

### Proposed Maintenance for ARMS' Monument.

The monument pieces are carved from pieces of solid granite. The large carving has the arms and legs close to the body in order to minimize the possibility of damage being done to these extremities.

To minimize ongoing costs concerning maintenance it has been recommended that we have the granite coated for extra protection against the elements and to provide protection should the monument be subjected to graffiti. We have checked with several firms that specialize in this type of work. It would seem that the best quality coating would be Dulux Surfaceshield HDH. This is a non-sacrificial coating. A non-sacrificial coat means that if the item has to be cleaned with chemicals then the coat will remain undamaged. This is a better option than a sacrificial coat that would need to be renewed if chemical cleaning ever becomes necessary.

This coat is guaranteed to last for five years under normal conditions. I understand, however, from consulting with companies that specialize in this work, that there is only a low chance that the coat would ever need to be replaced; therefore one non-sacrificial coat should be sufficient. This would be applied as soon as the monument is placed and our funding will cover the cost of this coat. We are told this is the best product available at this time and does withstand several chemical cleans in the rare event this become necessary.

The monument may need a light pressure clean every two or three years to remove bird droppings, however once the coating has been applied there is every chance that bird droppings will come off naturally through rainfall and no pressure clean will be required. We are unsure if the Council's Parks and Garden staff undertake light pressure washing as part of the duties but we anticipate that it would not take more than an hour for a light wash which is all that would be needed should a wash become necessary.

Should the monument be subjected to repeated chemical cleans in relation to graffiti and there is a need to re-coat then the cost of the coating, at today's rates will be \$700 plus inflation. Should a chemical clean become necessary then the cost of that would be approximately \$400 at today's rates.

The advice received from the specialists in this field informs us that once the monument pieces are coated they will be well-protected against normal wear and tear. We would be happy to provide any further particulars should any council member have any queries with respect to maintenance.

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