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Subject: FW: Committee of Adjustment - Watson's Cemetery - Lot 27 Conc 13 former Egremont Township
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Good evening,

My name is Graeme Bachiu and I am a documentary filmmaker, a former resident of Grey County and someone deeply interested in and concerned about inactive, abandoned and unregistered cemeteries in the Province of Ontario.

This is in reference to a planning application that will be discussed before the Southgate Committee of Adjustment on January 25th, 2023. Having done some research on the site I have a question about the ownership and registered operator status of this cemetery as well as some additional questions:

1. Who is the owner of this property?
2. Who has been licensed as the registered operator of this cemetery with the Bereavement Authority of Ontario as outlined in the Funerals, Burials and Cremation Services Act?
3. Has the size, boundary and capacity of this cemetery ever been established?
4. Has the current registered operator of the cemetery been providing maintenance on the site as well as providing for safe access for descendants of the individuals buried in the cemetery, in compliance with the FBCSA?
5. Has the applicant or the municipality contacted the BAO to request an inspection of the site as part of this application process?

As it stands, I would urge your Committee of Adjustment to reconsider approving this application until such time as the applicant, the municipality and the BAO can determine:

1. Ownership and registered operator status of the cemetery,
2. The size, boundary and capacity of the cemetery,
3. Outstanding maintenance and access issues,

4. Archaeological assessment and location of unmarked burials on the site.

Approval of this application as it currently stands would not be in the public interest and, furthermore, would set a precedent in your municipality and beyond that burial sites are not worthy of respect and due process need not be followed when they stand in the path of development of any type or scope. I hope you will give this your deepest consideration.

Please add this email to the public correspondence to be read into the record at your COA meeting on January 25th, 2023.

Sincerely,
Graeme Bachiu
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