

City of Mississauga

Corporate Report



Date: March 29, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Andrew Whittemore, M.U.R.P., Commissioner of
Planning & Building

Originator's file:
SP 19/015 W5

Meeting date:
April 21, 2021

Subject

Construction of a New Mausoleum
6933 Tomken Road
Southeast Q

Recommendation

That the report dated March 29, 2021, from the Commissioner of Planning and Building recommending that Council approve the construction of a new mausoleum, located at Assumption Cemetery (Catholic Cemeteries Archdiocese of Toronto), 6933 Tomken Road, southeast quadrant of Derry Road East and Tomken Road, be adopted, and that notice of Council's decision be given in accordance with ss. 84(4) of the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c. 33

Background

On August 17, 2020, the Planning and Building Department approved a site plan application under file SP 19/015 W5, Assumption Cemetery (Catholic Cemeteries Archdiocese of Toronto), for a three storey (13.83 m. / 45.4 ft.) Mausoleum with 4,370 sq. m. (47,038 sq. ft.) of GFA, and 32 parking spaces on the northwestern portion of the lands (see Appendices 1-4).

Subsection 84(1) of the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act* states that: "a local municipality that receives a request for an approval to establish, alter or increase the capacity of a cemetery in the municipality shall grant the approval if, in the municipality's opinion, it is in the public interest." The Mausoleum is a permitted land use on the subject lands in Mississauga Official Plan and in the City's Zoning By-law. The proposal was reviewed by various City departments and external agencies through the Site Plan approval process to ensure that all applicable site development standards were met. Cemeteries provide a place for the burial of human remains and are often used for funerals. Mausoleums allow for the storage of human remains in less space while allowing loved ones to visit the deceased in relative comfort. Cemeteries and by extension, mausoleums, provide an integral function to the community as a

whole. Therefore, it has been determined that approval of this Mausoleum is in the public interest.

It is in the discretion of the municipality pursuant to the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act* whether to hold a public meeting for this application. As the proposed mausoleum is a permitted use in the City's Zoning By-law, and, there are no residential land uses adjacent to the cemetery, staff recommend that a public meeting is not required.

Subsection 84(4) of the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act* requires a municipality, upon arriving at a decision on an application, to send a copy of the decision together with the reasons for it, to the Registrar and the applicant; and to publish notice of the decision in a local newspaper.

Comments

The purpose of this report is to inform Council, and to obtain municipal approval as per the requirements of the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act*, as amended, regarding the proposal by Assumption Cemetery (Catholic Cemeteries Archdiocese of Toronto) for the development of a new mausoleum on the northwestern portion of the lands.

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Since all site development matters have been addressed through the site plan application process, the mausoleum is a permitted land use on the subject lands, and it is in the public interest to support this application for a new mausoleum by Assumption Cemetery, it is appropriate that Council provide their approval for the proposed mausoleum. Following Council's decision, a notice will be published in the Mississauga News, and a copy of the resolution along with reasons for approval will be sent to the Registrar as required by the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act*.

Attachments

Appendix 1 – Aerial Photo

Appendix 2 – Existing Zoning and General Context

Appendix 3 – Land Use

Appendix 4 – Site Plan Drawing



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