

A meeting of the Mahone Bay Cemetery Commission was held on Monday, July 16, 2018 in Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Councillor John Bain (Chair)
Mayor David Devenne
Councillor Joe Feeney
Robert Morse
Marlin Risser
Derrick MacKenzie, Director of Operations
Maureen Hughes, Acting CAO

Regrets: Luke Wentzell, Manager of Finance

Minutes

Minutes - Regular Meeting, March 26, 2018

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by R. Morse, **“THAT the minutes from the March 26, 2018 regular meeting be approved as circulated.”** **Motion carried**

Business Arising from the Minutes

Signage

Town staff posted a new sign in Park Cemetery on July 16, 2018 on the right side of the entrance to the cemetery.

Monument Restoration

The commission is recommending that a pilot project be established where \$1,000 of the \$3,000 budgeted on monument restoration be used to erect monuments that have toppled and there are no living relatives in the area. Mr. Morse has spoken with Robert Slauenwhite, who opens graves for Mahone Funeral Home, and is willing to work with the Town on this project.

Ms. Risser reported that there are approximately 10 monuments that have toppled in Bayview Cemetery, two of which are limestone. Staff will contact Heather Lawson to discuss how to handle these stones.

Maintenance

Town staff have completed some tree trimming, relocated gravel and topsoil to the back of the cemetery and completed minor road repairs (filling pot holes) in Park Cemetery. A lock was placed on the door of the storage building in Park Cemetery. The contractors who were hired to mow each cemetery have been tending to the grass.

Mr. MacKenzie advised that nine (9) loads of gravel will be ordered and two (2) members of Town staff will be assigned to spread the gravel in August.

New Business

Maintenance

Mr. Morse identified a dead Pine Tree on an unnumbered lot adjacent to lot 197. He also pointed out that curbing is required on the corner of the lower horizontal main road and Hemlock Lane. Currently cars are

encroaching on lot 11C(2) and will be driving over the lot if something isn't soon done to prevent it. Derrick suggested that a few large rocks could be placed there to resolve the situation.

Report – Cemetery Accounting and State of the Perpetual Care Fund

Councillor Feeney presented a financial report (attached) for consideration by the Commission. The report has been tabled until the September meeting so the new CAO can be involved in any decisions.

With no further business, it was moved by Mayor Devenne and seconded by Councillor Feeney that the meeting be adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2018 at 3:00pm

Councillor J. Bain, Chair

Crystal Berringer, Recording Secretary