

MOTION**Removal of Stone Wall at the Prospect Cemetery (Ward 17)****Moved by: Councillor Palacio****Seconded By: Councillor**

SUMMARY:

The Prospect Cemetery is located within Ward 17 and is privately operated by the Mount Pleasant Group of Cemeteries. It is approximately 250 metres wide and 2000 metres long, stretching between St. Clair Avenue West and Eglinton Avenue West. The property is bounded by a historic perimeter stone wall that acts as a buffer for literally thousands of adjacent private backyards and ensures the appropriate amount of privacy and solemnity inside the cemetery itself.

The Mount Pleasant Group of Cemeteries has expressed an interest in tearing down this wall and replacing it with a chain link fence, which has shocked and outraged the local community.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council request Staff from Municipal Licensing and Standards convene a meeting as soon as possible with the property owners, local Councillor and Transportation Services (as much of the fence abuts a City laneway) to discuss possible compromises and enforcement tools that may be employed to ensure that the stone wall is not torn down.
2. Etobicoke York Community Council request that Heritage Preservation Services research the iconic stone wall to determine if it has any heritage value worthy of listing or designating.

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