



2024 Budget Request

Request: Mount Pleasant Columbarium

Department: Corporate Services

Request ID: COR2024BUDGET-C-05

Financial Ask: \$30,000

Funding Source: Capital – Mount Pleasant Cemetery

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Background and Strategic Priority

Mount Pleasant Cemetery is the Township's largest and most popular cemetery. With the increased popularity of cremation options, Mount Pleasant Cemetery has quickly run out of supply and staff are working on expansion efforts.

Mount Pleasant's existing columbarium has only 6% capacity remaining. Staff are recommending that Council approve the addition of a second columbarium to increase the supply of available options for cremation burials.

Analysis

The existing Mount Pleasant Columbarium was constructed and made available for sale to the public in 2019. At the time of presentation, the proposal included three units to be accommodated at the site.

The columbarium has been a popular option for customers seeking cremation burial options. Since the columbarium was installed, the sales stats are as follows:

2019: 6 units sold
2020: 2 units sold
2021: 9 units sold
2022: 14 units sold



2023: 9 units (Sold to Date)

A total of 40 units have been sold and 8 units remain. Sales in 2023 have been slower due to the undesirability of the bottom row. Over 9 units have been sold each year since 2021. In 2022 alone, 29% of all available units were sold.

In-ground burial options are limited at the cemetery as existing units have been sold. Introducing another columbarium ensures that the supply of units is increased in 2024 to keep up with the demand for cremation burial options.

Financial Impact

A one-time capital asks of \$30,000 is being requested to construct the columbarium to increase the supply of cremation burial options available at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

It is anticipated that the expense will be recovered from the sale of 18 units, with profit being made on the remaining 30 units in future years.



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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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