



CITY OF BROOKS

Council Committee

June 15, 2021

NOTES

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Present:

- Mayor Barry Morishita
- Councillor Dan Klein
- Councillor Jon Nesbitt
- Councillor Norm Gerestein
- Councillor Joel Goodnough
- Councillor Bill Prentice

CITY STAFF

Present:

- Alan Martens, CAO
- Don Saari, Manager, Public Works & Utilities
- Jenny Wallace, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary
- Bruce Thiessen, IT Supervisor

Mayor Barry Morishita called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

- ✚ D. Saari advised that to be proactive and get the public involved in cleaning up the cemetery, the City of Brooks advertised that it would be doing a clean-up on June 18, 2021. These clean-ups have been done on an ongoing basis, but the advertisement generated many public concerns.
- ✚ D. Saari noted that items that pose a safety concern will be removed like glass, metal or rocks that may be struck while maintaining grass could potentially strike members of the public, headstones to the point of causing damage, or to operators.
- ✚ D. Saari also noted that other items that may be removed are items that were meant to be placed temporarily such as spent flowers, items that have been displaced because of storms, or items, because of their condition, would detract from the aesthetics of neighbouring graves unless they are believed to be of sentimental value. Any items removed are kept for a time in the cemetery shed, and anyone who has an item missing, may contact Public Works.
- ✚ Council discussed whether there is signage at the cemetery that provides some general guidelines, interest in reinstating the ribbon program in 2022, and how the City communicates information about the cemetery to the public. D. Saari advised that there is no signage at the cemetery; however, he noted cemetery brochures are provided to the Funeral Homes for distribution.

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- ✚ Mayor Morishita noted that there are garbage containers at the cemetery, and that everyone sees the importance of having the cemetery look good. He added that the public should directly contact Public Works and Utilities on cemetery matters.

D. Saari and J. Wallace left the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

2. IN CAMERA - LEGAL

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KLEIN that the meeting move In Camera at 9:07 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GERESTEIN that the meeting move out of In Camera at 10:48 a.m.

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3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morishita declared the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.