

## Request for Decision

### Maplecrest Cemetery Expansion

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Committee

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### Recommendation

WHEREAS Maplecrest Cemetery in Dowling is reaching capacity;

AND WHEREAS the abutting owner, Belanger Ready Mix Ltd., has offered the City of Greater Sudbury their land to the west of the cemetery at no cost, in exchange for reducing the buffer zone between the cemetery and their open pit;

AND WHEREAS the additional land will add approximately 30 years of useful life to the cemetery;

AND WHEREAS under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act 2002, the expansion of a cemetery requires approval of the municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approve the expansion of Maplecrest Cemetery at 595 Simmons Road in Dowling by 0.16 ha (0.39 acres);

AND THAT Cemetery Maintenance By-law 2014-133 be amended to add the legal description of the additional land.

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## Health Impact Assessment

The cemetery expansion has been reviewed utilizing the Health Impact Assessment Screening Tool indicating a positive impact to the community of Dowling by extending the useful life of the cemetery.

## Background

Maplecrest Cemetery has been an active cemetery for approximately 80 years and is the only cemetery that serves the community of Dowling. The current size of the cemetery is 0.81 ha (2 acres) and is expected to reach capacity within 10 years. In December 2013, Belanger Ready Mix Ltd. approached the City of Greater Sudbury (City) with a proposed land transfer of approximately 0.16 ha (0.39 acres) to the west of the existing cemetery (see attached sketch - Appendix A - Aerial View of Maplecrest Cemetery). It is expected that these additional lands will increase the useful life of the cemetery by an additional 30 years.

The lands currently being offered form part of a 30 metre buffer zone between the cemetery and an open pit owned by Belanger Ready Mix Ltd. and licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). By offering these lands to the City and expanding the cemetery, the buffer zone would be reduced to 5 metres. Reducing the buffer zone will require approval by the MNR in consultation with the City.

The additional lands will also need to be rezoned requiring approval from the Planning Committee.

The land will be transferred to the City once the following approvals have occurred:

- Approval from City Council to expand a cemetery;
- Approval from the Registrar to expand a cemetery under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act 2002 ;
- Approval from the MNR to reduce the existing buffer zone from 30 metres to 5 metres between the cemetery and the pit;
- Approval of rezoning the property for cemetery purposes and that the amended zoning By-law shall be in full force and effect;
- A fully executed Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Belanger Ready Mix Ltd.

Maplecrest Cemetery Expansion  
595 Simmons Road, Dowling



**Note:** Above sketch is not drawn to scale, included for reference purposes only.  
The Subject Lands are to be 25 metres in width by approximately 65 metres in depth.