

**G. William Streeter**

## **Delegation to Bruce County Council - Summary**

**May 16, 2024**

**Purpose: Recommend that Bruce County Road 19 be recognized as the 160<sup>th</sup> Bruce Battalion “Highway for Peace”.**

**The presentation will be all oral and will cover:**

- A) the organization of the 160<sup>th</sup> Bruce Battalion throughout the county in late 1915 and early 1916.**
- B) The arrival in Walkerton on May 4, 1916, of more than 1,200 volunteers from every town, village, and township in the county.**
- C) Their physical and endurance training in the month that followed.**
- D) The 16-mile March from Walkerton to Chesley on June 3, 1916, along Bruce Road 19.**
- E) The Ceremonial presentation of their Battalion Colors and Banner by Ontario Premier Willaim Hearst in Chesley on June 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- F) Their return march to Walkerton on June 5<sup>th</sup> , along Bruce Road 19.**
- G) Their departure from Walkerton on June 12<sup>th</sup> , and their training and travels that saw them arrive in England in late October 1916.**
- H) Their training in England and their eventual arrival at the war front in Belgium and France.**
- I) The Wars end. Some died. Some were wounded. All were changed.**

**I will end with a request for the support of council to have Bruce County Road 19 recognized as the “Highway for Peace” in memory of those in the 160<sup>th</sup> that marched the 16 miles (25,5km), each way 108 years ago. The Bruce County Historical Society has endorsed and provided their full support to this initiative.**

**Thank You.**

**Bill Streeter**