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Provincial Registrar of Cemeteries Makes Decision on Wall of Honour Site

The Department of Community Services has received a report from Michael D'Mello, the Provincial Registrar of Cemeteries denying the City's application to close a portion of the Confederation Square burying grounds in order to construct a monument to Peterborough's veterans of foreign wars.

The Registrar noted that while the Wall of Honour was "...a most worthy and honourable project, it must be weighed against the need to disinter the possibly 48 to 70 human remains from their graves in a decidedly historic cemetery". Mr. D'Mello also notes that other noteworthy and suitable sites have been identified where the monument could be placed and that this was a relevant consideration in the determination of public interest.

In making his decision the Registrar considered a number of issues including: the City's compliance with the Cemeteries Act; the City's reasons for closure; the fact that Confederation Square is a designated historic site; the impact on the safety of the public; and the preservation of the dignity, quiet and good order of the cemetery.

Council will receive the decision through an information report from staff at the June 4th Committee of the Whole meeting.

This information is also available on the City of Peterborough website at www.city.peterborough.on.ca

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