



Meeting Date: April 5, 2023

Submitted by: Megan Kamermans - Deputy Clerk

Report No: CLK-05-2023

Subject: Changes to Cemetery Care and Maintenance Funds

Recommendation:

THAT report CLK-05-2023, re: Changes to FBCSA on Cemetery Care and Maintenance Fund be received;

AND THAT the Fees and Charges By-law 2022-104 be amended to reflect the increase to monument markers as noted in Appendix A1.

Purpose:

To amend the 2023 Fees and Charges By-law to reflect an increase to care and maintenance fund/contributions as per the changes to Ontario Regulation 30/11 under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA).

Background:

As of January 1, 2022, the Bereavement Authority of Ontario has implemented changes to Ontario Regulation 30/11 under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA) to cemetery care and maintenance funds and accounts. These changes included a required increase to the care and maintenance contribution amounts. This report will provide an overview of the proposed increases to the fees for Campbell Monuments (Small Size) and Campbell Monuments (Large Size).

Analysis:

Bereavement sector stakeholders raised concerns to the ministry about the existing framework for cemetery care and maintenance funds and accounts, which are trust funds that are intended to generate income for the ongoing upkeep of a cemetery. This

increase in care and maintenance contribution amounts will allow for caretakers to ensure that this fund contains the necessary finances required for the ongoing upkeep of our cemeteries. For context, note that this is Ontario wide.

The following changes are proposed to the Fees and Charges By-law 2022-104 detailed in the attached appendix

Item	Previous Fee	Proposed Change
Campbell Monuments (Small Size)	\$100	\$200
Campbell Monuments (Large Size)	\$200	\$400

Financial Implications:

The fees and charges by-law will be increased in accordance with the recommended changes.

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Sustainable Infrastructure and Services

This increase will ensure that funding for the care and maintenance of future monuments will be sufficient.

Attachments:

Appendix A1 By-law 2022-104 (Schedule A – Administration) redline version.