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June 18th 2021

Re: Cemetery Funding

Please be advised that on June 16th 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Council of Rideau Lake's motion (attached) requesting that the Province of Ontario provide funding sources for Municipalities for the ongoing maintenance and preservation repair of abandoned cemeteries and their care.

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Moved by Muriel Wright, Seconded by Gary Atkinson that Council support item 't' of correspondence from Rideau Lakes regarding Cemetery Funding.

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak

Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: (via e-mail)

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Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
MPP Steve Clark

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At the Regular E-Meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes held Monday, June 7, 2021, the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION #68-2021

Moved By: Councillor Livingston
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Maxwell

To pass a Resolution that;

WHEREAS at the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held May 20, 2021, Resolution #12-2021 was passed regarding cemetery funding;

AND WHEREAS Municipalities in Ontario have been made responsible for abandoned cemeteries within their boundaries, and are required by the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002* "to ensure that the cemetery grounds, including all lots, structures, and markers, are maintained to ensure the safety of the public and to preserve the dignity of the cemetery;

AND WHEREAS cemeteries are not only symbols of respect, preserving the memory of families, prominent citizens, and local history; some cemeteries are landmarks in themselves and hold great historical value worldwide;

AND WHEREAS preservation repairs to older cemeteries are very costly, requiring the specialized services of stonemasons and archeologists;

AND WHEREAS the care and maintenance funds of abandoned cemeteries are generally non-existent or so small as to produce insufficient annual interest to cover even the cost of lawn care at the site;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes hereby Urges the Government of Ontario to immediately provide funding sources for Municipalities for the ongoing maintenance and preservation repair of abandoned cemeteries in their care;

AND FURTHER that this Resolution be forwarded to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario, the Minister of Government and Consumer Affairs, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and MPP Steve Clark.

Certified to be a true copy of the original

Date: June 8, 2021

Signature: M. E. Sullivan

Title: Clerk, The Corporation of the
Township of Rideau Lakes

Carried:

Signed: Arie Hoogenboom, Mayor