

## **COOKE'S CEMETERY BOARD MEETING**

**COOKE'S CEMETERY, PEFFERLAW, ONTARIO**

**DECORATION DAY AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018**

### **DECORATION DAY**

The Service of Remembrance for Decoration Day began at 2:00 with Board Member, Gail Moore, introducing the Worship Leader, Debbi Celsi, Lay Minister from Virginia United Church, who conducted the service and gave the message.

Special music was provided by Brenda Reynolds.

Flower presentations were made on behalf of the Pefferlaw & District Lioness Club by Lioness Gail Moore and on behalf of the Cooke's Cemetery Board by Board Member, Larry Proctor.

A copy of the Service is attached for the records.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting followed immediately and was chaired by Board Member, Gail Moore.

#### **WELCOME:**

Gail welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the Service of Remembrance and staying to attend the Annual General Meeting. She also thanked Debbi Celsi and Brenda Reynolds for their participation in the Service.

All those present were asked to sign so that the attendance could be recorded for the Minutes of the Meeting.

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

The members of the Board were introduced – Sandra James, Gail Moore, Larry Proctor, and David Harding Councillor for Ward 5. It was noted that Jane Clyde was absent as she was on holiday.

Gail thanked David Harding for the great efforts he has made for both The Town and the Board in maintaining and upgrading the Cemetery. It was noted that The Town manages

the perpetual care fund, audits the financial reports and oversees the operations of the Board.

Also a thank you was made to Greg Forrest who sits as an ad hoc member of the Board and offers advice with regard to matters dealing with the sale of plots and burials in the cemetery.

The Georgina/Brock Garden Club was also thanked for their hard work in maintaining the grass garden, the pump garden and the white garden in the north west corner of the cemetery.

### **THE BOARD:**

It was explained that the Board is appointed by The Town of Georgina and the term of office expires when a new board is appointed following the municipal election. Any resident of The Town can apply to be part of the Board by filling out the prescribed application. A brief outline of the duties involved: attending the meetings, keeping records, managing the grounds and ensuring that the grass is cut, pruning done and the graves are in good condition.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 4, 2017:**

The minutes of last year's meeting were read. **Moved by Larry Proctor, Seconded by David Harding** that the minutes be accepted as read. AIF.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Gail reported that all the expenses in connection with the fence had been paid and that the bank account was quite healthy although consideration would have to be given to the purchase of a new shed as the windstorm had severely damaged the one we had and it could not be salvaged.

### **BUSINESS:**

#### **1. By-Laws:**

Gail advised that copies of the By-Laws are available and everyone was welcome to have a copy of them.

#### **2. Notice of Meetings:**

Gail advised those present that the Notice of the Meetings (Agenda) and the Minutes of the Meetings are posted on The Town's Website and members of the public are invited to attend any of the meetings.

**3. Fencing Status:**

It was noted that the new fence has been completed and feedback has been very positive. The Cemetery Board is very pleased with the work that was done and new gates will be installed in the near future..

It was noted that the hedge needs to be completed on the east side of the cemetery and the existing hedge needs to be pruned. We are waiting for The Town to do this.

**4. The Shed:**

The garden shed that was purchased last year was completely damaged in the recent wind storm (this was mentioned above) and it will be replaced with something more sturdy and stable. Fortunately the tools in the shed were salvaged.

**5. Floral Tributes and Other Items:**

The attendees were advised that dead floral arrangements, faded artificial flowers, old Christmas wreaths and other types of dilapidated tributes will be removed from the grave sites if this is not done by the family and friends of the deceased. This is done in order to maintain the appearance of the grounds.

**6. Storage of Soil:**

The Board is looking for solutions to aesthetically hide the piles of soil which are necessary for the cemetery. This includes the removal from the graves until it is disposed of by The Town and the storing of top soil which is used for the leveling of gravesites. We do have a few ideals in mind.

**7. Water:**

The existing firehall is being demolished over the summer and while it is being rebuilt, the water to the cemetery will not be available. It is hoped that we will have water barrels as a temporary measure.

**8. Donations:**

Any donations that are received are used to help with the purchase of plants, mulch, etc., and to conduct the Decoration Day Service. Gail again thanked everyone for their interest and for attending today.

**9. New Business:**

There was no New Business.

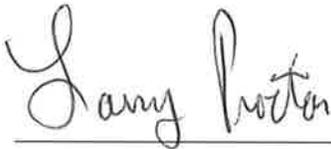
**10. Questions from those in Attendance:**

There were no questions or comments only remarks on how lovely the new fence was and how well the grounds looked.

**12. Refreshments:**

The attendees enjoyed refreshments and fellowship following the Service and the Annual General Meeting and the proceedings concluded at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Proctor

Chair



Gail Moore

Secretary