Dear Council members...

RE: <u>Lasswade Christian Cemetery - Request for Funding</u>

The Lasswade Christian Cemetery (15 Christian Cemetery Rd.) has been active since approximately 1885 when the land was donated to the community by Andy Wilson for that purpose.
Since that time a board of community volunteers have operated the cemetery as a non profit community project. As you are aware cemeteries are overseen by a provincial body that sets standards and requirements that are monitored closely, and for good reason.

We have been fortunate in that plot sales, and donations, along with cemetery board initiatives such as bottle drives, scrap metal bins etc. have to date been able to fund operations, and cover expenses such as ground maintenance, liability insurance, etc.

Recent weather events such as the "Derecho" storm in May 2022, and the March 2025 ice storm have proven challenging for everyone, including our cemetery. It is because of this recent storm that we are asking for any monetary assistance that the council may be in a position to help us with as a one time request.

We have a large white pine tree nestled in the midst of a group of tombstones that is a hazard to not only the graveyard itself, but anyone visiting or working in it's vicinity, and it must be removed. (See attached photos.)

We have a price of $2500.00 for the safe removal of this hazard. The tree must be taken down in pieces, from top to bottom. This costing is for the tree to be cut down only. Our volunteers will be responsible for the groundwork, and removal. To this end, volunteers will be donating time with a front end loader, dump trailer, and chipper.

The cemetery board appreciates that any number of worthy causes require monetary assistance from time to time, but we are humbly asking for your consideration for any funding you may be obliged to share with us in this matter, even partially. A written estimate for the work can be forwarded upon request.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully, Robert (Bob) Woodbeck.