

A meeting of the Mahone Bay Cemetery Commission was held on Monday, June 19, 2017 in Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Minutes - Regular Meeting, March 20, 2017

A motion by Mayor Devenne, seconded by Councillor Feeney, “**THAT the minutes from the March 20, 2017 regular meeting be approved as circulated.**” **Motion carried**

Park Cemetery – Maple Trees

Councillor Bain reports that six hardy disease resistant Autumn Blaze Maple Trees have been ordered from Bloom Greenhouse & Garden Centre and should be delivered and planted this week along Birch Avenue. A generous \$300 donation was received from an individual in support of this project.

Toppled Monuments in Park Cemetery

Mr. Morse will request written quotes from Bobby Slauenwhite and Heritage Memorials for the cost of erecting toppled monuments in Park Cemetery where there is no remaining family to contact and where there isn't any identification of supplying monument company. He reports that verbal quotes were in the range of \$125-\$150 each and there are at least 15-20 already down and more that are ready to fall over. Members agreed that addressing 10 monuments per year would be acceptable and should only be done after a search from family and monument company had been exhausted.

Location Markers for Park Cemetery

It was decided that placing above ground rebar markers were not favorable for several reasons including liability and aesthetics. Other options were discussed but it was concluded that this project will be put on hold until the GPS option is investigated.

Signage

Councillor Bain and Mr. Morse will work together to come up with the signage design and information required and will bring it to the next meeting in September for discussion.

Update Mapping Project – Bayview Cemetery

The coordinates for the lots in Bayview Cemetery have been recorded with a GPS by staff from the Municipality of Chester with help from Town of Mahone Staff. Staff in Chester continue to work on this project to connect the GPS coordinates to the information and images that the Volunteer group gathered.

Councillor Bain would like to meet with the staff from Chester to review cost and implementation of a similar project in Park Cemetery

Spring Clean-up

Although the spring clean-up has not been completed yet, the Director of Operations reports that it will be done by the end of June.

With no further business, it was moved by Mayor Devenne and seconded by Ms. Risser that the meeting be adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2017 at 3:00pm

Councillor J. Bain, Chair

Crystal Berringer, Secretary