



Subject: New Cemetery By-Law

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT report RCP 21-02 New Cemetery By-Law, be received as information;

AND THAT a By-Law to govern the operations of the Tillsonburg Cemetery, and to repeal By-Law 3640, be brought forward for Council's consideration;

AND THAT in accordance with the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002, the provisions of this By-Law shall come into force and take effect upon the date of approval of this By-Law by the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act.

BACKGROUND

The existing Cemetery By-Law 3640 was previously updated in September 2015. As part of our regular review and updating of various By-Laws, staff identified a number of components which could be further improved and enhanced. The result is a new Draft Cemetery By-Law that will support our Clients and provide operational improvements for the future.

DISCUSSION

The proposed Draft Cemetery By-Law is a new by-law based on the Ministry's standards. As the existing by-law does not meet the standard, and was very short on detail, no redlined version was created. For comparison purposes between the current Cemetery By-Law and the newly proposed update, the following sections have been added or updated;

- Formatting
- Expanded Definitions
- Additional information regarding Cremation and Columbarium

- Care of Lots
- Tree Dedication Program
- Memorial Standards
- Maintenance Standards
- Contractor Provisions; and
- Rules for Visitors

CONSULTATION

This report has been prepared in consultation with staff in the Parks & Cemetery's Team, Clerks Department, Finance and the CAO. The Parks, Beautification & Cemeteries Advisory Committee has provided initial review and recommendations. Further, and as per the requirements of the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO), the new draft has been posted, advertised and circulated to the local funeral services sector for any public comment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

There are no financial impacts associated with the adoption of the new Cemetery By-Law.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) LINKAGE

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – Proposed Cemetery By-Law