

From: [Lindsey Green](#)
To: [Elisha Milne](#)
Subject: FW: Cemetery Lands- Public Planning Meeting
Date: February 27, 2024 9:23:06 AM

From: McMillan & Jack Funeral Home [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 11:19 PM
To: Lindsey Green <lgreen@southgate.ca>
Cc: Barbara Dobreen <bdobreen@southgate.ca>
Subject: Cemetery Lands- Public Planning Meeting

Hi Lindsey,

I haven't had sufficient time to investigate the proposed sale of cemetery land in detail but I do believe it demands significant discussion and investigation before such commitments are made. Unfortunately, I have a family coming in that will prevent me from being able to attend the virtual meeting but I would appreciate it if you would take some of these concerns to council for consideration.

A cemetery is a place of reverence. It is essential that we preserve the sanctity of burial grounds and be cognizant of how closely we are willing to encroach on such a sacred place.

As you know, the cemetery is regulated by the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) and it is easier to maintain BAO compliance with an existing cemetery than it is to obtain approval in the future to open a new cemetery when the need arises.

It may seem like we currently have an abundance of land but a lot of the smaller cemeteries in Southgate (particularly in the former Proton Township) are getting full, so those residents will also need a place to be buried. If the population in Dundalk continues to climb and these residents make Southgate their home, has council taken into consideration how much cemetery property will be needed to accommodate burials for all of these people.

In deference to those who are buried there and those to be buried there in the future, I urge you to weigh the cost of development against the benefit of preserving a respectful, dignified final resting place for your residents.

Best Regards,
Christine Jack-Goheen
Funeral Director

“Show me the manner in which a nation or a community cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender sympathies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land and their loyalty to high ideals.” - Gladstone