## **CULTURAL MOMENT**

## REMEMBER... FREEDOM ISN'T FREE MURAL IN ARTHUR CENOTAPH AND MONUMENT PARK

The mural featured in this photo is of Arthur's newest mural in a series paying homage to the designation of being "Canada's Most Patriotic Village."

This past October 25<sup>th</sup>, many attended the dedication of the new mural at the Arthur Cenotaph and Monument Park, which recognized the service of all veterans and soldiers who have, and who are, protecting our freedom.

Many community members and groups are recognized for their involvement in the mural project, including: the muralist, Cliff Smith, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 226 in Arthur, the Arthur and Area Historical Society, the Township of Wellington North, and all the dedicated volunteers.

Inspired by two Wellington North residents- a grade 12 drawing project by Steve Cherry, finalized by muralist, Cliff Smith, the mural is a great example of a community coming together with private and public funds, with materials and labour all being offered to see the project done. The overall community involvement in this project underscores how a cultural project enlivens people, resulting in benefits such as maintaining and nurturing a pride of ownership in our community.

As we approach Remembrance Day, one that will be particularly significant to all Canadians, "Remember... Freedom Isn't Free," as the new mural reads, is particularly momentous.

On November 11, attend a Remembrance Day ceremony and pay tribute to our heroes.