

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Martin Cemetery Meeting

May 28, 2012

There was a meeting of a group of Horton ratepayers concerned with the need to upkeep Martin Cemetery which is an "abandoned cemetery" and now under the control of the Township. Present were Mayor Don Eady, Norman Eady, David Brown and J. Andrew (Andy) Kluge. Absent was Reg Laventure. Staff present was Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eady called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by the Members or Staff present.

3. MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2012 MEETING

Mayor Eady asked the Members to review the Meeting Minutes which had already been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Donations Received:

David Brown reported that since the April 23rd meeting, donations of \$300.00 each has been received from Mrs. Scott to have the Calvin Russell stone repaired and from Mrs. Juby to have the John Shaw stone repaired. He added that he expects other donations to come in shortly as he has been in contact with more family members of people buried in the cemetery.

Repair of Steel Fence

David Brown said that he now has arrangements made with Jim Martin of Renfrew to assist him this week to install the repaired steel fence that once was at the cemetery.

Contacts

David Brown reported that he has made more family contacts, including some in Lanark County. It is hoped that they can all attend the Decoration Service June 10.

5. DECORATION SERVICE

June 10 at 2 pm – David Brown noted the change in date from the last meeting to avoid conflicts with people who want to attend.

Advertisement

After discussion the group agreed that an advertisement will be placed in the Horton Corner which appears in the Renfrew Mercury and Horton Website as well as being read on Heritage Radio. Mayor Eady noticed an ad by McPhail and Perkins Funeral Home in last week's Mercury listing the cemetery decoration service dates and Martin Cemetery should be added to this list in the future.

The group agreed to put notices in the mail boxes of the residents along Whitton Road and the Thompson Mobile Home Parks in the area.

The question was asked if arrangements could be made to also have the St. Francis Catholic Cemetery open June 10 for people to visit at the same time.

Norman Eady suggested a notice of the service be posted on site. Mackie McLaren to arrange. Dave Brown said that the Renfrew Mercury will cover the event.

P.A. System, Podium and Music

David Brown volunteered to pick up the P A system and podium from the Community Centre. Arrangements will have to be made with Kathleen Rogers, Recreation Program Manager for access. Andy Kluge said he had a small quiet generator that he will bring for power. Norman Eady said he had a 75' heavy electrical cord that he will bring as well.

David Brown will speak to Rev Lori Jensen, Minister at the Lochwinnoch Presbyterian Church, who has agreed to be the guest Minister at the service, for a list of songs and the words. Mayor Eady suggested that we sing O Canada.

Mackie McLaren will contact Bob Smith of Castleford to determine if he is a descendant of the Shaws that are buried in the cemetery and if so, could he provide a piper.

Order of Service

David Brown will speak with Rev Jensen about the order of service. Mayor Eady will make a short welcome. Reg Laventure had earlier volunteered to give a speech on the history of the cemetery. It was agreed that the words of the songs be typed on the program by Township staff if one is being made up.

Gift to Minister

As the Township does not have any funds budgeted for this service, it was agreed that the Minister would be given a Township pin and a Horton golf shirt.

Collection baskets

David Brown will look after a collection basket. It was decided that it would be one basket marked for donations. A guest book for names, addresses and phone numbers of the attendees will also be by the basket. Andy Kluge will provide a picnic table for the basket and book to be placed on.

Other organizational needs

Andy Kluge asked if we should put up barricades along the road to slow the traffic down by the cemetery. After discussion it was agreed that they would borrow safety cones from the Public Works Dept. to put on the centre line of Whitton Road by the cemetery to slow down traffic. Mackie McLaren to arrange with Rod Eady. Andy asked for the cones to be dropped off at his house and he will set them up on the road on the Sunday.

Handout literature on Cemetery

Mayor Eady suggested that someone could prepare a short history of the cemetery and of the improvements that have been completed and proposed for the cemetery. It could also mention that it costs \$300.00 to have a head stone repaired and suggest donations. He added that we could have self-addressed envelopes at the donation table for people to send in a donation later.

Andy Kluge cautioned that we don't want to make it look that we are only holding the service so we could get people to donate. That is not the purpose of the event, which is to honor the memories of the people buried there and show the improvements. After discussion it was agreed that Mayor Eady would mention donations briefly in his welcome.

Other Organizational Needs

Norman Eady asked where we are going to set up the minister. David Brown suggested the only open area was in the centre of the cemetery.

Mayor Eady reviewed the cemetery plot map that he and Norman had copied at the Registry Office. He agreed to put a copy on cardboard and have it laminated so it can be at the service. Andy Kluge asked if there was a way of putting the family names on the plots first. David Brown took a copy of the map and said he would mark them on. Norman offered to help.

Norman Eady noted that not one of the group has a relative buried in the cemetery and suggested that Mayor Eady ask for volunteers from families with relatives in the cemetery when he makes his welcome address.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

7. NEXT MEETING

The group agreed that they would meet after at a date to be arranged. Any information that we think of before the service should be channeled through David Brown.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Andrew Kluge, Seconded by Norman Eady that this meeting be adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Carried

MAYOR

COA/Clerk