

Peace park dedicated in city cemetery



Part of Brantford's new Oakhill Cemetery on Oakhill Drive was dedicated as a peace park — to commemorate the nation's 125th anniversary and Canada's contribution to world peace — on Thursday.

The 12:30 p.m. ceremony, organized by the Brantford parks and recreation department, involved speakers representing the parks department, the city and Six Nations.

The park has a circular Peace Grove of 12 trees representing the provinces and territories.

At least 159 peace parks have been developed in cities across Canada. Also on Thursday, a monument honoring Canada's role in international peacekeeping efforts was unveiled in Ottawa.

Ron Birkett, chairman of the parks board, was the opening speaker at the Brantford ceremony. Rev. Chris Morgan, Chief Steve Williams of the Six Nations, Brantford Mayor Bob Taylor, Jennifer Parkhill and Jennifer Newton spoke. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 90 color guard did a march past and native dancers from Central School and King George School performed.

A noon-hour service dedicated the city's peace park in Oakhill Cemetery. *Expositor Photo Oct 1992*