

**Subject:** Revisions to Proposed Cemeteries By-law

**Recommendation:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report # 2024-0039 – Revisions to Proposed Cemeteries By-law, for information;**

**AND THAT Council consider and approve proposed By-law No. 03-2024, being the Cemeteries By-law, subject to approval by the Registrar appointed under the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c. 33*;**

**AND THAT Council direct staff to undertake all necessary steps to have the proposed By-law, as considered and approved by Council, approved by the Registrar as set out above.**

**Background:**

On January 24, 2024, Council provided direction to finalize the proposed Cemeteries By-law to allow leashed dogs on cemetery roads and pathways and to implement related policy changes for by-law enforcement. The finalized Cemeteries By-law is attached to this report, with changes highlighted in yellow for ease of reference.

**Analysis:**

The proposed Cemeteries By-law has been revised to include a definition of "Cemetery Path", to permit dogs in cemeteries provided that they are leashed, under control and kept on Cemetery Paths, and to require immediate cleanup of animal waste.

Once Council has approved the proposed Cemeteries By-law, staff will implement the process to have it approved by the Registrar as required by the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c. 33*. Upon approval by the Registrar, an endorsed copy of the Cemeteries By-law will be returned to the Town and the by-law will be in effect.

**Financial Considerations:**

There are no direct financial implications associated with the proposed by-law.

**Alternatives Reviewed:**

None.

**Strategic Plan Relationship: Community Development and Growth**

The proposed Cemeteries By-law as finalized balances diverse community interests as expressed by and to Council.

**Consultation:**

The Senior Leadership Team and staff involved in cemetery operations were consulted in developing and finalizing the proposed by-law.

**Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:**

Proposed Cemeteries By-law as Finalized.

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