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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2013 March 12

**FROM:** ACTING DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** Royal Oak

**SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AT FOREST LAWN MEMORIAL CEMETERY**

**PURPOSE:** To provide information about construction activities at Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information.
2. **THAT** this report be sent to all residents and petitioners adjacent to Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery for information.

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

In 2012, construction activities at Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery, managed by Dignity Memorial, took place as part of the Legacy Garden Phase I project near the northwest corner of the cemetery. When construction started, all truck traffic entered and exited the cemetery via the southern driveway off of Moscrop St. See *Figure 1*. Trucks were also staging along Moscrop St. In response to complaints from residents on Moscrop St, staff worked with Dignity Memorial to require all truck traffic to use of the cemetery's main entrance only on Royal Oak Ave near Canada Way.

For the first four weeks of construction, trucks travelled up and down the length of Royal Oak to enter and exit from the Moscrop St entrance. For the last two weeks of construction, all trucks entered and exited off of the Royal Oak entrance near Canada Way.

In late 2012, an application for preliminary plan approval (PPA) was received from Dignity Memorial for the construction of Legacy Garden Phase II. The PPA is currently being considered by the Planning Department and has yet to be approved. The Legacy Garden Phase II project is also located at the northwest corner of the cemetery, just south of Legacy Garden Phase I. Based on the significant operational issues experienced at the cemetery last year with all truck traffic entering and exiting the main entrance on Royal Oak Ave, Dignity Memorial retained the services of a traffic consultant to help them develop a truck routing plan. The plan developed was subsequently shared with residents along Moscrop St for information because of past complaints. The residents were opposed to the proposed truck routing plan, submitted a

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petition in opposition to it, and appeared as a delegation at the 2013 March 11 Council meeting. Council referred the matter to staff for further consideration.

## 2.0 TRUCK ROUTING PLAN

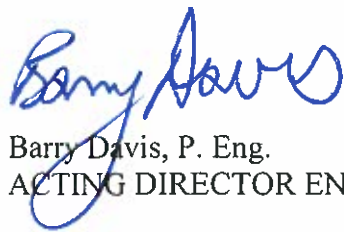
Following the concerns raised by residents about the proposed truck route plan staff continued to work with Dignity Memorial representatives and their traffic consultants to review alternative approaches to managing the construction traffic, including entering and departing the site only at the cemetery's main entrance at the north side of the site. The conclusion of that review, including consideration of the comments provided by the delegation, is that all construction traffic will use the cemetery's main entrance only, thereby eliminating all direct impacts to residents along Royal Oak Ave. and Moscrop St.

The use of traffic control personnel on-site and on-street will be required to manage potential traffic conflicts. Other measures, such as operating within the City's noise bylaw and providing a sediment control plan will be required as with any other construction site.

## 3.0 CONCLUSION

After further reviewing the truck route plan for the Legacy Garden Phase II project within Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Dignity Memorial will be routing all their construction traffic through the cemetery's main entrance only on Royal Oak near Canada Way. This will have the least impact to nearby residents.

This report is provided to Council for information and it is recommended that a copy of the report be sent to all residents and petitioners along Moscrop St and Royal Oak Ave for their information.



Barry Davis, P. Eng.  
ACTING DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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Attachment

Copied to: Director Planning and Building



