

The Township of The Archipelago

Recommendation Report to Council

Report No.: 2024-07

Date: June 20, 2024

Originator: Maryann Martin, Municipal Clerk

Subject: Purchase of Cemetery Lands (Georgian Cliffs Memorial Park Cemetery) - Update

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff to proceed with the next steps for the purchase of the Georgian Cliffs Memorial Park Cemetery lands, including hiring a surveyor, at a cost of \$11,485.00 to survey approximately 1.65 hectares of land.

BACKGROUND

At the May Council Meeting, staff reported on the project's status and outlined the options presented by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) for the purchase of cemetery lands. Since then, Township staff has received notification from MNR that the Environmental Assessment Screening has been completed, and an estimated cost for purchasing the approximate 1.65 hectares of land has been determined.

NEXT STEPS

1. Ontario Land Survey

To move forward with the sale, an Ontario land survey is required, and involves the following steps:

- The Township must hire a surveyor.
- The survey cost is estimated at \$11,485.00 for 1.65 hectares of land, based on the 1998 sketch. The estimated timeline is 10 weeks from the start of the project to the deposit of the survey on title.

2. Estimated Cost for Purchase of lands

- The crown land size ranges from 1.65 hectares to 4.07 hectares.
- The estimated cost to purchase the 1.65 hectares, is \$128,000.00 (based of the 1998 Sketch prepared by Paul Forth, OLS).
- This estimate is based on the current market value and is subject to change.
- Legal fees are to be paid by the Township.

Staff recommends acquiring only the 1.65 hectares, out of a total 4.07 hectares of available Crown land. Aerial photography indicates that the area beyond the 1.65 hectares includes a low-lying

wetland area, making it unsuitable and potentially problematic for purchase. Additionally, the 1.65 hectares will sufficiently accommodate the Township's future cemetery expansion needs.

4. Important Considerations

- **Non-binding Estimate:** The provided purchase cost estimate (\$128,000.00) is not a binding offer. This estimate is an approximation and will not influence the final purchase cost.
- **Final Cost Determination:** The final cost to purchase the land will be determined by:
 - The size of the parcel of Crown land to be purchased, as indicated by the deposited survey.
 - The current market value at the time of purchase.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The acquisition of the cemetery lands aligns with the Sustainable & Cost-Effective Services Strategic Priority of the Township's Strategic Plan.

CONCLUSION

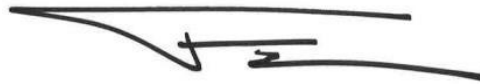
It is recommended that Council direct staff to proceed with the next steps for the purchase of the Georgian Cliffs Memorial Park Cemetery lands, including hiring a surveyor at a cost of \$11,485.00 to survey approximately 1.65 hectares of land.

Respectfully Submitted,



Maryann Martin, Municipal Clerk

I concur with this report
and recommendation,



John B. Fior, CAO

Attachments:

- 1998 Sketch by Paul Forth, O.L.S.
- WPSGN Mapping