

A meeting of the Mahone Bay Cemetery Commission was held on Monday, September 19, 2016 in the Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Councillor John Bain (Chair)

Robert Morse

Robert Sayer

Derrick MacKenzie, Director of Operations

Regrets: Mayor Joe Feeney

James A. Wentzell, CAO

Gallery: Bob Weld

Minutes - Regular Meeting, April 25, 2016

A motion by Mr. Sayer, seconded by Mr. Morse, **“THAT the minutes from the April 25, 2016 regular meeting be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried**

Bayview Cemetery Inventory

Mr. Sayer reports that he made a presentation at the Mahone Bay Centre during a Life Long Learning session on the work being done at the Bayview Cemetery.

Restoration of Monuments and Mapping Bayview Cemetery

Volunteers have spent many hours cleaning monuments and documenting inscribed information. Mr. Sayer reports that the bulk of this work will be finished this fall. Once the work is complete, Heather Lawson will be asked if there is a safe and effective way to affix the lead caps to the monuments permanently.

Mr. Weld provided an updated map of zones to assist in grave and monument locating.

Strategy for Clean-up of Cemeteries

Tree Trimming

A clean-up was conducted in Park Cemetery in late May, early June to take down a few of the dead trees. Staff returned to Park Cemetery on September 14 to cut dead limbs and limbs impeding passage on Maple Lane. Staff will return when time permits to clean up the remaining lanes.

Park Cemetery Clean-up and Maintenance

A Spring Clean-up was conducted on June 15 by staff. Three truck loads of debris were removed. Councillor Bain reports that the cemetery looks much better since the clean up.

A Fall Clean-up will be scheduled after November 11. It was agreed that the Remembrance Day wreaths would not be removed. Mr. MacKenzie will look at ground piles to see if they can be tidied up and organize the removal of the concrete posts at the entrance of Park Cemetery.

Mr. Morse will meet with Councillor Bain in October to review the inventory of the fallen monuments and explore whether there are families in the area that can be contacted to have them repaired. Mr. Morse

spoke with a monument company who quoted \$150/monument to erect those that have fallen but they take no responsibility for any damages incurred. Mr. Morse will contact Bobby Slauenwhite to request a second quote.

Mr. Morse will explore markers to be placed throughout the cemetery to be used as reference points for locating grave lots.

Bayview Cemetery Project Update

Mr. Sayer circulated a progress report indicating that meetings of the volunteer group were held, objectives set for September 15th were met, and these objectives included finalizing sections A-F, assigning volunteers to each section, recording information from monuments, identifying stones that need cleaning and start cleaning process, numbering and plotting on paper and photographing if possible.

The group has set new objectives that include finishing the cleaning and recording of monuments by the end of November 2016 and submitting to the Commission a list of monuments that need repair by the end of 2016.

John Zwicker has volunteered to be the webmaster and will investigate a no or low cost program/server. The group will submit all information gathered to Mr. Zwicker ASAP.

Mr. Mackenzie will contact the Mapping Dept in MODC to explore if they can create a map to plot the final draft of the information gathered for the website.

Mr. Sayer will contact Christian Herridge to get a quote on an aerial photograph of the cemetery for the new website.

Mr. Weld will investigate options for posts that would be placed in Bayview Cemetery to aid in indentifying the sections at points were sections intersect.

With no further business to discuss, at 3:50pm it was moved by Mr. Sayer, seconded by Mr. Morse that the meeting be adjourned.

A follow up meeting of the Commission will be held on December 5 at 3:00pm to report what has been accomplished since the September meeting.

Councillor J. Bain, Chair

Crystal Berringer, Secretary