

Elizabeth Gwillim Simcoe returns to Bradford... at last!

DEAR EDITOR,

We are at the exciting threshold of the arrival of the Elizabeth Gwillim Simcoe bronze statue. The BWG Local History Association members have worked unceasingly, meeting on a weekly basis since January, to ensure the success of this Sesquicentennial project for our community.

We have had a lot of help along the way, and would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who have generously supported us. Thank you to Todd Edwards and Sean (Advance Warning) for use of the CAT Telehandler; L&D Ferragina (especially Alex and Michael) for the gorgeous mums placed in the newly-created flower beds; Gary Brickell (eSigns) for the donors' sign; Geoff Dossey for providing endless talent in the graphics department; Richard Ciano for his fundraising expertise; Allan

Sim (HVP Transportation Services) for the care with which he transported Elizabeth Gwillim Simcoe from Artcast (the foundry in Georgetown), Bradford Rental for use of an industrial drill, The BWG Times for helping us with marketing and promotion, The Village Inn for the meeting place and coffee, and The Bradford Print Shoppe, for knowing "printing matters." To Canada Post, a grateful thanks for providing the parkette site.

Thank you to all of the sponsors who have given so generously to date. We are reaching the \$50,000 mark. The project will cost \$75,000. We would also like to thank those residents and businesses who have promised to sponsor the statue. We'll see you soon!

Lastly, thank you Brenda Wainman Goulet, our sculptor, for the time, energy, thought and love put

into the statue of Elizabeth Gwillim Simcoe. Her presence in our downtown will be a constant reminder of our rich and interesting historical past.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Verney,
President BWG Local History Association, and Mikki Nanowski, Chair of The Gwillim Group Subcommittee.



Bronze statue of Elizabeth Gwillim Simcoe, by Canadian sculptor Brenda Wainman Goulet.