

On Tue, 30 Nov 2021 at 11:58, Friends of St. Giles <[stgilesfriends@gmail.com](mailto:stgilesfriends@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Councillors and members of the Hamilton Veterans Committee,

As a resident of Holton Ave. South, and former lifelong member of the church, I bear witness daily, to the demise of the St. Giles United Church property. This includes the very visible memorial Cairn on the lawn, at the corner of Main and Holton streets. This cherished WW1 monument to nine congregants, including the architect of the edifice, has stood respected for 99 years. Unfortunately, it has been desecrated and vandalized continuously, since the memorial plaque bearing the names of the war dead, was removed by owners New Vision UC in 2018. Their apparent decision to ruin the property through demolition by neglect continues year in and year out.

This Remembrance Day, the wreath we placed by the War Memorial cairn was stolen shortly after nightfall. Our attempts to engage the property owner and ward councillor have been met with no response. You can find more information and photos through the links attached.

<https://bayobserver.ca/2021/11/12/remembrance-day-wreath-stolen-at-historic-st-giles-cairn/>

<https://friendsofstgiles.ca/st-giles-a-world-war-1-church/>

Your committee advocates for Veterans. Is there anything you can do to protect this monument for posterity?

Sincerely,

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