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| TO: | Mayor and Members City Council |
| DATE: | March 28, 2019 |
| SUBJECT/REPORT NO: | Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries – Spring Maintenance Program 2019 (ES19011) (City Wide) |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | City Wide |
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This Information Update is to inform the Mayor and Members of City Council of the annual spring maintenance clean-up of all municipal cemeteries.

The annual Spring Maintenance Program within Hamilton's 70 municipally owned and operated cemeteries will begin and continue through the next few weeks. The maintenance will include a variety of post winter/pre-summer services including but not limited to the following: ground maintenance and turf repair, leaf and litter pick up, grave repair (including tamping, levelling and top dress/seeding), flower bed preparation, flat monument maintenance and installations, grave site clean ups and the activation of all water lines.

In accordance with the City of Hamilton's Cemetery By-law #12-151, all artificial flowers and wreaths, glass trinkets, Christmas ornaments and any other item(s) that are in contravention of the by-law will be removed as of April 1, 2019. As a courtesy to family members of the deceased, all items removed by cemetery staff will be stored for a period of 60 days for reclamation by the owners. Public notification respecting the removal of winter items is conveyed through various means including social media and site signage.

It is the intent of staff to have all spring maintenance completed prior to Sunday May 12, Mother's Day, to ensure that all sites are in good condition as this is the busiest time of year for visitors to grave sites.

Please contact John Perrotta, Superintendent of Cemeteries at extension 4402 should you have any questions or concerns respecting the operation of any of the city owned and operated cemeteries.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable