

Georgian Cliffs Memorial Cemetery Committee Meeting **October 9, 2024**

The Georgian Cliffs Memorial Cemetery Committee met via Zoom on October 9, 2024 via Zoom from 10:00am to about 11:30am.

All Council and Public members of the Committee were in attendance as were Staff members Alana Torresan and Josh Badger.

The items of business included preparations for the November 8, 2024 Indigenous Veteran's Day, the November 11, 2024 Remembrance Day, a review of the composition of the Committee, and an update on maintenance activities related to the cemetery. Members of the local Pointe au Baril community in cooperation with the Wood Buffalo Community Group are organizing the event at the Cemetery which includes traditional ceremonial practices. Communications about the event will be shared with the community and with The Township of The Archipelago to put on the website. The Township will provide access to the Community Centre in Pointe au Baril following the ceremony.

Preparations are underway for Remembrance Day at the Cemetery. Lynne Barron, Britt Legion representative, has once again offered to lead the services at the cemetery. Individual Committee members agreed to contact residents or organizations to assist with the laying of wreaths, particularly for the Federal, Provincial, Township, Community, Florence Church and Seniors wreaths. Public works will ensure flag poles are unlocked for the lowering and raising of the flags and will have chairs and umbrellas available at the Cemetery. For those who are unable to attend at the Cemetery, the CBC broadcast will be on at the Community Centre. In the case of inclement weather the services will be held at the Community Centre and the flag poles there will be used for the ceremony. Positive comments about the Cemetery environs were received and Public Works staff thanked for their efforts. The installation of a small deck behind the second monument for safety, which was included in this year's Budget, will be completed following the closure of the Cemetery for the winter.

Finally, a resolution was passed, that will be introduced as a Notice of Motion for November Council's consideration, to expand the membership of the Committee by one public member from Ward 2 to complement the public members from Ward's 1 and 3 and that the Terms of Reference for the Committee be duly amended to reflect the change.

Under other business, promotion of the cemetery in Ward's 1,2 and 3 was discussed. It is hoped that pictures of the Cemetery and commentary can be developed for distribution to Cottager and Community Associations to be included in their eblasts next summer season.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Manners, Chair