

The Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards met on the above date with, Mayor Janice Visneskie Moore, Councillors Deb Peplinskie, Brian Pecoskie, John Jeffrey, Stanley Pecoskie and Carl Kuehl.

Mayor Janice Visneskie Moore chaired the meeting, which she opened and called to order.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interests were declared.

Purpose of Meeting:

To receive information regarding Green Burials

Delegations:

Committee of the Green Burial initiative:

The committee provided council with reading material on “A Will for the Woods – Questions on Green Burial”, and then introduced themselves to council. The committee opened up the meeting with a short synopsis of what a green burial is and then turned the meeting over to the Manager of Cemeteries Services with the Municipality of Niagara Falls; Mr. Mark Richardson, who joined the meeting via telephone.

Mr. Richardson discussed his experiences with the process of opening a green burial cemetery and how a green burial is an environmentally-sensitive alternative to the traditional burial and cremation. He indicated that the design of the “Willow’s Rest” cemetery was preformed in house by himself and another employee, saving the municipality between \$15 - \$25,000 (the cost of engineered services). The site has 736 full body and 118 cremation plots on 2 acres of land. Graves are 4 feet by 11 feet and require 18 inches of soil to cover the bodies. Mr. Richardson discussed that with a green burial there is no embalming of the body and the un-embalmed bodies can be wrapped in a shroud or placed in a casket made of natural biodegradable fibres or sustainable material. Once the green burial is complete and the grave has settled it is planted with locally-indigenous plants and groundcover to stabilize the grave.

Mr. Richardson answered some questions from council in regard to what the municipality’s role would be in this initiative and what is involved in operating a cemetery. Mr. Richardson suggested that council review the Ontario Regulation 30/11 Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, as it has information with regard to the rules and regulation on licences, trust funds, care and maintenance, etc. and can help council answer questions they may have. Council thanked Mr. Richardson for his presentation at which time he left the meeting via telephone conference.

The committee of the Green Burial initiative indicated that they are in early preliminary stages with regard to producing a business plan and financing. Council asked that once they are ready to present their information on this project, they meet again. Mayor Visneskie Moore thanked the committee, at which time they left the meeting.

Adjournment:

Moved by Deb Peplinskie
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting dated June 20, 2018 **Carried.**

Mayor

Recording Secretary