



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa
Staff Report

Office of the Director of Infrastructure Services

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Subject

St. Margaret Mary Cemetery, Municipality of Wawa.

Summary of the Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approves increasing the capital budget amount - Cemetery Betterments to \$75,000 for a fence to be constructed on the property of St. Margaret Mary Cemetery along Mission Road and Winston Road.

Summary of the Issues

The St. Margaret Mary Cemetery is located across from the Michipicoten Memorial Community Centre off of Mission Road. Throughout the winter season, snow machines have been using the Cemetery as access to cut across from Mission Road to Winston Road. The Infrastructure Department has signs located around the property notifying that the area is a Cemetery and no motorized vehicles are allowed on the property, however the signs and notices were ignored. The OPP was contacted to monitor the area and were unsuccessful in catching snow machines in the act. A temporary snow fence was constructed along the property which assisted in stopping snow machines driving through the Cemetery. Placing a temporary snow fence during the winter was effective however the labour and maintenance was time and cost consuming.

List of Stakeholders

- Public
- Council
- Staff

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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council approves the increase in capital budget – Cemetery Betterments to construct a fence for the St. Margaret Mary Cemetery.

Analysis

St. Margaret Mary Cemetery is no longer an active Cemetery in the Municipality of Wawa and is maintained by the Municipality of Wawa. Members of the community do visit the Cemetery and have continued to place flowers on certain graves.

Numerous attempts were made throughout the winter season to prevent snow machines from entering the Cemetery. Wawa is known for snow machine trails and both the community and tourists use Mission Road as access to Highway 101 and Wawa Lake. There is a trail located behind the Cemetery from Mission Road to Winston Road to allow access and avoid the Cemetery however it is not always used.

If any damage occurs to the Cemetery grounds or monuments the Municipality is liable for repair and replacing the damaged monuments.

As a result of the ongoing issues and concerns, the IS Department recommended a fence be installed along Mission Road and Winston Road at St. Margaret Mary Cemetery. The IS Department has reviewed options and received several quotes to supply and install both chain link and ornamental fencing. The decision to reduce costs has been made to combine both types of fencing, installing a black chain link fence with a swing gate (allowing access to summer maintenance equipment such as riding lawn mowers) along the property facing Winston Road and an ornamental fence along the property facing Mission Road.

Financial/Staffing Implications

The original capital budget - Cemetery Betterments was \$45,000. This amount was budgeted for the purchase of a Water Reel, Monument levelling device, grounds upgrades such as gravel on the roadways and landscaping at the Woodland Cemetery. After supplying materials and labour to construct a fence at St. Margaret Mary Cemetery, the increase in budget required is \$30,000.

The benefits of constructing the fence are as follows:

- Restricts access to motorized vehicles through the Cemetery grounds.
- Reduces the risk of monuments and Cemetery grounds being damaged.
- Eliminates staff from constant set up, take down, and maintenance to a snow fence.
- Reduces the liability risk with repairs and replacements to damaged grounds and monuments in the Cemetery.

Alternatives

1. Approve the capital budget - Cemetery Betterments to be increased to \$75,000 for the supply of materials and labour costs to construct a fence at the St. Margaret Mary Cemetery. **Recommended.**
2. Do not approve the capital budget to be increased and have the project deferred until 2018 capital budget. **Not Recommended.**

Conclusion

The approval of the increase to the capital budget – Cemetery Betterments for this project will ensure that the Cemetery grounds will be protected from damage caused by motorized vehicles entering the Cemetery.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approves increasing the capital budget – Cemetery Betterments to \$75,000 to construct a fence on the St. Margaret Mary Cemetery property and for Council to approve the fence height on the front of the property facing Mission Road to a maximum height of 1.83 meters (6 feet), due to the *By-Law No. 2471-11 section 8.0.0 Fences in Commercial and Institutional Zones* stating maximum fence height of 1 meter (3.3 feet) on the front of properties.

Attachments

1. Aerial Photo of Cemetery and dimensions.
2. Fence style images.

Aerial Photo



Ornamental Fence



Black Chain Link Fence

