

**GEORGIAN CLIFFS MEMORIAL PARK
CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



MINUTES

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Via Zoom Meeting

9 James Street, Parry Sound, Ontario

Committee Members Present: Chair: Earl Manners, Councillor Ward 3
Laurie Emery, Councillor Ward 1
Peter Frost, Councillor Ward 2
Muriel McKee

Committee Members Absent: Toby Cavers

Staff Present: Maryann Martin, Clerk
Greg Mariotti, Manager of Operational Services
Alana Torresan, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

Chair Manners recited the Land Acknowledgment Statement and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-001

Moved by: Muriel McKee

Seconded by: Peter Frost

“THAT the March 30th, 2022 Georgian Cliffs Memorial Park Cemetery Advisory Committee Agenda, be approved.”

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 4, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-002

Moved by: Laurie Emery

Seconded by: Muriel McKee

“THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of Georgian Cliffs Memorial Park Cemetery Advisory Committee held on November 4, 2021, be approved.”

CARRIED

3. Deputations

Greg Andrews. Covered structure and seating area at the cemetery

Councillor Greg Andrews provided the Committee with a brief overview of past initiatives to build a gazebo at the cemetery and requested that the Township re-consider the project. Councillor Andrews reported that a covered structure at the cemetery would provide patrons a space to gather that is sheltered from the elements.

The Committee discussed the proposal and potential funding options for the project.

Councillor Manners thanked Councillor Andrews for this presentation and informed him that the Committee will bring his request to Council for consideration.

Marilyn Capreol. Indigenous practices related to death and how that might be recognized at the cemetery.

Marilyn Capreol presented her proposal for the Georgian Cliffs Memorial Park Cemetery to incorporate a designated area for Indigenous burial ceremonies. Ms. Capreol recommended that the area include a covered structure for gatherings and pipe ceremonies and a contained firepit for sacred burial fires. Ms. Capreol highlighted that the creation of this area could be an opportunity for two eyed seeing within the community.

The Committee discussed the proposal and recommended that the Township schedule a tour of the cemetery grounds with Ms. Capreol and Shawanaga representatives to discuss potential options.

Councillor Manners thanked Ms. Capreol for her time and informed her that the Committee will present her proposal to Council for consideration.

4. Other Business

2022 Budget – Update

Maryann Martin reported that 2022 budget will be presented to Council in April and most likely approved in May.

Promoting Cemetery – Update

Maryann Martin shared the updated cemetery advertisement that will be published in the Pointe au Baril Islanders Association yearbook. The Committee requested that the ad be circulated to Committee Members and ratepayer associations for additional advertising purposes.

Promoting Remembrance Day Banners

Greg Mariotti reported that Remembrance Day Banners can be purchased by community members again this year and that program will be promoted in the Township's Spring newsletter. Mr. Mariotti provided the Committee with a brief overview of banner photo requirements and associated costs.

The Committee discussed the topic and directed staff to arrange for the banners to be hung prior to Thanksgiving weekend.

New Cemetery By-law – Update

Maryann Martin informed the Committee that due to staff shortages at Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BOA), the Township has not yet received approval of the new cemetery by-law. Ms. Martin reported that once approval is granted, staff will update the Township website accordingly.

Spring Maintenance

Greg Mariotti reported that Public Works Staff will commence spring maintenance at the cemetery once the snow melts.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

6. Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-003

Moved by: Laurie Emery

Seconded by: Muriel McKee

“THAT the Georgian Cliffs Memorial Park Cemetery Advisory Committee does hereby adjourn at 11:13 a.m.

CARRIED

Earl Manners, Chair

Maryann Martin, Clerk