

A meeting of the Cemetery Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Friday, March 4, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. via video conferencing.

Present:

Councillor Joseph Feeney

Mayor David Devenne

B. Morse

Dylan Heide, CAO

Jonathan Uhlman, Manager of Public Works & Transportation

Kelly Redden, Deputy Clerk

Absent:

Deputy Mayor Francis Kangata

S. Maples (regrets)

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Mr. Morse, seconded by Mayor Devenne, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add 'Forestry Letter' under new business." Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Mayor Devenne, seconded by Mr. Morse, "THAT the minutes of the November 19, 2022 meeting be approved as amended to indicate that the meeting took place in council chambers and not virtually." Motion carried.

3. Operations Report

Jonathan Uhlman, Manager of Public Works & Transportation, provided the Operations Report to the committee. It was reported that significant progress has been made on the Bayview fence project by contractor Cityzen Developments.

4. Finance Report

Mr. Heide updated the process for the 2022 budget deliberations. The committee will discuss at their June meeting.

5. Old Business

a. Park Cemetery Mapping Project

Mr. Heide provided the committee with an update on the mapping project. A grant has been awarded to pay for a term position, the responsibilities of that position will include completing this project.

b. Update – Fix/Repair Bayview Cemetery Fence

This item was covered in Mr. Uhlman’s Operations Report. Mr. Heide informed the committee that the grant for this project has been extended.

c. Fee Review

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the committee.

d. Quote to Pave Park Street

Mr. Uhlman provided the committee, for their information, with quotes to pave Park Street. Staff will provide Council with recommendations in the 2022-23 budget process.

6. New Business

a. Options for Use of Excess Grant Funds at Bayview Cemetery

Ms. Redden provided the committee with options to spend excess grant funds. These options include a new sign for above the entrance, an interpretive sign and new entrance posts. Ms. Redden will provide the committee with a quote for a wood pillar option for the cemetery entrance.

b. Sign for Pauper’s Grave at Park Cemetery

The committee asked Ms. Redden to get a quote for signage for the area. Ms. Redden will see if there is a name option other than “pauper’s grave”.

c. Plot Deed Expiry

Ms. Redden provided an update to the committee. The Town’s solicitor does not believe that it is possible for plot deeds to be amended to add an expiry clause. She will forward the email from the Town’s solicitor to committee members.

d. Donation Recognition Ideas

The committee discussed options for recognizing donations. This item will come to the committee’s next meeting.

e. Forestry Letter

Mr. Heide explained the request from a property owner bordering Park Cemetery. Staff will get more details on this request. This item will come back to the committee’s next meeting.

Discussion at next meeting:

Donor Recognition

Quote – Sign for pauper’s grave

Fee review

The meeting adjourned by motion at 12:44pm

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Chair, Councillor Joseph Feeney

Deputy Clerk, Kelly Redden

