

A meeting of the Mahone Bay Cemetery Commission was held on Monday, March 20, 2017 in Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Councillor John Bain (Chair)
Mayor David Devenne
Robert Morse
Marlin Risser

Regrets: Derrick MacKenzie, Director of Operations
James A. Wentzell, CAO

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A motion by Mr. Morse, seconded by Ms. Risser, **“THAT the minutes from the September 19, 2016 regular meeting be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried**

Bayview Cemetery Project Update

Councillor Bain reports that meetings have been conducted with the Chester staff and volunteers of the Bayview Cemetery Project to discuss mapping the information gathered in Bayview Cemetery and adding a map and data base of information to the Town’s website. Mayor Devenne suggested launching this as part of the Town’s Canada 150 Celebrations.

Restoration of Monuments in Bayview Cemetery

Staff will be asked to contact Heather Lawson to request a priority list of monuments requiring restoration in Bayview Cemetery. Commission members would like the Town to consider budgeting to have 20% of the restoration completed annually.

Strategy for Clean-up of Cemeteries

Park Cemetery Clean-up and Maintenance

A Spring Clean-up will be conducted by staff when weather conditions and time allows. Staff will use their discretion while following the terms of the by-law. Mowing contracts will be granted in April/May for mowing of Park and Bayview Cemetery for the 2017/18 season.

The concrete posts at the entrance of Park Cemetery have been removed by staff. Councillor Bain would like to have the piles of top soil moved to the area behind the storage shed to tidy up the area where the soil is stored now. He would also like staff to investigate the contents of the storage shed.

Mr. Morse reports that Bobby Slauenwhite has been asked to look at the fallen monuments and provide a quote to erect and/or repair those who do not have families in the area that can be contacted to make the repairs. Once the quote is received, Mr. Morse will forward it to the CAO for consideration in the 2017/18 Budget. A monument company quoted \$150/monument last fall.

Mr. Morse is still exploring the placement of markers (rebar) throughout the cemetery to help with locating grave lots especially during winter.

Park Cemetery Project

Mayor Devenne and Councillor Bain would like to see a project similar to the Bayview Cemetery be investigated for Park Cemetery so it too can be added to the Town's website with a launch in 2019 as part of the Town's 100th anniversary. Councillor Bain will discuss with Mr. Wentzell, CAO options for pursuing this project.

Signage

As off leash dogs and internments without permission, from the town, continue to be a problem, the commission would like to include new signage in next year's budget.

Tree Planting

Councillor Bain would like to add the planting of 4-5 trees with appropriate protection annually starting 2017/18 to the budget process.

It was moved by Mr. Morse that with no further business, the meeting be adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2017 at 3:00pm

Councillor J. Bain, Chair

Crystal Berringer, Secretary