

# Prices may go up at Greenwood Cemetery due to lack of space

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supplement any capital expenditures needed for the cemeteries.”

He then alluded to prices going up based on plot availability and mentioned in the future, tax-based support would be required to cover operating costs.

Other subjects were touched upon during the presentation, including money in the Care and Maintenance Fund, reviewing operation costs and address maintenance issues, determining a budget for 2017, and updating bylaws and contracts.

Wards 3 & 4 Regional Councillor Jane Fogal asked Harris what he meant by prices going up, and he brought forward Fraser Drysdale of Hilton Landmarks Inc. to answer her question.

“The issue is that Greenwood is at capacity and there is very, very little land left,” he said. “The rationale behind raising the prices would be to distribute the land so that the price of those lots reflects their true value and people might consider other alternatives.”

Some local cemeteries are in need of some financial help.

During council’s community affairs meeting on Tuesday, Interim Commissioner of Community and Corporate Services for Parks and Recreation Warren Harris presented a ten-year business development plan regarding local cemeteries and updated council on what’s in store for the future.

The development plan has entered its second phase, and with it comes some potential issues around revenue. Harris explained the department is looking at reduced revenue and less contribution to the Cemetery Reserve because some lands, notably Greenwood Cemetery, are reaching capacity.

“(Reaching capacity) is pushing additional pressures on our revenue in that we have less product available for sale,” Harris said. “In the longer term, we may need to tap into the Capital Replacement Reserve to

## Town to oversee Hillcrest Cemetery operations

The Town of Halton Hills has entered into a one-year agreement with the Hillcrest Cemetery Board of the Norval Presbyterian Church to oversee the operations of this Cemetery.

Hillcrest Cemetery is located at Winston Churchill Blvd. and 10

Sideroad in Norval.

“By entering into this agreement with the Hillcrest Cemetery Board, the level of cemetery services residents expect and deserve will continue,” said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

“The partnership will also en-

sure that Hillcrest’s heritage legacy and its strong place in the Norval community are preserved.”

For assistance with purchasing plots and scheduling interments, contact the Town’s Cemetery Coordinator at 905-873-2601 ext. 2281 or cemeteries@haltonhills.ca.

He then said raising the prices at Greenwood Cemetery might make people more inclined to rest at Fairview Cemetery, for example, instead of Greenwood.

“To try and raise the prices to get them to move to Acton, I have to say, over my head body,” Fogal said, with the pun intended. “Really, I don’t think that’s the right approach for people that have lived here forever.”

Harris said the issue came forward because of the struggle with revenues, and explained the topic will come up again during the corporate review where a more in-depth conversation can take place.

## Town to seek input on Active Living Strategy

The Town’s Active Living Strategy Steering Committee is holding two Open House sessions on Saturday, May 7 to seek input on the draft Active Living Strategy.

This initiative responds to the fact that Canadians generally do not meet the national physical activity guidelines and are not maximizing the resultant health benefits.

The overall goal of developing

a strategy is to improve the opportunities for people to be active and to make active choices the easy choices throughout Halton Hills.

Committee members will be available to answer questions and hear comments.

The Open House events are:

- Acton Library – Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 17 River St.
- Georgetown Library— Saturday, May 7, 1-3 p.m., 9 Church St.

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