

The Glanbrook council promised the, Veteran's Organization for the Korean War, to include them on a Cenotaph that would be built to bring together the two former townships of Binbrook and Glanford in the 1970's –80's. We became the Twp. of Glanbrook, as part of the 2 tier Regional govt. of Hamilton Wentworth in 1974. I became part of the Glanbrook Council in 1976 representing Ward 5. With the many needs of the Township in the following years the project was delayed but not forgotten.

With the building of the Glanbrook town hall on the arena property (the area was always to be the Community Center) which was geographically in the center of the new Glanbrook, the idea took hold among several of us that this would be the location of a new Cenotaph.

In the late 1990's with the cloud of 1 tier Govt. hanging over us, several projects were hi-lighted to be completed as a Township. The Cenotaph being one.

I strongly supported this, recalling our promise made by the previous Council to the Vets.

A committee was set up with my-self named by council as Chair. I promoted the idea that members of Glanbrook's Veteran Community be appointed as members. This was agreed.

Committee:

Councillor Hugh J. Brown (chair.)  
Harry Van Zeven, The Royal Netherlands Air Force  
P.O. Ross Wilson, RCAF  
CPL. Ralph Hillgartner, Canadian Army  
Mayor Glen Etherington

Several designs were considered, created through discussion of ideas put forward by the members. It was agreed that the Cenotaph be built from Canadian stone and be as natural as possible.

During this period we became aware of a distinctive "rose " coloured granite from the Canadian Shield and decided to check it out, and if suitable, order the stone.

P.O. Wilson and I made a trip to Havelock, Ont. to check out the quarry.

While there, we discovered 3 pieces of stone which met the design idea the committee favoured. We ordered the stone.

Our Municipal Engineer, Kenneth Young, P.eng. then took over the plans for construction and with discussions of the project arranged for it to come together.

One beautiful summer Glanbrook morning; a mobile crane, excavator, and a large float truck arrived with 24 tons of Granite.

The dream was coming true.

The 1st Remembrance Service was held November 2000.

Promise kept: In Time, Under Budget

HUGH J. BROWN