

STAFF REPORT: RECREATION DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO: Infrastructure and Recreation Committee
MEETING DATE: September 14, 2010
REPORT NO.: DOR.10.57
SUBJECT: Naming of Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery Internal Roadways
PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation,

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.10.57, "Naming of Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery Internal Roadways" for information purposes; and

THAT Council provide staff with direction regarding the naming of Internal Roadways in the Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

B. Background

Town staff continues to identify enhancements to the Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery from a number of sources that include operations as well as use of the facilities by the general public along with funeral home service providers.

Staff is recommending that internal cemetery roadways be named for ease of direction and way finding. Currently, no internal roadways are identified within the cemetery. This becomes an issue when arranging for funeral procession arrivals, excavations, memorial foundation installations and vault deliveries as well as staff's own locating of specific areas.

The need for naming internal roadways is increasingly obvious to staff with the large number of inquiries requesting information for the location of resting areas for specific individuals. Providing accurate information for the cemetery is extremely difficult when there is no way of giving specific roadway identification. The Town does have a street naming policy however staff believes the internal roadways of the cemetery may be best named using names specific to the cemetery from a historical and or cultural perspective.

In addition to the recommendation of naming internal roadways, staff will be recommending the naming of sections within the cemetery. In the past, areas of the cemetery have been the Old section, old East section, 93 survey section and the new section. The idea of naming easily identified sections with appropriate names will make for ease of operations as well as provide a historical and or cultural flavour to this great piece of Parkland and encourage more public use.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

3.4 Develop information and educational initiatives to promote cultural heritage.

D. Environmental Impacts

None

E. Budget Impact

Site Signage required (none at present) which would be part of cemetery enhancement project.

F. Attached

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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