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A meeting of the Cemetery Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Friday, May 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

- Councillor Feeney
- Councillor Nowe
- Mayor Devenne
- B. Morse
- S. Maples (left at 10:11am)
- D. Heide, CAO
- J. Uhlman, Manager of Public Works & Transportation
- A. Yeadon-Wentzell, Manager of Finance
- K. Munroe, Town Clerk

Absent:

**1. Approval of Agenda**

A motion by Ms. Maples, seconded by Mayor Devenne, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add correspondence from Commonwealth War Graves.”** Motion carried.

**2. Minutes**

A motion by Mr. Morse, seconded by Ms. Maples, **“THAT the minutes of the July 7, 2023 meeting be approved as presented.”** Motion carried.

**3. Operations Report**

Jonathan Uhlman, Manager of Public Works & Transportation, provided the Operations Report to the committee. The committee discussed how to address toppled stones in Park Cemetery.

A motion by Mayor Devenne, seconded by Councillor Nowe, **“THAT the committee recommend that Council direct staff to bring a revised Cemetery Bylaw to the next meeting of the Cemetery Committee. The revisions will focus on fee structures.”** Motion carried.

Mr. Heide updated the committee on assessments that have been carried out on the aging trees in Park Cemetery. Staff are waiting for more advice on the trees and will report back to the committee once received.

**4. Old Business**

**a. Expansion – Park Cemetery**

The committee reviewed the proposal from Landscape Architect, Oliver Bence.

**b. Fee Review – Differential Resident Rates**

The committee received a memo from staff with recommendations concerning plot fee increases for Park Cemetery

Staff will incorporate updated fee structure in bylaw revision.

**5. New Business**

**a. Green Burials**

Mr. Morse informed the committee that the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has permitted green burials in their municipality, people can be buried on their property as long as the burial is registered on the property deed.

**a. Commonwealth War Graves Agreement**

The committee reviewed an agreement from Commonwealth War Graves concerning a maintenance and annual contribution agreement.

**Discussion at next meeting:**

Draft revised Cemetery Bylaw  
Park Cemetery sign concept

**The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am .**

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Chair, Councillor Joseph Feeney

Town Clerk, Kelly Munroe