale, Streetsville, Huttonville, Springbrook, Brampton and beyond

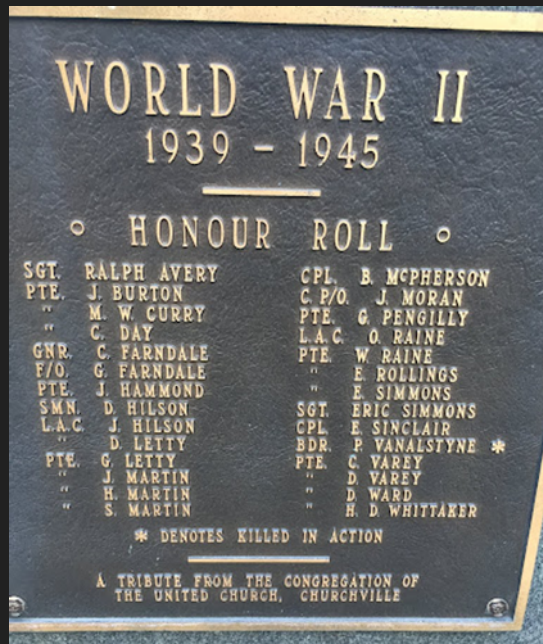
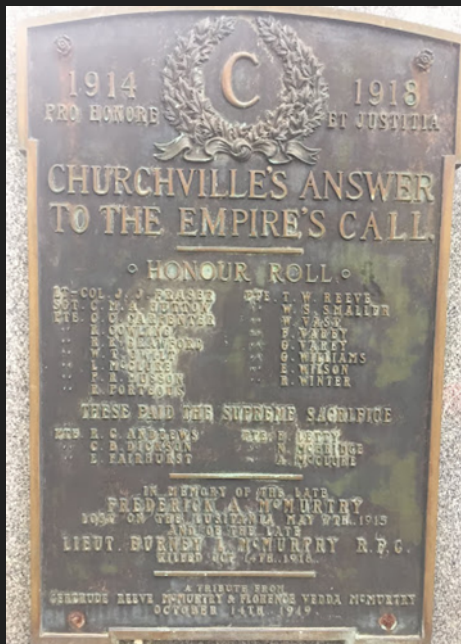


# How We Are Celebrating 200 Years

Two-Hundred years is truly a monumental occasion. To honour this wonderful milestone, we have taken on a very special 200th Anniversary Project: Erecting a proper WW1 & WW2 War Memorial Monument, as well as finding a way to preserve and honour our 100 year old and 80 year old original Village Memorial plaques.



# The Original WW1 & WW2 Plaques



These original bronze plaques were made through donations by the friends and relatives of the soldiers honoured on them, as well as through donations by the congregation of Churchville United Church and the community at large.



# The Original Monument



Front facing  
Creditview Road

- originally hung on the walls of Churchville United Church
- sadly, that church was closed down in the 1970s

- since then the plaques have been bolted to the back of a stone monument just north of the church commemorating a brick church that once stood in that spot

- As you can see, they have suffered significant weathering and damage

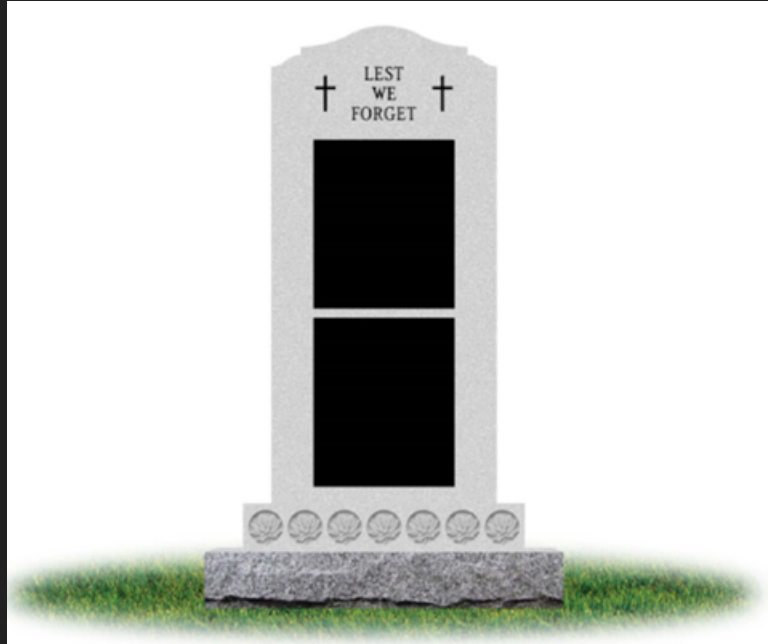
- completely hidden - most Villagers had no idea these existed before we started this project.



Back facing Woods



# The Project



Our original idea was to remove and restore the two original plaques and have them affixed to a new stone monument solely dedicated to them. Unfortunately, the expert we brought in to assess the plaques informed us that removing them would undoubtedly damage them further, and highly recommended against trying to transfer them to another monument. After much thought, we have decided to have exact replicas of the plaques engraved onto a new, matching stone monument.

# What About the Plaques?



The Lorne Scots Regimental Museum has requested that they have the honour of maintaining and displaying our original plaques in their new location in Brampton's Massey Library building. This is a great solution because:

- Many of Churchville's soldiers were members of the Lorne Scots
- Plaques will be on permanent display
- Museum has the knowledge and resources to preserve plaques
- Museum is local and accessible to members of the community

# Why at the Cemetery?

Through extensive talks with the Board of Trustees, Veteran's Affairs Canada, and community members, it was decided that the cemetery grounds were the best location for the monument. Some reasons for this are:

- Local and accessible
- Many of the people listed on the monument are buried here
- Grounds are maintained and protected
- Many family and descendants still live nearby or visit frequently



# Some of Churchville Cemetery's Veteran Graves



Private HR Letty  
(WW I)



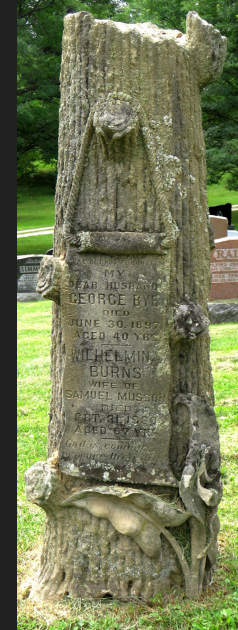
Sargeant CMA Hutton (WW I)



Corporal EG Sinclair (WW II)



Private JG Varey (WW I)



Bombardier PR Musson  
(WW I)

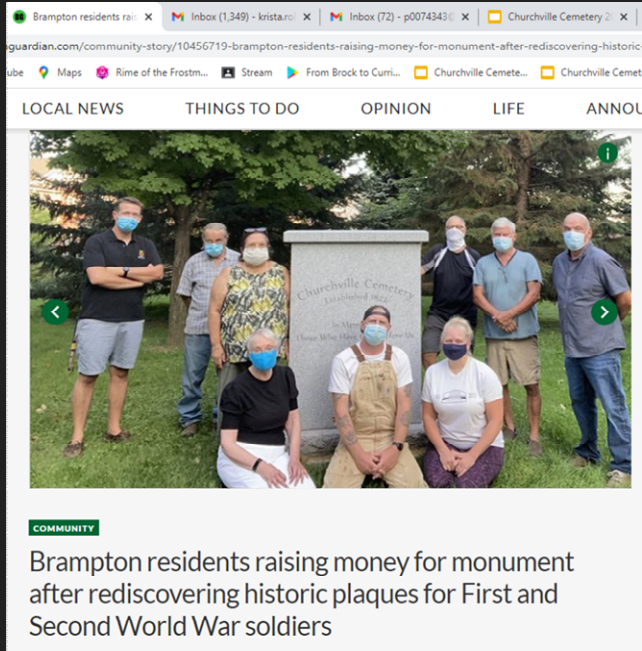
**What Have We Done So Far?**



# Getting the Word Out

Through meetings, events, a GoFundMe page, posts on our Historic Churchville, Ontario group page, an article in the Guardian, presentations, and emails we have gotten wonderful support from:

- The Lorne Scots
- PAMA
- Brampton and Streetsville Legions
- Veteran's Affairs
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Camp Naivelt
- Family and friends of our veterans
- The Churchville Village community

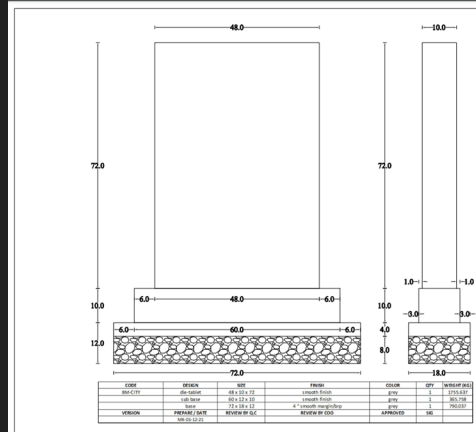
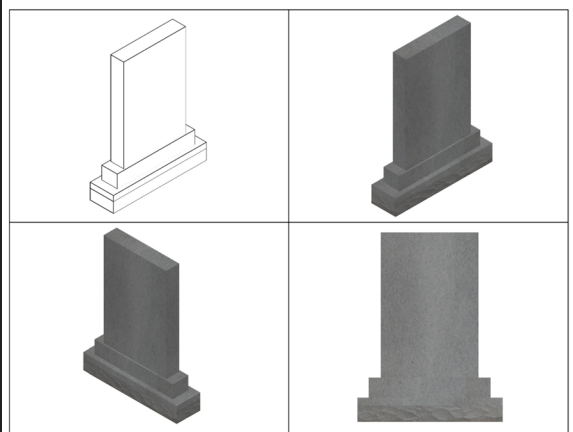


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# Monument Design / Purchase

- Ordered and designed with local monument company 'Brampton Monument Works'
- Designed to closely resemble original monument
- Plaques will be laser scanned to ensure accuracy
- Downpayment made & monument now in production
- Will be given a place of honour at centre of cemetery



# Fundraising

We have done a great deal of fundraising to raise money towards this project over the past year and a half, and have been extremely lucky to connect with some wonderful sponsors. These have included:

- GoFundMe page
- Community Bottle Drive
- Fine Art Auction
- Writing & sharing biographies of all of Churchville's listed veterans
- Grant from Veteran's Affairs
- Donation from Brampton Legion
- Donation in the works from Streetsville Legion
- Planning and organizational support from The Lorne Scots
- Many local personal donations



# The Event

We will be holding a 200th Anniversary Celebration combined with an ceremony to unveil the new monument.

- Date TBD: Aiming for August or September
- Officials, newspapers, community members, descendants of listed veterans, The Lorne Scots, local Legions, Villagers past & present, and others will be invited to attend
- The 200th anniversary will be celebrated
- New War Memorial will be officially unveiled



# How Can Heritage & The City Help?

We are very happy for any help that comes our way! Here are some ideas we have come up with:

## The City:

- Crowd control at event
- Parking? Opening up emergency road beside cemetery
- Chairs, tent, etc.
- Speakers, microphone, etc.
- Port o potties
- Notice that the Lorne Scots will be firing 3 shots into the air in honour of the soldiers
- Donation of two flagpoles for either side of monument?

## Heritage:

- Heritage related support
- Something to honour family of each veteran?
- Marker for each of the veterans' graves?
- What else?

**Thank you for your time!**

**Any questions?**