

Norval Pioneer Cemetery a possible native burial site

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Former Halton Hills Mayor and longtime Norval resident Kathy Gastle is calling on the municipality to place protections on one of Norval's oldest and lesser known cemeteries.

The McNab cemetery, the initial burial site for James McNab, one of the hamlet's founding fathers, is known to also to potentially house Indigenous remains.

The Mississauga First Nation is aware of the potential burial site, which is said to be where the otter and eagle tribes lived. In 1818, the men of the Mississauga First Nation signed a land treaty for the area.

"Norval is a site where First Nations were established," said Gastle, explaining that back in the

90s there was a housing development proposed for the street where the cemetery sits. At that time, she contacted the leaders of the Mississauga First Nations and they confirmed that they were aware of a potential burial at the front of the McNab cemetery, which is nestled in the forest at the end of Old Pine Crest Road.

Gastle asked the public works, planning and transportation committee to consider putting the property on the town's heritage registry as part of the fourth phase of the heritage registry study.

Staff initially declined to add the property to the registry on the grounds that it has no buildings to protect. The registry simply gives the town extra time to act once a landowner applies for a demolition

permit.

Gastle was representing the Norval Community Association and the Norval Women's Institute when she made her delegation to the committee.

"Not only did we ask to have the cemetery put on the phase four of the heritage register, but we also asked for a heritage designation," said Gastle.

After some consideration Mayor Rick Bonnette directed staff to investigate putting McNab Cemetery on the heritage registry, as well as placing a historical designation on the pioneer cemeteries in the area.

"What is the harm in putting them on the list," said Bonnette. "I don't see the issue of putting this cemetery on the list."

The item is set to come to council at the March 6 meeting.

Georgetown pop-up market chef uses luck of the Irish

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Kathryn Dodds says it's her part-time gig, but a full-time passion.

One Sunday each month, she sells a slew of pies, cookies, cakes and granolas out of Uncorked, a restaurant on Georgetown's Main Street.

She says she's always loved cooking for people, and now, she's taking it to the next step.

"I've always loved cooking," she said, explaining that it allows her to fulfil her passion for cooking, while still working a nine to five job. "Maybe I'm going to try this for fun."

Dodds moved to Canada from Ireland when she was six-years-old.

She holds her roots dear, and honours them by infusing her cooking with an Irish flare.

From a sausage, ale and cheddar pie, to gourmet mac n' cheese with Irish cheddar her take home meals have all the comfort needed to fare the wet weather on the island that inspired the dishes.

"When you have a positive response, it drives you to want to try new things," she said, adding that at her next pop-up market she'll be cooking shepherd's pies, sweet potato soup, Irish chocolate chunk cookies and more.



Alexandra Heck

Kathryn Dodds runs Kits Little Kitchen, a pop-up market for Irish inspired take-home meals. She runs the pop-up markets one Sunday each month out of Uncorked on Main Street.

"People are very busy," she said, "A lot of people are loving the individual soups and stews."

In advance of St. Patrick's Day, Dodds will be whipping up the Irish favourites like sausage rolls and the commonwealth classic - Empire biscuits.

For more information about Kits Little Kitchen follow her Facebook and Instagram pages.

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