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# HALDIMAND COUNTY

## Memorandum FPC-M02-2021 Update Regarding Street-Barnes Cemetery For Consideration by Council on June 28, 2021

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**To:** Mayor Hewitt and Members of Council  
**From:** Jeremy Misner, Manager, Facilities, Parks, Cemeteries and Forestry

This memorandum is a follow-up to memorandum CDP-M01-2021 to provide to Council with an update on the progress of the Street-Barnes Cemetery land transfer/restoration in Canfield.

As outlined in CDP-M01-2021, staff are completing this project in a two-phased approach: Phase 1 is being led by the Facilities, Parks, Cemeteries & Forestry Division (FPCF) and includes the acquisition, preliminary rehabilitation of the Cemetery for safety and creation of access to the cemetery. Phase 2 will be coordinated by Community Development & Partnerships staff and include the creation of a Community Stakeholder Committee to determine next steps for the Cemetery restoration.

An update on Phase 1 of the work by FPCF is as follows:

- The property owner sent a written request for the County to assume the cemetery.
- Staff negotiated the terms of the land transfer (in consultation with the Bereavement Authority of Ontario) and the easement access with both the property owner and the Ministry of Transportation (for the creation of a grass foot-path to the cemetery from Haldimand Road 32).
- Surveys are complete for the cemetery and the easement access to the cemetery property and have been reviewed and approved by both the MTO and the property owner (surveys included in the agenda package).
- Our solicitor has prepared an authorizing by-law for Council's approval (included in the agenda package) to allow the legal transfer of the Street-Barnes Cemetery property to Haldimand County as well as the establishment of the required easements for the pathway to the cemetery from Haldimand Road 32.
- Upon obtaining legal ownership of the property and the associated easements, FPCF staff will commence work to make the grounds safe and prepare site access. Per the approved 2021 Tax Supported Capital Budget, this site restoration work will include tree removal/trimming, installation of new fences, monument and foundation restoration, grounds restoration and installation of the new pathway complete with a culvert at Haldimand Road 32.

Staff will endeavour to keep Council updated as we work through both phases of the project.