



Update to Council from the Exeter and District Heritage Foundation:

The Exeter Cemetery Fence fund raising initiatives since November 2020 now total \$117,465.47, which represents monetary donations, the Noble Family bequest to the Municipality, proceeds from of “The Colour of Cancer” bracelets made by Martha Heywood, keepsake heritage calendars and photo collages of the communities of South Huron. Grant funding opportunities are also investigated on a regular basis and will be applied for if the Foundation qualifies.

In September 2021 the Foundation met with Jeremy Becker, who is responsible for the Municipality’s Community Services, the purpose of which was to discuss product design and fencing material that would be preferable for the long term maintenance and durability of the fence. Further discussions will take place once the project is ready to go to tenders.

At this time, the Heritage Foundation would ask that Council consider a request to allow a Phase I and Phase II approach to the Cemetery Fence project, with the Thames Road perimeter being started as soon as adequate funding is secured for this portion of the project. New estimates for the material and labour will be needed to determine how much costs have increased since the pricing was first investigated in 2020.

The long Covid postponed “kick off celebration” for the Exeter Cemetery Fence replacement project will hopefully take place on June 12th, 2022 at the Exeter Legion. Plans include displays of local historical artefacts and guest speakers. It will be a fun-filled trip down “Memory Lane” to learn more about our community’s great stories and to promote the Cemetery Fence project!! Please consider this your official invitation to attend this event.

In 2023, the Town of Exeter will celebrate its sesquicentennial- first as a Town established in 1873 and now, as a community within the Municipality of South Huron. The Exeter and District Heritage Foundation would like to ask for Council’s support of its plan to undertake organizing community events to recognize Exeter’s upcoming “special” birthday....150 years in the making.

Thank You