

Request to retain surplus funds from Samsung Solar Farm project

In October 2019, the Holstein Cemetery Board applied to the Township of Southgate for Samsung Funds for a new fence at the Holstein Cemetery. In April 2020, the Board made a presentation to Council in this regard. The request was approved.

The presentation noted that the request meets all of the criteria in item 2.2 of Policy #3 (Policy for Donations, Funding and Grants). The cemetery has long provided benefit to the Township; provides a needed community service in the Township; and the annual Decoration Day Service is well attended and important to the families of those who have chosen the Holstein Cemetery as their final resting place.

The Board is comprised of community volunteers that recognise the importance of the cemetery to the Holstein area.

The request was for \$27,277.70. The project was completed for only \$22,091.50, and was paid directly by the Township so that HST recovery could be maximized. The surplus of funds is \$5,186.20.

The Board respectfully requests that these pre-approved funds - \$5,186.20 - can be directed to help fund the costs of the Green Burial site in the cemetery. The Green Burial site is not offered elsewhere in the Township and continues to meet the criteria in item 2.2 of Policy #3.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Stevenson

Chairperson. Holstein Cemetery Board

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