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War Memorial in St. George

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ST. GEORGE – In mid-November the war memorial that was located in the plaza in front of the St. George post office was removed due to safety concerns with the structural integrity of the monument.

The monument, which presented the name of soldiers from the St. George area that gave the ultimate sacrifice, was originally erected in 1992 as part a Main Street rejuvenation project.



War Memorial at the St. George Post Office

In 2021, the first signs of the monument coming apart due to frost heaves were identified. Since then, the municipality has monitored the structure. In late summer of 2025, gaps in the connection seems had widened and Smet Monuments conducted a review of the monument.

“A team from Smet went onsite in late summer and responded that "we have to do something with this monument very soon as it is literally falling apart" said Dale Young from Smet Monuments. "This monument has two separate granite bases; it should have been made with just one solid granite base. It also has no cement foundation and was placed just on gravel causing both granite bases to sink inward over time and all seems have broken loose and red granite pillars are not attached to anything and just standing there free. Small steel pins are the only thing holding it from collapsing and a few of them are not touching anything".

In September, the area was cordoned off, and the monument was removed on November 18 and taken back to the Smet warehouse in St. Stephen for repairs and reassembly.

"This monument is currently dismantled and on separate pallets in safe keeping and when it is decided to re install may need extra granite posts to secure along with a new granite base in one solid piece to hold the weight securely" said Dale Young with Smet Monuments.

Over this winter, Council will determine where the monument will be relocated in St. George. There are currently three locations under review and one of the locations being the return of the monument to its original spot. The monument will also be thoroughly cleaned.



Photos from a Survey on the Monument showing the disconnections of base and seems

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