

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April,6, 2021
TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: Grave Marking for Veterans at Rest

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to approve the grave marking for the late veteran John Donohoe Senior at the Wesleyan Methodist Burial grounds on county road 29 in the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

BACKGROUND:

In late February 2021, The Recreation Manager was approached by Mr. David L. Smith who represents the Canadian Regiment of Fencible Infantry. The Canadian Fencibles, consists of a group of people dedicated to the memory of the original regiment and to accurately portraying the regiments uniforms, equipment, and drill and life of the period.

Canadian Fencibles have been remembering and marking the War of 1812 veterans at rest in cemeteries and burial grounds throughout Eastern Ontario. To date they marked over 50 veterans and added their names and stories to the National Data Base. Their volunteer groups membership consists of retired and active military, law enforcement, educators and museum professionals dedicated to preserving history. They have plans to mark twenty (20) 1812 veterans in June in Loyalist Township and the Town of Greater Napanee.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Smith has recently been approached by the family of John Donohoe Senior who is buried at the Wesleyan Methodist burial grounds on County Road 29 in Mississippi Mills (formerly Ramsay Township). The family would like to mark John's grave with the Upper Canada Preserved Marker. Mr. Donohoe served in the British army during the War of 1812.

The Wesleyan Methodist Burial grounds is one of the five (5) cemeteries that Bereavement Ontario Authority has identified under the municipalities license for

operation and currently falls under the grass cutting and maintenance agreement that the Recreation and Culture Department oversees.


FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There will be no financial implications associated to the municipality for the completion of this work.

SUMMARY:

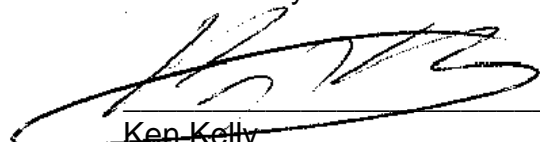
Seeing no issues or concerns with having this marking occur, staff recommends moving forward with this request.

Respectfully submitted by,



Calvin Murphy
Recreation Manager

Reviewed by:



Ken Kelly
CAO

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Grave marking for veterans at rest.