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In 2018, a new addition was made to the City of Windsor's growing Public Art Collection: the incredible **Tecumseh Brock Monument**.

The stunning bronze sculptures were created by local artist Mark Williams, and commemorate the historic moment when General Brock and Chief Tecumseh met in our community during the War of 1812.

That meeting helped to shape the future of Canada. When the Americans declared war against Britain in an attempt to remove them from North America, the commander of the British forces in Canada was General Sir Isaac Brock. He formed an alliance with Shawnee Chief Tecumseh, who also wanted to hinder American expansion. Tecumseh joined his 600 men with

Brock's 700 and together they presented a united front that made the Americans believe they were badly outnumbered, and led to the capture of Detroit in the War of 1812.

Windsor schools and streets bare the names Brock and Tecumseh – names that are particularly relevant in Sandwich Town. The late community-builder John Muir understood their significance and as a long-time supporter of this neighbourhood, not to mention principal and vice-principal of General Brock Public School, he began lobbying for a monument back in 2012.

John passed away in 2016, but this project was well underway by that time thanks to his dedication and

commitment to Sandwich Town, and to preserving and sharing Windsor's great stories for generations to come.

The unveiling of the monument was a fantastic event with people attending from all across the community – including local First Nations representatives, students from General Brock Public School, and local neighbourhood residents. They came out to celebrate our history and heritage.

The sculptures stand atop a plinth at the newly constructed Sandwich Town roundabout. Along with a soon-to-be-installed archway complete with stories of this neighbourhood, it will form a grand entrance into one of Windsor's most historic areas.

During the excavation phase, we uncovered indigenous artefacts that add new layers to our city's rich cultural heritage, tie back to the indigenous peoples' of this area, and are now a part of our history and story that can be shared with everyone.

This installation is important, and it tells people that the history of Sandwich Town is important. Works like these mark the stories of the people and places that have made Windsor what it is today.

Mayor Drew Dilken said he hoped this work would inspire people to explore our shared past and to experience our amazing city.



Mayor Dilken and guests unveil the sculptures; proudly displayed Sandwich Town