

A meeting of the Mahone Bay Cemetery Commission was held on Monday, April 25, 2016 in the Council Chambers at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Councillor John Bain (Chair)
Mayor C. Joe Feeney
Robert Morse
Robert Sayer
Derrick MacKenzie, Director of Operations

Regrets: James A. Wentzell, CAO

Gallery: Bob Weld

Minutes

Regular Meeting, March 23, 2015

A motion by Mr. Sayer, seconded by Mr. Morse, **“THAT the minutes from the March 23, 2015 regular meeting be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried**

Business Arising from the Minutes

Bayview Cemetery Inventory

Mr. Sayer reports that work continues on the inventory and mapping of monuments in Bayview Cemetery. He has prepared a presentation on this subject that he will give at the Mahone Bay Centre in the near future.

Maintenance at Bayview Cemetery

Volunteers will be asked to reposition lead caps that blow off monuments in the wind. On her next visit, Heather Lawson will be asked if there is a safe and effective way to affix the lead caps permanently.

New Business

Restoration of Monuments and Mapping Bayview Cemetery

Mr. Sayer and Mr. Weld reported that corner markers have been located and that a property line has been established.

Mr. Weld provided a map of proposed zones to assist in grave and monument locating.

It was moved by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Mr. Morse **that the Cemetery Commission approve the concept of the six zones as prepared by Bob Weld and that effort be made to supply Mr. Weld with an accurate aerial photo of the cemetery to assist in the categorizing of graves and monuments.** **Motion Carried**

Mr. Sayer set a goal to have all monuments recorded and information entered into a database by the end of summer 2016.

Strategy for Clean-up of Cemeteries

A clean-up was conducted in the Fall of 2015. Two truckloads of debris were removed from Park Cemetery.

An ad will be placed in the local newspaper advertising a Spring Clean-up of both cemeteries and requesting that individuals remove Christmas wreaths and artificial flowers prior to June 5, 2016. Staff will address the removal of dead trees and shrubs.

Mr. Morse volunteered to inventory fallen monuments and explore if there are families in the area that can be contacted to have them repaired.

It was agreed that concrete markers will be placed throughout the cemetery to be used as reference points for locating grave lots.

2015/16 Budget

Budget figures to March 31, 2016 were circulated and reviewed

With no further business to discuss, at 3:00pm it was moved by Mr. Sayer, seconded by Mr. Morse that the meeting be adjourned.

Commission members were then invited to visit Park Cemetery to inspect its condition and to discuss what maintenance is required.

Councillor J. Bain, Chair

Crystal Berringer, Secretary