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DATE: November 20, 2008

TO: Chair and Members of Budget Committee
Meeting Date: December 2, 2008

FROM: Paul A. Mitcham, P.Eng., MBA
Commissioner of Community Services

SUBJECT: Cemetery Fees

RECOMMENDATION: That a by-law be enacted incorporating revisions to the Cemetery Fees for 2009, as listed in Appendix 1 of the report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services.

BACKGROUND: Under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act (Revised), the owner of a cemetery is responsible for its maintenance including grass cutting, stone restoration, fence repairs and the safety and maintenance of monuments. The City of Mississauga currently maintains, through the Recreation and Parks Division, nine cemeteries, of which four are active with sales and/or burials.

COMMENTS: Increases in fuel, labour costs, materials, and contractor charges, indicate that an average 3 - 5% increase for Cemetery Fees is proposed. There are a few fees that have increased 15-20%. These increases relate to beautification projects and are reflective of the work to enhance cemetery appearance. The recommended fees for 2009 are outlined in Schedule 'A' and fall within the range of fees at other municipal and private cemetery operations in the Greater Toronto area.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The recommended fee increases will have a favourable impact on the department's net operating budget.

CONCLUSION: Cemetery fees have been adjusted based on the need to offset operating costs while ensuring that they remain competitive in the marketplace.

ATTACHMENTS: Appendix 1 - Proposed Cemetery Fees for 2009

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