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Council Jan 30, 2023
correspondence

The Corporation of the Township of Brock
1 Cameron Street East, P.O. Box 10
Cannington, Ontario
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing you to request an accommodation regarding the installation of monuments at All-Saints Cemetery located near Cannington.

We have been burying family members in the Cemetery for almost 200 years – Cowans, Gibbs, Edwards and Macfarlanes – with numerous upright monuments. Most recently, we buried my Father earlier this year with a 48” in height monument in keeping with other monuments previously erected at All-Saints. We have several plots adjacent to the existing Cowan compound – for my aunt, uncle, wife and me – and are in the process of securing 14 additional plots to create a second Cowan family compound at All-Saints.

We are very committed to All-Saints as well as to the local community through, for example, lead sponsorship of the Cannington and Area Historical Society. My aunt and uncle reside in Cannington and we retain my great-grandfather’s house there as well.

We understand the by-laws were changed in recent years, but we respectfully request that you consider waiving the 42-inch restriction for future monuments to be erected by our family in the existing and additional 14 plots. Specifically, we are asking you to allow us to erect monuments on the existing and forthcoming plots to a height of 48 inches matching my Father’s monument.

We will work with our monument supplier, Signature Memorials Limited, to ensure the monuments are stable. This will be achieved by ensuring the monument is 8" thick and pinning the tablet to the granite base stone with stainless steel threaded rod and epoxy. The granite base stone can also be pinned to the five-foot-deep foundation. It is important to our family that all of the monuments match our father's monument, Major Charles Gibbs Cowan, whose monument was placed in the last two or three years.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Warm regards,



James Cowan

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