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The public engagement surrounding the monuments dedicated to Dr. Solomon Secord is not just a conversation about historical markers; it serves as an opportunity to confront our past and shape our collective future.

By acknowledging and addressing concerns surrounding Secord's service in the Confederate Army, we confront the enduring legacy of racial injustice and work towards genuine reconciliation. This process

embodies our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion within our municipality, creating a space where marginalized voices are heard and valued.

As we engage in the discussion about the monument, it would be valuable to explore the following questions:

1. What are the perspectives of descendants of those who were impacted by slavery and oppression, and how can their voices be amplified in the decision-making process?
2. Are there alternative ways to commemorate Dr. Secord's legacy that are more inclusive and reflective of our community's values?
3. How can we ensure that the engagement process is accessible to all members of the community, including those with diverse backgrounds and experiences?
4. What steps can be taken to educate the community about the historical significance of the monuments and the broader context of systemic racism and oppression?

Through genuine public engagement platforms, encompassing comprehensive surveys, enlightening interviews, and inclusive community dialogues, we empower individuals to contribute to decision-making processes that shape the fabric of our society. By fostering an environment of inclusion and respect, we ensure that every member of our community has an equal stake and opportunity to co-create a future that is not only more just, but authentically inclusive and reflective of our shared values.

Sincerely,  
Christina Wahi

(Not that it's *actually relevant* but I am a long-time MOK resident whose family roots go back to the mid-1800s - ensure that our community is open, inclusive and welcoming to **all** shouldn't be considered an "local" v "non-local" subject)